

2020 Awards Banquet - Cancelled

To help keep our members safe due to COVID-19, the AQHRA Awards Banquet scheduled for November 21, 2020 has been cancelled. The Association is hoping to conduct an event next spring to celebrate the achievements of the 2020 recipients. The date and venue have not been decided at this time. Updates to follow and hosting the event will be dependent on COVID policies and restrictions at that time.

Annual General Meeting - Cancelled

The Annual General Meeting scheduled for November 21, 2020 has also been cancelled. A Directors meeting was recently held on November 12th discussing the main agenda items, and the AGM & Awards Banquet. Several directors and past presidents spoke to the fact that attending an AGM was inappropriate given the increasing numbers of COVID in Alberta. Some directors said they would be willing to attend but are uncomfortable doing so.

Regarding the discussion on the interpretation(s) of the eligibility to vote as per the current bylaws, members from Corporate Registry, HRA Chair of Governance & Compensation, Lawyers, and other Industry Officials were contacted. All individuals had varying opinions or interpretations as to who was eligible to vote and who was not allowed. AQHRA must follow bylaws but which interpretation is still under questioning.

Discussion on the proxy bylaw was also carried out during this meeting, particularly regarding that in 2011-2013 when the proxy bylaw was amended and voted on by the current AQHRA board, the motion was passed to remove all proxy voting. Past meeting minutes were checked, and this bylaw change was never submitted to the Alberta Government. Currently it stands in our bylaws as appropriate, when in fact it is not.

Subsequent to the meeting, the President made a motion to cancel the 2020 AGM and extend the current directors' term an additional (1) year term and postpone elections until November 2021. On November 16th, the motion was passed and carried. We would like to thank the members who let their names stand for board nominations and encourage them to participate in various committees in the 2021 year.

We are faced with the large task ahead of updating the bylaws and making them relevant to the AQHRA functioning. Doing so in a positive and progressive manner is a top priority going forward. 2021 will be an exciting year for Quarter Horse

racing in Alberta and we ask the membership to be patient while we make these important changes.

The current board is aware of many discrepancies within the association bylaws and will be putting together a committee shortly to address these. This committee welcomes input from our members at large so please contact the office or any of the Executives if you would like to be a part of this discussion or have any questions. With this undertaking the board is planning to host a Special General Meeting in the Spring 2021 to present the board-approved bylaws and have them presented to the general membership for discussion and approval.

Breed Improvement Program-2020

“Foaled in Alberta” Owner, Breeder & Stallion bonuses have been finalized and cheques will be mailed out at the beginning of December. In 2020, the Breed Improvement Program (BIP) bonus incentive total is **\$56,530** and is allocated as follows:

Owner/Breeder Bonuses \$34,050 Stallion Bonus \$12,500
2019 Yearling Sale Incentive \$10,000

The owner/breeder bonuses are based on eligible earnings generated by Accredited Alberta Breds placing third or better in eligible overnight races on all tracks in Alberta. The bonus payment to Owners is 15.3% and to the breeder is 10.4%

The Stallion Bonus is paid out to eligible Stallion Owners prorated, based on dollars earned by the stallion’s eligible progeny, placing 1, 2 3 in all races.

The Yearling Sale Incentive pays the top five Sale horses (that passed thru the sale’s ring in 2019) that raced in 2020. The incentive is based on AQHA points earned in Alberta:

1st: \$5000 2nd: \$2000 3rd: \$1500 4th: \$1000 5th: \$500

All participants must be a current member of the AQHRA to be eligible to receive BIP bonuses and incentives.

We need your input!

Annual Quarter Horse Racing Breeders and Owners Survey

November 18, 2020

It's that time again to start preparing for the next race season. One of the requirements for the continued Breed Improvement Program (BIP) Funding that our Association receives from Horse Racing Alberta (HRA) is the mandatory annual collection of data from our quarter horse race owners and breeders. Thank you in advance for your time and participation.

Please complete the [online survey](#) by no later than December 15, 2020

**2021 Canada QH Cup (RG3) Futurity
nominations due Dec 1st, 2020**

Nomination payments are due December 1st, 2020. AQHRA will not accept any nominations after the December 1st payment.

- Sale Horse (passes thru the sale ring)- \$100 Nominate and Name
- Non-Sale Horse (requires an open berth)- \$350 Nominate and Name

If you are not a current (2020) AQHRA member your 2021 membership must be paid with your December 1st nomination.

Stakes payment slip and membership forms can be [found here](#).

It will be the 25th running of the Canada QH Cup Futurity in 2021 - Don't miss your opportunity to participate in some great excitement and racing next year!

Champion Claiming Horse

Forty Creek Special
 Ima Runnin First
 Knotty Knita
 Papas Coleen
 Ss Frosty

Champion Distance Horse

Big Hoss Rollin
 Gone To Be Bright
 Jess The Joker
 Last Unicorn
 Ss Frosty

Champion Two Year Old

Bigtime Knockout
 Eyesa Timber
 Halos Sign
 Jess Be First
 Spicy Chile

Champion Three Year Old

Double Cruise
 Getit Foose
 Poutn And Streakin
 Ss Frosty
 Timbergold

Champion Aged

Atomic Blondie
 First Prize Cruise
 Getit Hot
 Gone To Be Bright
 Ima Runnin First

Champion Alberta Bred Two Year Old Colt/Gelding

Bigtime Knockout
 Bright Foo Fighter
 Eyesa Timber
 Jess Be First
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Champion Alberta Bred Two Year Filly

Halos Sign
 Flyin Feelin
 Jagnestimber
 Melody Moonshine
 Spicy Chile

Champion Alberta Bred Three Year Old Colt/Gelding

Double Cruise
 Poutn And Streakin
 Speedy Rae
 Ss Frosty
 Suits

Champion Alberta Bred Three Year Filly

Bubbles Keeper
 First Pulse
 Movin Timber
 One Swift Bird
 Timbergold

Champion Alberta Bred Aged Colt/Gelding

Big Hoss Rollin
 Canadian Timber
 Gone To Be Bright
 Ima Runnin First
 Last Unicorn

Champion Alberta Bred Aged Mare

Atomic Blondie
 First Prize Cruise
 Papas Coleen

Champion Alberta Bred Double Cruise

Eyesa Timber
 Halos Sign
 Jess Be First
 Ss Frosty

Champion Alberta Sire

Bd Cruiser
 Cuivre River

First Timber
 Its All About Speed
 Special Fly Bye

Champion Trainer

Allen Goodsell
 Tom Kenway
 William Leech
 Wesley Oulton
 Buckey Stockwell

Champion Percentage Trainer (12 or more starts)

Allen Goodsell
 Joe Halerewich
 Tom Kenway
 William Leech
 Wesley Oulton

Champion Jockey

Jose Blas Botello
 Ricardo Moreno
 Martin Ortiz
 Jose Rocha
 Blandford Stewart

Champion Owner

Donalda Cochrane
 Tom Kenway
 Wesley Oulton
 Sazwan Speed Horses
 Glenn Wills

Champion Breeder

Donalda Cochrane
 Bruce Fenton
 Tom Kenway
 Wesley Oulton
 Charles Stojan

Grand Champion Running Horse

Double Cruise
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 Getit Foose
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Horses must have at least 3 starts in Alberta. Please refer to the AQHRA Stakes Book for complete details.