## Dean Rey St. Claude, MB



## Nominated as WESTERN BREEDER DIRECTOR

My name is Dean Rey and I have an extensive history in the Harness Racing Industry, beginning with my family's involvement. My parents have been racing for over thirty + years and had me jogging for them by the age of eight. I was licensed with Standardbred Canada as an owner/groom at fourteen, making this 23 years as a member of Standardbred Canada. At the age of sixteen, I was licensed as a trainer, and was driving by eighteen. Each spring our farm starts with 20 plus horses, the majority of which are bred and raised by my family. Over the years, we have been fortunate enough to achieve awards through the stake races with the horses bred at home.

My involvement in Harness Racing quickly turned into becoming an active director for the Manitoba Sires and Breeders to ensure the breeding stays alive in Manitoba. I wanted to do my part in keeping harness racing local and I'm going on 13 years as a director. I have been an active member on a turf club, organizing two harness meets per summer. This turf club has been in operation for the past 11 years, and I have been the president for the last eight. I am currently a director on the Manitoba Great Western Harness Racing Circuit, which is the organization that runs the Manitoba Harness meets during the summer and having been with them for eight years. I am also involved with an industry group that lobbies with the government to guarantee a long term future for Harness Racing in Manitoba.

I have been an active director for Standardbred Canada for the past three years, being on the executive committee for the last year. Harness racing and Standardbred Canada has been through tough times and tough decisions making in the tenured of my role on Standardbred Canada. The size of the board for Standardbred Canada is changing in the upcoming period, fewer directors will be elected. I would like to represent the western region as a breeder making sure that all western provinces have a voice at the board level and making sure that they are very well represented. My goal is that the members are very well represented and that Standardbred Canada is well represented

at a national level. I have enjoyed my time as a director and have learned new things but I still have an urge to continue and foresee more things to be done as a director if re-elected.

My hope, in being part of Standardbred Canada, is to ensure our future as an industry across Canada, and to be the voice of Western Canada so that the future generations can enjoy this great sport as I have been able to. If given the opportunity, I will do my best to bring innovative ideas and solutions to the board so that we can continue to prosper in the future.

Thank you for your consideration