

VIAHA Regular Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2026 via Zoom

Present:

Gerald McDonald, President / Treasurer
Rob Calnan, Vice President
Wendy Don, Membership Secretary (Recording)
Cindi Wrate, Secretary
Amanda Davies, Director at Large

Regrets:

Jess Bennie, Director at Large
Kayla Cockle, Director at Large
Edwina MacDonald, Director at Large
Diana Hanson, Director at Large

General Meeting

1. **Call to order** 7:11 pm
2. **Minutes** adopted as circulated.
 - a. Rob moved; Wendy seconded – Carried
3. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Total bank balance, \$3,732
 - b. All expenses have been paid.
4. **Membership report:**
 - a. 15 Adult members (six 3-year, eight 1-year, 1 lifetime)
 - b. 1 youth member
 - c. 4 memberships expire the end of March
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Storage Locker:** Rob has completed the clean out and is storing our stuff.
 - b. **Region 17 Spring Meeting:** Saturday March 21 at the Coast Victoria Hotel, usually 8:30am start. Welcome get-together on Friday evening, March 20, in the Regional Director's room at about 7:30pm. The Agenda has not been posted yet; the focus will likely be on the business of the region, support for local/grassroots activities for Regional clubs, and on the Region 17 Championship Show. All members are encouraged to attend!
 - c. **New Activities:**
 - i. Gerald had enquired about funding that AHA could provide for what we might plan; the options suggested were not appropriate for our needs
 - ii. AHA has launched a new Academy Program to encourage people to start showing. It is much like our Open Show program but with more restrictions. Can we attract enough exhibitors to hold another show?
 - iii. Amanda said there will likely be a short Intro-to-Endurance ride in the Victoria area.
 - iv. Discussion to be continued.

6. New Business

- a. **Sponsorship of the Regional Show:** Cindi moved, Rob seconded, that we do a \$300 Club Sponsorship for the Regional Show; carried.
- b. **Dressage Award, given in honour of Sandra:** the club will provide this award for the Regional Show for the 5th time. It is very inexpensive

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm. Next Meeting will be on March 2nd at 7:00pm by zoom. This will include the Annual General Meeting as well as the March Regular meeting.

Rob suggested we hold a meeting at a training/boarding barn (Amanda? Cindi?), to meet new people, new horses, discuss common problems and find new solutions.

2026 Meeting dates:

March 2nd, April 13th, May 4th, June 1st