

SAHC Directors` Update- December 2018

The SAHC Directors met on November 17 to take a look at the 2018 show season and also to make some general plans for next year. The club held four ApHC approved horse shows last season which offered a full slate of Appaloosa classes along with many All Breed classes. Regretfully, we had to cancel our June Show due to an extremely low number of entries. We also moved our Thanksgiving Show to the long weekend in September this year with the idea that an earlier date might encourage more participation as well as give us better weather.

The year resulted in quite a significant financial loss for the club! All costs have seemed to increase while number of show exhibitors did not. We also had to pay for the flights for our June Show judges due to a booking deal. The judges were good enough not to charge any fee at all and for that we are very appreciative. Because of the overall financial situation, the Directors have decided that it would be best not to hold a Year End Awards evening. The awards themselves usually cost about \$2000 for this event and we felt it would not be the smart thing to do. What we do plan is to total up points for the 4 shows and mail out High point and Reserve certificates to the winners and engrave the traveling trophies with the year's champions. Champions will also be posted on our SAHC website. We hope that the prizes and cash we gave out at our shows this year will help to compensate those who otherwise would have won year end awards.

The SAHC is planning on hosting three ApHC shows in 2019. The first will be a single judged show on June 7 & 8, and a double judged show on the long weekend in September (August 31st and September 1, 2019). These shows would also offer several All Breed classes as they did last season. It is hoped that we see a turnaround in 2019 and a general increase in exhibitors at our shows.

We are planning on holding our **Annual General Meeting on January 27 in Moose Jaw** and we do hope to see some of you join us for a more in depth look at the past and the future of the SAHC. Please mark this on your calendar. More information will follow as to where and when this meeting will be held.

We hope that you will support our decisions regarding Year End and our plans for next year. They were not easy ones to make but we felt that to be financially responsible they had to happen. For now, turn those show horses out for a much deserved rest and we hope to see you in 2019 for an exciting time with the Saskatchewan Appaloosa Horse Club.

Thank you
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