

Minutes of the  
**ANNUAL MEETING of the**  
**CANADIAN ROAD HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
March 1, 2008 @ 1:00 p.m.  
Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel

President, Howard Salisbury called the meeting to order at approximately 1 p.m. Howard welcomed everyone and held a moment of silence in memory of Harley Allison.

Joanne Heath made an amendment to the 2007 AGM minutes that Kathy Galbraith was to be added to the Hall of Fame Committee. Penny McKee made a motion to approve the minutes with that change, seconded by Helen Thomas. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and it shows a bank balance of \$19,439.40 as of December 31, 2007 plus a GIC worth \$9,432.90 due June 23, 2008. Carolyn Nugent made a motion to approve the 2007 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bob Clancy.

Correspondence included a thank you note from the Allison family, a note from John & Phyllis Sheridan and a letter of thanks from the Royal for sponsoring the under bike.

**Reports:**

*Stallion Auction* – Jeff Passmore reported that they have obtained 6 stallions for the 2008 Stallion Auction – In Conchnito, Western Maverick, Shipps Speed, Intrepid Seelster, Holy Guacamolie & Stonebridge Regal. Four of the stallions were donated by Seelster Farms so Jeff had pizzas sent to the staff for lunch one day. Joe Heath commented that Jeff has done an excellent job in obtaining stallions. Discussion took place on different ways to thank the donors (ie. Place an ad after the auction giving thanks, a certificate or plaque to be sent to the donors).

Kathy Galbraith made a motion that Jeff Passmore be reimbursed for all of his expenses pertaining to the auction. Seconded by Helen Thomas.

A portion of this year's proceeds will be donated to the Sick Kids Foundation - Toronto. Kathy Galbraith mentioned that they are having staggered breeding times and she has gotten a new service provider which will hopefully eliminate the problems they had last year.

*BBQ at RAWF* - Linda Rainey reported that they fed 125 people and made \$865 from the Pork BBQ at the Royal Winter Fair. Linda and her husband Mike are willing to organize another BBQ at the 2008 RAWF.

*OEF* – Helen Thomas reported that the CRHA received a grant for \$1015 from OEF in 2007. The CRHA has also joined their Partner Program in 2007 for a fee of \$250. In return they have distributed brochures and put our logo on their website and on display at events.

*Equine Canada* – Helen Thomas mentioned that EC has finally updated their website with the most recent road horse rules submitted.

*Ontario Hackney Show* – Joanne Heath reported that the 2008 Ontario Hackney Show will once again be held at the Barrie Event Centre and the date is July 26<sup>th</sup>. They are hoping to redo the ring but unfortunately they're not sure if there will be water in the barns. Exhibitors are allowed to stay until Monday if they can't get into the CNE Sunday. The new facility for 2009 will feature a 70,000 sq. ft. building and 250 box stalls. 2008 is also the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ontario Hackney Futurity.

*CNE* – The dates for the light horse show at the CNE is July 28th & 29th, 2008.

*RAWF* – Don Heath reported that he had a meeting 3 weeks ago and the general admission was down in 2007 but the horse show admission was up considerably. The road horse division was successful and he had positive comments and there is no indication of any changes. The majority of the road horse classes are sponsored and the sponsors were invited to a reception at the Royal. The prize money for the wagon stake was increased to \$7500. The 2008 judge is Bill Waller from Tennessee and the dates are November 7<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Wayne Allison suggested that perhaps we could sponsor a class at the RAWF in the name of the stallion donors.

*OHHA Green Roadster Classic* – The letter from OHHA was read regarding the sponsorship of the Green Roadster Classic. They have dropped their sponsorship from \$15,000 to \$5,000. After discussion on how to handle the reduction in prize money, Kathy Galbraith made a motion to leave the \$5,000 OHHA is donating in prize money and the CRHA not add any money to it. Seconded by Bob Clancy. It was carried with 18 for and 2 opposed. Kathy Galbraith also made a suggestion that perhaps we should invite all road horse class sponsors to the Wine & Cheese party rather than just OHHA.

### **Sponsorships of Classes/Shows**

Helen Thomas made a motion that up to a maximum of \$7500 be used for sponsorship of shows in 2008 and for the directors to disperse of it at their discretion. Seconded by Laurie Palmer. Carried.

### **Fundraising:**

Fundraising for 2008 will stay the same with the Stallion Auction and Pork BBQ at the RAWF.

### **2009 AGM & Banquet:**

A brief discussion took place and the annual banquet & meetings will remain the same for 2009.

### **Hall of Fame**

Chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee, Don Heath read the guidelines the committee has drafted. Wayne Allison made a motion to accept the guidelines, seconded by Joe Heath. Carried.

The committee consists of 6 people plus the CRHA president on a rotating basis. The 2008 committee consists of Don Heath, Howard Salisbury, Kathy Galbraith, Wayne Allison, Moree Thomas, Penny McKee and Wayne Scharf.

### **Other New Business**

Discussion took place on putting on more junior classes at the shows. It was consensus that the RAWF is probably not the place and to start with having a class put on at the CNE and some fairs.

### **Director Election**

John Brunton nominated Wayne Allison to fill Harley Allison's 1 Year term as a director. Kathy Galbraith made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Helen Thomas. All were in favor.

Following nominations, the following directors were elected to serve 2 year terms: Helen Thomas, Linda Rainey, Bob Clancy & Wayne Scharf.

With no further business, Joanne Heath made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Linda Rainey.