

2018 Annual report

During 2018 there were quite a number of changes for VIAHA.

The club was asked to put forward a proposal to run the Saanich Fair light horse show. It was decided that we run the show in partnership with Saanich 4H horse club. From the beginning of this new partnership there were lots of good ideas and co-operation. Since this was the 150th year of the fair there were requests to change the format and create more interest for spectators. We did achieve this goal and were very fortunate to get excellent sponsorships that helped greatly.

The annual awards banquet was moved to the Waddling Dog and was a success.

This year we had two new judges at our open shows. This was a good move so that competitors could have new experiences showing. The number of entries was down at the shows and we will try more promotion in 2019. Our walk/trot division is still popular and Western classes are fuller than in the past.

Another change was that the Island Classic was held Mar. 31 and Apr.1. The weather was cold but we managed to hold the classes in the outdoor arena. We had moved to this time spot to allow members to qualify for Region 17 which was the first weekend of May at Thunderbird.

We will be holding a special meeting in Nov. to present resolutions so that we can transition VIAHA to the new BC societies Act.

We have a hard working executive and I would like to thank them for supporting the club once again in 2018.

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