

Dean Rey
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Nominated as WESTERN ACTIVE DIRECTOR

I, DEAN REY, am putting my name in to represent the western region as an Active Director. I have been involved in the harness racing industry all my life, as my family has been in harness racing well over 40+ years. I have been jogging and training horses since the age of eight. At fourteen, I was licensed with Standardbred Canada as an owner/groom, making this 29 years as a member of Standardbred Canada. At sixteen, I was licensed as a trainer and was driving by eighteen. As a family, we have always raced homebreds along with horses that we purchased at various sales with the intention of improving our breeding stock. We are and have been very fortunate to have very successful and competitive horses in stake races with some homebreds winning awards. We have raced horses in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

I have been an active director for the Manitoba Sires and Breeders Association, to ensure the breeding industry stays alive in Manitoba. I am also an active member on our local turf club, of which I am now the President. This turf club organizes 2 to 3 meets per summer. Through this turf club, I am currently a director on the Manitoba Great Western Harness Racing Circuit, which runs the harness meets during the summer. I also am part of an Industry Group that lobbies government to guarantee a long term future for Harness Racing in Manitoba. I was also a past active director for Standardbred Canada. My goal is to represent the western region, making sure that all western provinces have a voice at the board level and making sure that they are very well represented and that Standardbred Canada is well represented at the national level also. I enjoyed my time as a past director and I learned many new things. I foresee more things to be done as a director if 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 our future generations can enjoy this sport as I have been able to. I have 2 children, Kayla – 16 years of age, and Chase – 13 years of age, who are also very interested in harness racing. They own and enjoy jogging the horses and seeing them race. Therefore, 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.