

Minutes of the
ANNUAL MEETING of the
CANADIAN ROAD HORSE ASSOCIATION

March 7, 2009 @ 1:00 p.m.
Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel

President, Wayne Scharf called the meeting to order at approximately 1 p.m.

The minutes from the 2008 AGM were read. Penny McKee made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Shirley Scharf. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and it shows a bank balance of \$18,263.59 as of December 31, 2008 plus a GIC worth \$9,837.58 due July 23, 2009. Linda Rainey made a motion to approve the 2008 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Shirley Scharf.

The correspondence was read and included thank you notes from Judy McNeish, Sandra Watson and Sharon Avery.

Reports:

Stallion Auction – Jeff Passmore reported that he has managed to get 2 stallions this year – In Conchnito and Western Maverick. He hasn't proceeded with organizing the auction as neither of these stallions sold in 2008 and he is concerned with spending money on advertising, etc and them not selling. Jeff also reported that the mare that Stonebridge Regal was bred to last year didn't catch but they are rebreeding this year.

Wayne Scharf suggested commissioning Janet Crawford to do a painting and selling tickets on it. The winner could give Janet a picture of any type of animal for her to paint which would open up the market to more than just horses.

John Brunton made a motion to abandon the stallion auction for this year and proceed with selling tickets on a painting by Janet Crawford. Seconded by Helen Thomas. All were in favour.

OEF – Helen Thomas reported that the CRHA received a grant for \$1255 from OEF in 2008. Their grant forms and criteria are changing in 2009. The OEF is also trying to make changes to the Spirit of the Horse at the Royal Winter Fair to encourage more participants.

Equine Canada – Helen Thomas reported that EC is trying to get some breed members back and have been asking for feedback. One of the issues is that we pay Equine Canada drug fees at the Royal but they haven't been testing. However, drug testing overall was up 30% in 2008. Apparently if you are a member of Equine Canada you can send in your receipts from the Royal and you may be eligible to get a subsidy.

Ontario Hackney Show – Joanne Heath reported that the 2009 Ontario Hackney Show will be at the CNE grounds Monday August 3rd. Move in will be on Sunday August 2nd. There will be no evening show so the classes will have to be pushed through. There will be no tractors/wagons to assist with moving in/out and no BBQ. You must be a member of OEF to show at it.

CNE – The dates for the light horse show at the CNE is August 4th & 5th.

RAWF – Don Heath reported that Gayle MacPherson is the new President of the Royal Winter Fair. They had a meeting a couple weeks ago and there will be no major changes for 2009. Brent Day from Kentucky will be the judge and it begins on November 6th.

OHHA Green Roadster Classic – The letter from OHHA was read regarding the sponsorship of the Green Roadster Classic. They have increased the 2009 sponsorship up to \$10,000. Bob Clancey mentioned that WEG is withholding money from OHHA and perhaps we should not be relying on it too heavily.

Sponsorships of Classes/Shows

In 2008, we sponsored the Ontario Hackney Show, CNE, Ormstown and a class at the Royal. Bob Clancey made a motion to keep sponsorships the same for 2009. Seconded by Penny McKee. All were in favour.

A motion was made by Joe Heath, seconded by Linda Rainey to sponsor the same Junior Classes in 2009 as was done in 2008.

Fundraising:

BBQ at RAWF - Linda Rainey reported that they fed 150 people and made almost \$1000 from the Pork BBQ at the Royal Winter Fair. All were in favour of repeating this fundraiser. John Brunton thanked the association for holding it as the exhibitors look forward to it.

2010 AGM & Banquet:

A motion was made by Helen Thomas to stay with the same format for the 2010 AGM and banquet. Seconded by Jeff Passmore. All were in favour.

Hall of Fame

Nominations received for the 2009 Hall of Fame were Lloyd Nugent and Glen Downey. Following a vote by ballot from the members present, Lloyd Nugent will be inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2009.

Don Heath is stepping down as chair of the Hall of Fame Committee. The 2009 committee consists of Sean Merritt, Don Heath, Kathy Galbraith, Moree Thomas, Penny McKee and Wayne Scharf. and the new chair is Wayne Allison.

The guidelines need to be modified to read:

- Any Canadian Road Horse Association member is able to submit **a** nomination.
- Nominations to be submitted by **December 31st, for the following year.**
- Nominations to be done in writing **to the secretary who will forward** to the Hall of Fame Nominating Committee for review.

Other New Business

Discussion took place on offering junior memberships. Consensus was to leave it as is for the time being. A motion was made by Bob Clancey, seconded by Carolyn Nugent to look into sending a letter to USEF (or obtaining a form, if available) regarding the judging at the 2008 Royal.

Director Election

Following nominations and vote by ballot, the following directors were elected to serve 2 year terms: Carolyn Nugent, Wayne Allison, Joanne Heath, Jeff Passmore and Scott McLean.

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