

Minutes of the
ANNUAL MEETING of the
CANADIAN ROAD HORSE ASSOCIATION
March 3, 2007 @ 10:00 a.m.
Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel

President, Howard Salisbury called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Howard welcomed everyone and thanked the directors, webmaster and secretary for their help throughout the year. There were 24 members and guests present.

The minutes from the 2006 AGM were read by Sherri Archdekin. Kathy Galbraith made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Laurie Palmer. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Moree Thomas presented the Treasurer's Report which shows a bank balance at December 31, 2006 of \$15,260.26 plus a GIC due June 2, 2007 worth \$9,123.16. Motion was made by Moree Thomas to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Allan Wagg. Carried.

Reports:

Stallion Auction - Kathy Galbraith reported that they have obtained 5 stallions, the most yet, for the 2007 Stallion Auction – In Conchnito, On the Sonny Side, Shipps Speed, Super Pleasure & Promising Catch. An ad has been placed in the March 1st edition of The Canadian Sportsman advertising the auction and thanking OHHA for their sponsorship of the Green Roadster Classic. A portion of this year's proceeds will be donated to the Children's Heath Foundation.

BBQ at RAWF - Linda Rainey reported that they fed 127 people and made \$906 profit from the Pork BBQ at the Royal Winter Fair. Jim Tippet once again kindly provided the beverages. Linda and her husband Mike are willing to organize another BBQ at the 2007 RAWF.

OEF – Joe Heath reported that the CRHA received a grant for \$640 from OEF in 2006. The OEF office has moved down the hall in the same building. Phone numbers remain the same. In collaboration with Standardbred Canada, OHHA and other horse associations, a new location near Guelph is being built which will house offices and show areas. OEF Adult membership is \$46, Jr. \$36 and family \$140. It is encouraged that all road horse exhibitors be a member of OEF. Don Heath mentioned that the RAWF may be enforcing that all exhibitors be members of OEF to show at the Royal.

Ontario Hackney Show – Joanne Heath reported that the 2007 Ontario Hackney Show will once again be held at the Barrie Event Centre and the date is July 28th. They are hoping to get the saddlebreds back at the show. No judge has been confirmed yet. Joanne also thanked all those who supported the Harness Draw.

CNE – Clare Hayes reported that he has talked to Barb Meyers and they are taking suggestions from last year into consideration. The barns should be clean before arrival, the ring will be worked and they may put a judge's stand in the middle of the ring. No judge has been hired yet. This year's dates are July 30 – 31st.

Equine Canada – Helen Thomas stated that the rules on the website are still not right and she will follow up to have them corrected.

RAWF – Don Heath stated that 2006 was an excellent show and the exhibitors should be proud. There has been 1 meeting and attendance was up 8.5% in 2006. The cost of wristbands may go up to \$75 from \$50 in 2007. There is concern that harness classes may be cut as the Royal needs to bring in entertainment to fill seats. If anyone knows anyone willing to sponsor classes, please pass their name on to Don. Penny McKee mentioned that some were approached by security about having fire extinguishers and fire retardant curtains. Don Heath advised that there is something available from the fire department that the curtains can be sprayed with so they comply.

OHHA Green Roadster Classic – Helen Thomas has been in contact with Yvonne Smits from OHHA and Helen & Don Heath are doing a presentation for the directors. It does sound positive that the sponsorship will continue. She has reserved a table at the OHHA banquet for the CRHA in order to support them in return. Wayne Allison made a motion that to show in the OHHA Green Roadster Classic, the exhibitor must be a member of OHHA. Seconded by Joanne Heath. Carried. (Note: After further investigation, we have learned that this motion is not possible as you must reside in Ontario to be a member of OHHA. Therefore it is only a recommendation that Ontario residents join. Membership fee is \$12.00 per year.)

Don Heath is working with the RAWF AV staff to show scenes from a DVD obtained from Woodbine Entertainment Group to show during the Green class and help promote OHHA.

2008 AGM & Banquet

Discussion on the AGM & Banquet was held and it was decided to leave it up to the committee if any changes would be made for next year. Kathy Galbraith made a motion to pay for the CRHA's portion of the expenses for the 2007 AGM & Banquet. Seconded by David Watkins. Carried.

Fundraising:

Fundraising for 2007 will stay the same with the Stallion Auction and Pork BBQ at the RAWF as they have proved to be successful.

Promotions

Wayne Scharf mentioned the Ottawa Valley Light Horse Association Sale. If anyone would like to attend he could also arrange a visit to a local swimming pool where you can go watch them swim horses.

Penny McKee mentioned that perhaps we could look into producing a booklet similar to the Hackney Yearbook. Laurie Palmer made a motion to put an ad in the 2008 Hackney Yearbook. Seconded by Linda Rainey. Carried.

Communication

Howard Salisbury has had comments about communication problems within the association. Everyone was in agreement that if members feel they don't know what is going on or have any say within the association, then they should attend the Annual Meeting.

Sponsorships of Classes/Shows

After much discussion on sponsorship of shows, a motion was made by Don Heath for the board to allocate a maximum of \$5,000 to sponsor shows at the Ontario Hackney Futurity, Ormstown, CNE and RAWF. Seconded by Wayne Allison. Carried.

Other New Business

Joe Heath mentioned that the OEF is always looking for information/articles for their newsletter. Penny McKee mentioned that you can advertise on the Quebec Road Horse website for \$25/year.

Hall of Fame

There was discussion on the Hall of Fame guidelines/criteria. Joanne Heath mentioned that we should begin adding deceased people. It was agreed that the 2007 Hall of Fame would be left up to the committee consisting of Wayne Allison, Jeff Passmore, Moree Thomas, Wayne Scharf and Howard Salisbury with Don Heath as the chair. Wayne Allison mentioned that perhaps we should also consider creating a Road Horse Hall of Fame.

Director Election

Following nominations and a vote by ballot, the following directors were elected to serve 2 year terms: Harley Allison, Carolyn Nugent, David Watkins, Jeff Passmore, Joanne Heath.

Joanne Heath made a motion to destroy the ballots, seconded by Laurie Palmer. Carried

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.