Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of the CANADIAN ROAD HORSE ASSOCIATION

April 6th, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m. Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel

President, Linda Rainey called the meeting to order at approximately 1 p.m. There were 24 members and guests present.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of those who have passed away.

A motion was made by Bob Clancey, seconded by Kathy Galbraith to approve the minutes from the 2012 Annual General Meeting. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and it shows a bank balance of \$11,178.91 as of December 31, 2012 plus a GIC worth \$10,099.23. Joanne Heath made a motion to approve the 2012 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Carolyn Nugent.

Correspondence

Correspondence included thank you notes from Phyllis Sheridan and Myrna Walker.

Reports

OEF – Helen Thomas reported that we received \$1,225 from the OEF grant in 2012. The 2013 grant will focus on Safety, Education and Legacy. Due to weather, scheduled meetings had to be rescheduled to this coming week. Paul Richardson is now an OEF director.

Equine Canada – Helen Thomas said that there isn't anything to report from Equine Canada.

Ontario Hackney Show – Joanne Heath reported that the 2013 Ontario Hackney Show will once again be at the Ricoh coliseum. It will be on Monday July 29th. Jay Wood from Minnesota is the judge. Joanne thanked everyone who supports the harness draw as that covers the expenses of the Ontario Hackney Show.

CNE – The CNE horse show will follow the Ontario Hackney Show on July 30th & 31st.

RAWF – Don Heath reported that the financials from the 2012 Royal are not out however attendance was down. They do not foresee any major changes for 2013. The wording in the entry book regarding the number of horses for a split will be cleaned up so there is no misunderstandings. A letter was sent to the Royal and Equine Canada requesting warm up time prior each of the road horse classes. They are hoping to put new footing in the horse palace exercise ring which is easier to maintain and should give more exercise time. Peter Doubleday will try to ensure that the road horses have warm up time prior to our classes. Rheal is working on COSA regarding their sponsorship however it does not look promising. There will be 2 separate light horse judges for 2013. John Walker from the Carolinas is judging the road horses. Don will suggest to Peter Doubleday that if there is a split that a class be put between the two classes.

OHHA Green Roadster Classic – Helen Thomas spoke to Yvonne at OHHA and as of now they cannot confirm sponsorship on the green class at the Royal.

Fundraising

DVD's – There are still DVD's left if anyone is interested. 2013 fundraising will be left up to the directors.

2014 AGM & Banquet

Bob Clancey suggested moving the Mane Event east in hopes to get more people from the Ottawa/Quebec area. He has some pricing and information from a venue in Kingston. Linda & Helen will take the info to the planning committee to see if there is any interest.

A motion was made by Chrissy Watkins, seconded by Carolyn Nugent to stay with The Mane Event format. One person was opposed.

Hall of Fame

One nomination was received for the 2013 Hall of Fame and it was for Glen Downey. Therefore Glen & Lori Downey will be our 2013 Hall of Fame inductees.

Other New Business

Glen Heath reported that Barrie Fair had a great turnout in 2012. This year the light horse show will be held on Sunday, August 25th. Entries will be done online. Prizes and classes are under review but it should be similar to 2012.

Chrissy Watkins mentioned that Orono fair has a draft prize list out. New for 2013, they will be paying \$25 to all entries. Date is September 7th.

Catherine Douglas informed us that the OVLHA sale is on Saturday May 11th from 9 – 1 in Russell, Ontario. You can rent a table for \$25. The OVLHA show is on Saturday July 6th at Carp Fairgrounds.

A motion was made by Helen Thomas, seconded by Kathy Galbraith that all drivers, trainers and owners must be a member of the Canadian Road Horse Association to show at the CNE, Ontario Hackney Show and Royal Agricultural Fair.

Director Election

Following nominations, the following directors will serve 2 year terms: Carolyn Nugent, Joanne Heath, Kirk Douglas, Kerri-Lynn O'Hara and Clare Hayes.

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