

Reining Alberta Society
2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2017 @ 12 noon pm – Prairie Mountain Ranch, Madden AB

In Attendance:

Roxy Harbourne	Austin Seelhof	Leslie Noble-McCleave	Kathie MacKenzie
Monique O’Sullivan	Shonda Day	Christine Lamport	Dorothy Williams Reich
Andrea Peters	Natalie Weichel	Katie Park	Michelle Grasley
Nancy Dibben	Krystal Hansen	Christa Turel	Christine Smith
Meaghen Henry	Garry Boan	Gord Robinson	Dusti Henwood
Gaylene Sawchuk	Don Hepburn	Sylvia Bullock	George Lauder
Arlene Hepburn	Jo Lutley	Toni Allardyce-Harris	Janice Hepburn
Cathy Kolsun	Maxine Whiteside	Giselle Aebly	Brittney Rogers
Lachlan Bell	Neacolette Pope	Bekki Yvon	John Yvon
Julie Olenyk-Wong	Darren Kolsun	Sage Sapergia	Shawna Sapergia
Annet Ribling	Wendy Weichel	Cindy Bosse	Tracy Sveinson
Tanya Turner	Renee Zakaluzny	Jean Todd	Joanne MacKinnon
Cameron MacKinnon	Olivia Tremblay	Eileen Dan	Lorrie Ashley
Carola Friesen	Cheryl Belanger	Kelly Melissen	Maureen Cremers

1. **Call Meeting to Order – Roxy Harbourne** – meeting called to order at 12:04pm
 2. **Accept Minutes from 2016 Annual General Meeting**
 - Questions or items arising from 2016 minutes
 - **Motion** - Accept 2016 AGM Minutes – motion to accept as presented – Andrea Peters, 2nd by Monique O’Sullivan – all in favour – motion carried
 3. **Approve Audited 2016 Reining Alberta Society Financial Statements – Kathie MacKenzie**
 - Question from the floor – request to investigate the difference and costs of a “letter to reader” vs “review engagement”.
 - *to investigate and compare a “review engagement” of the financials vs a “letter to reader”* – Kathie discussed differences and options with Gord Parker of Rowland Parker & Associates – Gord’s feedback was:
 - **Review – Mid level of assurance provided on the accuracy, completeness, etc of the information**
 - **Notice to Reader (occasionally referred to as a “compilation”)– No assurance provided on the accuracy, completeness, etc of the information**
- By having an engagement with some level of assurance by the accountant/auditor (audit or review) some of the responsibilities and obligations with respect to financial reporting are essentially contracted out from the Board to us. Under a Notice to Reader (no assurance) the Board assumes all responsibilities and obligations.***
- **Motion** to accept the 2016 Financial Review as presented by Rowland Parker & Associates. – motion to accept as presented – Shonda Day, 2nd Carola Friesen, all in favour – motion carried

4. **Approve appointment of 2016 Auditor** – Kathie MacKenzie
 - Gord Parker – Rowland Parker & Associates, Ponoka, AB
 - **Motion** to accept Rowland Parker & Associates for 2016 Review Engagement – motion to accept Christine Lamport – 2nd Monique O’Sullivan, all in favour – motion carried

5. **Retirement and Election** of Board Members
 - Election of New Board Members for a 2 year term for 2017 & 2018
 - Austin Seelhof, Dorothy Williams Reich, Neacolette Pope, Mandy Whiteside – re – elected with no objections-

6. **Adjournment of formal meeting**
 - **Motion** to adjournment – General meeting adjourned at 12:15pm – motion to adjourn from Lorrie Ashley, 2nd Arlene Hepburn, all in favour – motion carried

**Reining Alberta Society
2017 General Meeting - Agenda
February 25, 2017 - 12:00 noon Prairie Mountain Ranch, Madden AB
Start time: Noon (during lunch break of Train the Trainer Seminar)**

Question & Answer

- **President’s Overview** - Roxy Harbourne

Roxy presented a general review of 2016 and the events that took place including great success at the Branch shows/clinics across the province, the Classic Shows exceeded our expectations, better communication with the membership was achieved and our membership numbers grew slightly.

Thank you to Kathie and Leslie for all of their hard work throughout the year and a reminder to all members that we are always open to suggestions and feedback.
From the floor: Lorrie Ashley expressed thanks to the Board of Directors for all of their hard work.

Branch Reports

- South Branch – Monique O’Sullivan
South Branch Year End Summary (report submitted)

- North Branch – Julie Cook
North Branch Year End Summary – no report

- Peace Branch –Mandy Lees
Peace Branch Year End Summary – no report

Presentations from the Board Committees:

- **Sponsorship** –Roxy Harbourne - reviewed the 2016 sponsorship received. Encouraged everyone to participate where they can.

- **Youth** – Tanya Nagy – no report

- **RAPP (Performance Program)**– Kathie MacKenzie – RAPP continues to grow with positive results and feedback.
- **Classic Shows** – Spring, Summer & Fall Classic – Leslie Noble-McCleave (report read by Kathie)– reflected on the 2016 Classic shows - thanked everyone for a great year, looking forward to 2017. All staff and judges for 2017 Classic Shows have been hired.
- **NRHA/RC** – Austin Seelhof/Roxy Harbourne – 2017 will be the 1st year of two where the WCRAC's returned to Brandon. Reining Alberta will host again in 2019.
- **2017 Train the Trainer Seminar** – Austin Seelhof – a great turnout for this year. Thanks again to PMR and Tim McQuay for being part of it.
- Round Table – Wendy Nelson asked if there was interested from the membership to have a judges seminar? Approximately 25 attendees would be needed to make it worthwhile. Wendy said she would take names of those interested.

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Motion to adjourn at 1:10pm from Cathy Kolsun, 2nd George Lauder – all in favour – motion carried.

