

# CA-ADA 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Detailed Agenda

Priddis Greens Golf Club

February 24, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

### Business meeting opens

Sign in for attendance

Adrienne Young, President

Call to order 2:30pm

### 2018 President's report

#### ADA

- i. AGM held at Mane Event in April 2018 – next ADA AGM to be held at the Mane Event again, Saturday, April 27.
- ii. CA/ADA has been asked to provide volunteers for manning the ADA booth at the Mane Event on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up if you are available and would like to volunteer for a couple of hours. You will be reimbursed for your entry fee into Mane event paid for, if you are able to volunteer.
- iii. ADA also held a board meeting in January, at which it was agreed that rules and regulations are amended, beginning in 2019 to permit board members who are 18 or under to become voting members of boards.
- iv. In an effort to coordinate better across chapters and maximize entries (and in response to a wonderful survey put together by our members, Sheri Dumonceaux and Andrea Johnson), we have also, with their help, put together a list of Alberta dressage show dates. ADA has just re-launched its website, and you can see it there. I encourage you all to check it regularly – we have been making updates almost weekly – but you also have a copy of the most recent version on your chairs.
- v. ADA reports that coaches forum this winter was a great success: 15 coaches participated, and response was very positive. Watch for similar forums in future.
- vi. ADA is providing sponsorship for the Mane Event clinic in 2019: we will get more information out to you via FB ASAP, but the gist is this: Mane Event is in Red Deer, as always. April 26-27-28. This year's dressage clinician is Jaimey Irwin. Jean Duckering, who is organizing, encourages video applications from ADA members who wants to ride in the clinic. ADA will pick up stabling costs. As soon as we have this confirmed formally, you will see the call for riders on the ADA website and our various FB pages.
- vii. Irene Hill Bursary – no applications received. Do we have any outstanding applications this year? The bursary awarded is from interest earned from the

donation, and when there are no applicants, it rolls over and continues to accumulate.

### **Shows**

May 31 weekend CDI = 66 gold show entries (vs. 85 in 2017, 108 in 2016, including 8 CDI entries, 104 in 2015)

Wonderful work by the sponsorship team, led by Kaleigh Brinkhurst, and volunteers, led by show manager Kelly Wise and show secretaries Jean Duckering and Sheri Bresee-Cameron. They all did an amazing job.

Nevertheless, we lost a little money on it.

With advice and feedback from our own show manager and secretaries, as well as ADA, the board voted to cancel the August show. With Provincial Championships in Edmonton a week later, we anticipated that entries (70 in 2017, 109 in 2016) would be no more than 60 (below break even) and possibly less than that – which would mean losing money. So we chose to cancel, capping losses. Most of our sponsors have chosen to roll over their sponsorship to next year, which was extremely kind of them.

In August, in response to lower entries across the province, Sheri Dumonceaux and Andrea Johnson circulated a rider survey to ask riders for their opinions. In summary, they had in excess of 200 anonymous responses. Of those, the majority said that a major factor in their decisions around showing (or not showing) was cost. Riders also wanted shows to be more fun.

### **Education:**

2018 was a building year.

CA/ADA offered \$25/member to all members attending the Charlotte Dujardin July 21 clinic – 13 members took us up on that offer. We also paid a \$150 rider subsidy to junior member, Chase Robertson. (Who, by the way, went on to win the North American Junior Rider Individual Freestyle Championship at the Adequan FEI North American Youth Championships in New York in early August.

We also put time into developing a program of lectures and clinics. We now have a number of options in place, as well as funding from ADA to cover part of the costs. These clinics will be aimed at both riders and auditors. We'll make announcements on those pretty soon.

### **Reception: 30 minutes**

## **Board**

CA/ADA started 2018 with a smaller-than-usual board, and frankly, in my opinion, an exhausted board. These folks have put on CDIs two years out of the last three, and in part, I think, because of economic conditions, have been having a harder time than usual getting members, getting show entries, getting sponsorship dollars. And, further, we have lost some critical members of the executive during the year, and will lose more as we transition into the 2019 CA/ADA year. These include:

1. Kathy O’Gryzlo, our long-time treasurer
2. Michelle Adair, our secretary,
3. Krista Semenchuk, our membership secretary, and
4. Anna Dumoulin, our communications coordinator
5. Kelly Wise, one of our show managers, and
6. Kim Vos, our second show manager,
7. Amy Rosser, our education coordinator
8. Manon Schuten, one of our general board members
9. Natalie Russell, one of our junior board members

So re-stocking the board, in order to offer the educational program our riders want, is critical. We think we have found a great solution – and will talk about that a little more later.

## **Membership report – Adrienne Young on behalf of Krista Semenchuk**

In 2018 the CA/ADA had 56 members. Of these:

- 35 competitive
- 9 board of directors (including 2 junior directors)
- 9 associate
- 3 junior

8 former members, not members in 2017, joined again, which was a positive sign.

We had one member transition from junior status to senior competitive status.

2 members moved from senior competitive to associate members.

We had 5 new members.

As of February 23, 2019, CA/ADA had 24 members. Of these:

- 12 senior competitive
- 9 board of directors (including 2 junior directors)
- 3 associate
- 2 juniors

There has been 1 new membership.

1 member transitioned from senior competitive to associate.

The CA/ADA has had a steady decline in membership over the past few years. We went from having 133 members in 2014 to 56 members in 2018. Increasing CA/ADA membership has been a priority of the CA/ADA. We would love to have ideas shared that would help increase membership.

### **Financial Statements -- Kim Vos, on behalf of Kathy Ogryzlo**

1. Review of CA/ADA unaudited Financial Statements
2. Questions from the floor before moving to accept the statements
3. **Motion to accept the unaudited 2018 CA/ADA Financial Statements as presented** (Adrienne Young)
4. Seconded: Matisse Pelensky
5. All in favour
6. Motion passed

### **Election of the 2019 Slate of Proposed Executive Directors (Adrienne Young)**

As discussed above, the CA/ADA board is, after a number of years of very hard work on the part of its volunteers, unsustainably thin. So thin, that it is not clear that we can offer the program of shows and clinics and educational events that members should be able to expect. But we have a plan. Kayla Andrusiw, who many of you know from her previous years on the board, approached me with an idea. I thought it made a lot of sense, so we took it to Lorraine Hill, president of the ADA. She also liked it. So I propose to step down from the President's role, remaining as a general board member. Kayla will take up the role of President.

So following a call for nominations to fill the vacant positions on the CA-ADA Executive board, a number of individuals equal to the number of positions on the Executive board have stepped forward:

- 1) Kayla Andrewsiv – President
- 2) Carla Link – Vice President
- 3) Erin Miles – Secretary
- 4) Shari Coward – Treasurer
- 5) Lindsay Westren – Communications Co-ordinator
- 6) Karen Mercier – Membership Co-ordinator

I now open the floor to any new nominations for the CA-ADA Executive board.

As no further nominees have made themselves known, the six (6) individuals are elected by process of acclamation as stated in the ADA Bylaws.

I am pleased to introduce the CA-ADA Executive board of directors for 2019.

### **Election of the 2019 Slate of Proposed General Directors (Kayla Andrusiw)**

Further, following a call for nominations to fill the vacant general board member positions on the CA/ADA Board of Directors, these individuals have stepped forward:

- 1) Joey Mann (show manager)
- 2) Greetje Pon (show manager)
- 3) Sue Hewton-Waters
- 4) Claire Thomas
- 5) Adrienne Young
- 6) Patrice Fielding
- 7) Elizabeth Allum
- 8) Matisse Pelensky

I now open the floor to any new nominations for General Board Member positions on the CA/ADA Board of Directors.

As no further nominees have made themselves known, these individuals are elected by process of acclamation as stated in the ADA Bylaws.

### **Special acknowledgements**

We want to make a special point of acknowledging the following people, and thanking them for their hard work on behalf of the CA/ADA community in 2018:

- Kaleigh Brinkhurst
- Kathy Ogryzlo
- Michelle Adair
- Kelly Wise
- Kim Vos
- Amy Rosser
- Manon Schuten
- Anna Dumoulin
- Natalie Russell

### **Closing remarks – Adrienne Young**

As a result of this election, CA/ADA has, going into 2019, an exceptionally well stocked board – one with a mixture of deep CA/ADA experience and strong technical expertise. This is critical to offering a strong show program and renewing our focus on education and building membership. Thank you for your support!

**Adjourn meeting – 3:17pm**