

## Saskatchewan Appaloosa Horse Club News

The SAHC held its Annual General Meeting on January 26 in Moose Jaw. As usual there were many empty chairs but those members who were there were enthusiastic about the future of our club in the upcoming year.

As you are aware 2018 was a difficult one financially speaking so the focus for the new year was to make changes in our format to improve the bottom line. In other words we need to increase numbers of entries at our shows and keep the costs in line at the same time. The answers are not easy! We do plan to hold shows on the dates previously announced, both to be single judged shows over the two days of the weekend. Halter, English, jumping classes are to be held on the Saturday with western and games classes on the Sunday. Also there are plans for fun events on the Saturday evenings as well as more stake classes throughout the show. ApHC fees will be somewhat lower to reflect the single-pointed shows. As usual we will offer a full slate of All Breed classes with cash prizes. There also will "Cash On The Spots" offered again to lucky exhibitors! With these changes and a few fundraisers, we hope to have a successful 2019 show season.

Our first fundraiser is already underway. It is the online auction in which we hope you are already involved, either as a sponsor or a bidder. There will be other fundraisers such as Silent Auctions and raffles at our shows. These are necessary now to our success as a club. Any other ideas you have would be greatly appreciated.

Our Board of Directors for 2019 are as follows; April Bohn, Alex Gielis- Graham, Carol Day, Eleanor Porth, Bobbi Jo Reeves, Kara Viczko, Tori Meggison, and Karen Bedford. Please contact any one of this list if you have ideas about how to help with the overall success of the SAHC.

It is time to renew your SAHC memberships. This fee entitles you to both show and year end awards which we certainly hope to offer this fall. The form is on our website so please send that in before the end of April to avoid any late fees. Also be sure to renew any other memberships that you may need such as that of the ApHC. This helps the office people with their work at the shows. Be sure to have copies of papers and memberships available for all our shows. Our computer will simply not deal with missing information!

In closing, let's all do whatever we can to make the 2019 a great year for everyone who takes part in the SAHC shows.

Sincerely,  
Karen Bedford

