

DEAN REY

St. Claude, Manitoba

Nominated as: Active Director, Western Region

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 from them by the age of eight. I was licensed with Standardbred Canada as an owner/groom at fourteen, making this my twentieth year 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 stayed alive in Manitoba. I wanted to do my part in keeping harness racing local and I'm going on ten 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 eight years, and I have been the president for the last five. I am currently a director on the Manitoba Great Western Racing Circuit, which is the organization that runs the Manitoba Harness meets during the summer and have been with them for five 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 always been skilled with technology, using computer programs to keep our business records in order and also taken various computer training over the years. I like to keep up to the changes in technology and see it as a useful tool to help the industry stay advanced.

My hope, in being part of Standardbred Canada, is to ensure our future as an industry across Canada, and to be the voice of Manitoba so that the future generations can enjoy this great sport as I have been able to. If given this 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.