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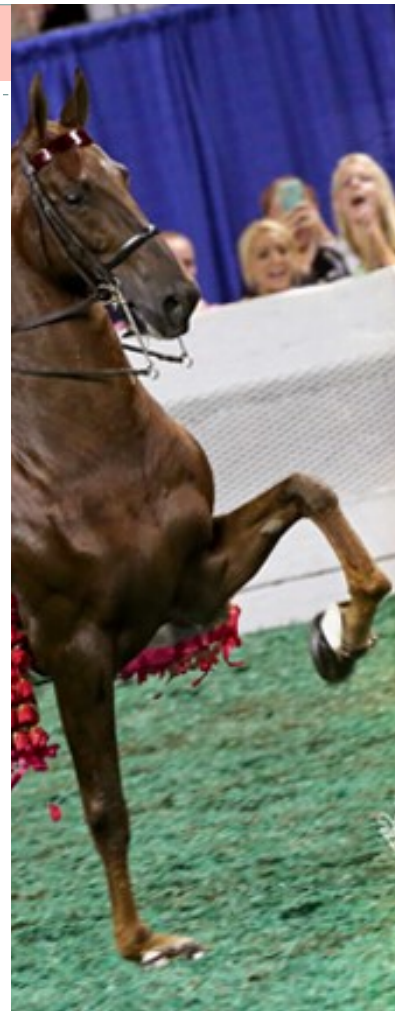
SADDLE SEAT CANADA AGM

The Saddle Seat Canada 2016 AGM was held on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at Stride High Stables in Sherwood Park, Alberta. 3 new Members at Large were elected onto the Board for Directors. Saddle Seat Canada would like to welcome Lynne Redmond of Calgary, Alberta, Ian DeGruchy of Ontario and Stephanie Trenchuk of Sherwood Park, Alberta. Welcome aboard we are thrilled to have you. SSC currently has 2 positions available, the position of Vice President and Treasurer.

For the full AGM minutes please view page 7

2017 INVITATIONALS

Thank you to everyone who applied to be on the Canadian 2017 Invitational Team. We are looking for riders who have never competed in a World Cup Saddle Seat Event on either of the 3 or 5 gaited teams. The invitationals promises to be fun, exciting and challenging. The 2017 April Test Event is to develop young riders and assist them in advancing in their riding ability and is the stepping stone to eventually trying out and riding on the World Cup Saddle Seat Team.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The last two years have been busy with sending 3 & 5-Gaited Canadian Team's to the US Saddle Seat Equitation Invitationals held in New Orleans and the South Africa Saddle Seat Equitation World Cup held in Paarl at Mistico Equestrian Center. In all team events Canada came home with bronze medals. Saddle Seat Canada was able to put on a Gala fundraiser dinner and silent auction this March to help raise funds for sending the teams to both Invitationals and World Cup. Although the gala was a success Saddle Seat Canada does need to raise more funds in order to send both Invitational and World Cup teams to compete. The costs are great. This has been the first couple of years that Canada has been sending both Invitational and World Cup teams and more fundraising and volunteers are needed in order to ensure we can continue to send teams to both events. Please email admin@saddleseatcanada.com for fundraising and volunteer opportunities. Saddle Seat Canada had its 2016 Annual General Meeting and we are excited to add 3 new members to the Board of Directors. The new Board is gearing up to promote not only

International Competition but to help develop other aspects of the Saddle Seat Industry. We are publishing a quarterly email newsletter to keep the industry posted on events and for educational articles. Please submit any news and information you may have to admin@saddleseatcanada.com. Our website is currently undergoing a face lift and we are excited to have it updated and to add more educational information and links to it. Saddle Seat Canada is also encouraging those of you in the industry teaching or would like to teach to please consider becoming certified instructors through Equestrian Canada. We are hoping to work closer with EC to set up the Saddle Seat Learn to Ride Program and eventually a Coaching Certification Program. Check out www.equestrian.ca for more information on becoming a certified instructor or to find a certified instructor near you. Saddle Seat Canada would like to thank the Board of Directors and all the volunteers that work so hard to keep promoting Saddle Seat Riding in Canada!

Rachelle Reichert
SSC President

"We are very much looking forward to our last year in Equitation!" - Sara Sheppard

TIPS FROM THE PROS

Keep your shoulders back so you aren't collapsing forward on your horse, but be careful not to lean back. Maintaining a neutral, vertical position in the saddle will allow you to balance properly and move in sync with your horse.

You need to be in the center of your horse's back to stay with his motion. If you're ahead of or behind your horse's motion, you're going to become unbalanced.

Want to submit a tip?
Email admin@saddleseatcanada.com
with your advice.

2016 BREED SPORT EQUITATION WINNER

Congratulations to Sara Sheppard and her Saddlebred Horse Attache's Heir "Jocko" winning the 2016 Breed Sport Equitation Class at Alberta Morgan Championship Horse Show in Ponoka, Alberta this September.

"I was absolutely thrilled. I am so lucky to have such an amazing partner and trainer (Archie Hurst of Cloverleaf Stables). Equitation does not come easily to me but I fight for it and I love what I do and the all the hard work is starting to pay off. There is no better feeling than nailing a pattern you never thought you could get. I'm just extremely lucky to have everyone helping me"

After claiming numerous wins and titles this year in both Show Pleasure and 14-17 Saddle Seat Equitation Classes, when asked what their future plans were for the 2017 show season Sara replies *"We are very much looking forward to our last year in Equitation!"*



Malika Keglowsch



Malika Keglowsch The Good Hands Final RESERVE NATIONAL CHAMPION

Saddle Seat Canada would like to congratulate local Saddle Seat Equitation rising star Malika Keglowsch, for her successful year in the 2016 International Show Ring. This year Malika along with her Equitation Horse CH I'm McDreamy, were able to secure such titles as the; The Good Hands Final Reserve National Champion in Springfield, IL, 2016 Saddle Seat Equitation 16 Years old- Winner World Champion at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville, KY and 3rd in the 2016 Saddle Seat Equitation 14-17 years old World Champion at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville, KY.

MALIKA IS THE ONLY CANADIAN JUNIOR EXHIBITOR IN HISTORY TO WIN A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW!

Malika along with her Equitation Horse Hubba Bubba trained by Tom Scott of Scott Stables have also secured local titles; Champion in the Saddle Seat Equitation 17 & under Championship Class at the Western Canadian Championship Show in Ponoka, Alberta and 1st in Saddle Seat Equitation 14-17 Western Canadian Championship Show in Ponoka, Alberta as well as many other 1st in the Canadian 2016 Saddle Seat Equitation Show Ring

Saddle Seat Canada would also like to congratulate Malika as the 2016 Equine Canada Saddle Seat Equitation 17& Under Provincial Champion

Way to go Malika we look forward to seeing you compete in the 2017 Show Ring!



SADDLE SEAT CANADA PRESENTS

TRACY WORTHINGTON

The Importance of Connecting with your Horse

My name is Tracy Worthington, I am a certified Equine Massage Therapist and Chiropractor and I have and the privilege and honour of working with these beautiful magnificent animals. Over the course of time I have come to understand that there is a much deeper love and connection to be made with horses on a level that can bond us for an eternity.

If you feel you would like to learn and understand your horse on a much deeper level I would be happy to share my story with you.

*“My noble servant and
forever faithful friend may I be
open to you, real kindness
seeks no return”.*

*Tracy Worthington
Call (403) 872-2176*

*Look forward to an upcoming 2017 clinic
with Tracy Worthington (dates, location
and costs to be announced)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saddle Seat Canada would love to welcome Raylene McWade as the new Coach for Saddle Seat Canada. Raylene will be responsible for coaching the 2017 Invitational Team and the 2018 World Cup Team.

Saddle Seat Canada would also like to welcome Lynne Redmond as the new Manager for Saddle Seat Canada. Lynne will be responsible for Managing the 2017 Invitationals and the 2018 World Cup Event.

*Welcome aboard Lynne and Raylene, we are thrilled to have you
both!*

YOUNG RIDERS PROGRAM

Saddle Seat Canada would also like to recognize the many talented young riders who competed this past show season in Equitation. Saddle Seat Canada is so proud of these individuals and watching them become the beautiful Equitation riders they are today.

Saddle Seat Canada encourages you keep up the great work in the off season and look forward to watching you compete in the 2017 showing!

Are you a young rider who would like to be featured on this page? Email admin@saddleseatcanada.com with your photo for a chance to be featured on Young Riders page!



Megan looks forward to the coming season and has her goals set for next year.

MEGAN BUKSA

Megan Buksa and her mother's (Kerri) horse, Turbow Charger only practiced together a handful of times before going into the 2016 season, but that didn't stop them from dominating the show ring this past summer. Before setting off to compete in championship horse shows Megan and Turbow Charger showed at the class A shows around Alberta. This was great practice for the two of them to become one and compete as a team before the Region 17 Arabian Horse Show and Arabian Canadian Nationals.

Region 17 brought Megan a Unanimous Champion in Junior Owner to Ride, a Champion in Equitation and a top 10 at Canadian Nationals in 13 and under Equitation.

Megan looks forward to the coming season and has her goals set for next year.

Congratulations to Megan and Turbow Charger for their amazing accomplishments this past show season. Saddle Seat Canada wishes you both a successful 2017 show season!





SADDLE SEAT CANADA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION RENEWAL FORM 2017

Name:

Address:

Phone: City Province Postal Code
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 Home Cell or Business

Email:

BIRTHDATE

Juniors Only Day/month/year

Membership Fee Schedule: Memberships expire Dec 31 of current year
Please select your membership type

PRICE

Individual: 1 voting member (over 18 as of January 1, of current year) \$25.00 []

Junior: 1 non-voting member (under 18 as of January 1, of current year) \$25.00 []

PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION # _____

(Example AEF#, OEF#, required for insurance)

GENERAL SPONSORSHIP:

..... \$ _____

WORLD CUP SPONSORSHIP..... \$ _____

Thank you for your sponsorship! Total: \$ _____

Online renewal is available. Please complete this form and indicate online renewal and the pay pal receipt number or renew via mail.
Please make your membership cheque payable to SADDLE SEAT CANADA, and mail *with entire form* to:

*I, the undersigned, do consent [] do NOT consent [] to the use of my personal information (to include name, address, e-mail address and telephone number) for the purposes of SADDLE SEAT CANADA in their publication of membership lists, newsletters, directories, and other publications. *I agree to abide by the rules and bylaws of SADDLE SEAT CANADA.

Signature (Parents/Guardians must sign for Junior Memberships) **Date** *Unsigned forms will not be accepted,
and will be returned for signature

[] Online renewal - Paid via pay pal Pay Pal Receipt #: _____

AGM MINUTES

Present: Avril and Mikayla Frost, Archie Hurst, Rachelle Reichert, Leslie Sheppard
Absent: Laura Malyk, Jenny Power

Leslie approved the agenda
Mikayla approved the minutes

Rachelle spoke about the vision of Saddle Seat Canada which is to have Saddle Seat known in all breed divisions
Equine Canada would like Saddle Seat to have the instructors program and rider levels up and running as soon as possible. Equine Canada has agreed to work with Terri to get the program up and running
Archie said that Equine Canada has had the information for a few years and is still working on the program
Leslie would like the new rider level program to have approval from Equine Canada
Leslie would like to assist in the young Rider's program as the go between for Equine Canada
Archie will provide Terri with the Rider levels
Rachelle will promote the Instructor's Program through social media
Saddle Seat Canada will continue to promote the Instructor Program.
Riders will be put through the levels from the certified Instructions

Jill will complete the income tax for Saddle Seat Canada

Rachelle spoke about WC 2015. It was extremely costly as the competition was held in South Africa
Leslie suggested that the team manager have working knowledge of Saddle Seat so they can assist the riders and trainer as needed
The Manager and Coach ideally should be able to drive the van for the riders during a WC or Invitational event
Leslie collected the black dresses from the riders and informed the board that they were never worn. The dresses are part of the uniform and will be used in future competitions

No invitational applications have come in to date

Memberships have not increased and the board is hopeful that will change for 2017.
All riders are to have memberships prior to any clinic, or when submitting WC or Invitational applications.
Any riders in the Young Rider program as well are to have memberships

Treasurer report in full will be available once the accountant has completed her report
We have \$28,000.00 to date in the bank
Rachelle felt that if we send 2 teams we will need to have 2 fundraisers to assist in covering the costs of the competitions
Mikayla and Avril will follow up with the license to have a raffle

Archie said at his barn they give their clients all the organizations and affiliations they require to show in Alberta. Mikayla will ensure that the information gets out to the riders using FB

Archie may have 1 Rider that he feels would be ready for the young rider invitational competition. He will have them send in their application

Young Rider Program
Leslie asked what "we would like to see happen with the young riders for 2016-2017"
Archie stated "he is not interested in being a coach for the Young Riders however he would certainly be available to consult with the coach should they need assistance"
\$15,000.00 out of the budget is to be used on the young riders program
Archie said he felt "there is definitely a need for the program however he does not see a want at this time"
Avril said the program will be discussed in more detail at the next exec meeting all were in agreement
Rachelle suggested we work with the other breeds to hold clinics for the young riders

Election of new board members
2 positions are up for election the other positions will remain in office as per policy

Treasurer to date the position remains unfilled
Vice President will remain filled by Jenny Power

Rachelle moved that Lynn become a director at large
Mikayla seconded
All in favor
Motion carried

Rachelle moved that Ian DeGruchy be a member at large
Mikayla seconded
All in favor
Motion carried

Leslie moved that Stephanie Trenchuk become a member at large
Rachelle seconded
All in favor
Motion carried

Rachelle spoke that the FB page is up and running Mikayla will add herself as admin so that she can update the FB. Task was completed

Mikayla will take on the role of building and completing a newsletter for Saddle Seat Canada. The Newsletter will be available on FB.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

SADDLE SEAT CANADA

Saddle Seat Canada is a Non-profit Organization that promotes the development of Saddle Seat riding in Canada and helps support Canadian Saddle Seat Amateur athletes for International Competition.

If you or someone you know would like to be featured in the Saddle Seat Canada Newsletter, email admin@saddleseatcanada.com

SADDLE SEAT IN THE COMMUNITY

Horseshows

Congratulations to the riders that competed in Oklahoma during the 8 until the 15, 2016 for the Grand National & World Championship Horseshow .

Saddle Seat Instructors Beginner Certification Program

Equestrian Canada works with their provincial and Territorial Sport Organization to offer recognized certifications for instructors and coaches. On Monday September 12, 2016 the Saddle Seat Instructors of beginners Evaluations took place. The Evaluations, if passed by the students, are the last steps in obtaining a Saddle seat Instructors of Beginners Certification through Equestrian Canada . The Evaluations included a; written and oral test, lunging, teaching a lunge line lesson, mounted and un mounted lessons as well as stable management and skills.

For more information on Certifications visit www.equestrian.ca

