

Past Presidents report

March 2025

Alberta Horse Trials has announced a course designers' clinic with Dylan Barry on October 4-5 at Alhambra Stables in Red Deer. This clinic has gotten endorsed by EC to count towards someone becoming a qualified course designer. As we move towards the goal of ICE and EC sanctioned competitions, I propose that MHT sponsor 2 people to attend the course as they did with the TDs in 2023 with \$1000 each.

I propose that people have until April 15th to submit a brief description of why they would like to attend, and how they plan to work towards becoming EC certified. The board can then meet and approve who receives the sponsorship and the conditions. Registration information will be posted by April 1 to Alberta Horse Trials website.

Further communication has come out from EC about the coach status. I feel like this is a discussion that needs to be brought forward to MHT on who would be responsible for checking the registered status of coaches on the course and in the warmup ring on show days. There was also a statement sharing what needs to be included in the prize list/entry form for EC-sanctioned competitions. This includes requiring the name and EC sport license of the coaches, self-coach status, or "foreign coach". EC has gone forward and stated that coaches listed as pending or registered now require a temporary coach status to be paid for.

I feel that ahead of the goal for the 2026 season, in hopes of ICE or EC sanctioning, this is the perfect year to trial different methods of ensuring we meet requirements before there are penalties.

Since the meeting in February, I have reviewed the documents Deb shared with the board. I combined the two into one, and placed everything in date order. I also found many things missing from the list that needed to be done and added those.

I am in the process of searching for the past prize lists, but did transfer all the forms from the 2024 folders to the 2025 folders. I updated a few of them to reflect names/heights but further edits will be needed.