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Official Newsletter of the Canadian Road Horse Association

THE ROAD HORSE REPORT

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President's Report



Is everyone down to counting weeks and days until the beginning of show season? We anticipate getting back into the show ring for so long, and then as the date approaches to load the truck and trailer for the first show of the season, it seems the checklist of things to do in preparation gets longer instead of shorter.

It was so good to see all those from our association who attended and participated at The Mane Event last month. Once again, we had a successful silent auction table that raised in excess of \$600.00 to help support our activities over the next year. Thank you to all those who donated items.

I would like to acknowledge some changes to our board of directors that occurred at our AGM. Three new directors – Kirk Douglas, Clare Hayes and Kerri-Lynn O'Hara were appointed. We welcome them to their new roles and look forward to their input and service to our organization. These new directors replace Wayne Allison, Scott McLean and Jeff Passmore. Wayne and Jeff have both been involved with the CRHA for many years, as members of the executive, terms as president and by spearheading initiatives that have had long-term impact on our association. Wayne was instrumental in founding and developing of our Hall of Fame, and Jeff worked tirelessly in the creating and running of the Stallion Auction to help raise funds for the CRHA. On behalf of the entire organization, thank you for your contributions and commitment.

As you read through this issue of our newsletter, you will see details regarding this year's OHHA Green Roadster Classic. The continued support of OHHA is greatly appreciated, especially considering the current climate in the racing industry and is a testament to the relationship that has been built between our two organizations over the past thirteen years.

Finally, for those who are subscribers to Facebook, we encourage you to follow and participate on our newly created Canadian Road Horse Association page where we will be providing news, show updates, and other stories of interest for our membership and all those interested in Road Horses.

All the best as you begin the show season.

Travel safe everyone.....Drive On!

Linda Rainey

The Mane Event AGM & Banquet

Once again 'The Mane Event' was a huge success. The annual banquet and meeting was held on April 6th, 2013 at the Toronto Airport Marriott. Thanks to our Mane Event representatives Linda Rainey & Helen Thomas for their assistance along with Loraine Myler for chairing the committee. The CRHA received a large number of donations for the silent auction table which raised almost \$621 for the CRHA. Congratulations to Moree Thomas on winning the Freedman harness draw which was held at The Mane Event. Proceeds from the draw go towards the organization of the Ontario Hackney Show.

The minutes from the AGM are attached. The executive for 2013 are: Linda Rainey, President; Bob Clancey, Vice President; Carolyn Nugent, 2nd Vice President; Kathy Galbraith, Past President; Helen Thomas, Treasurer; Sherri Archdekin, Secretary. Directors are Kirk Douglas, Dave Hamilton, Clare Hayes, Joanne Heath, Penny McKee, Carolyn Nugent, Kerri-Lynn O'Hara and Helen Thomas.

News & Upcoming Shows

OHHA Green Roadster Classic

The Executive of the Canadian Road Horse Association is pleased to announce the receipt of confirmation that for the 13th consecutive year OHHA will be providing financial support to the OHHA Green Roadster Classic. OHHA's sponsorship of this class in 2013 will be in the amount of \$1,000.00 which indicates that even during this time of extreme uncertainty within the racing industry, the value and importance of supporting our organization and the use of Standardbreds in the show ring is recognized. The ongoing support of this class by OHHA has been instrumental in the continued growth of the Road Horse division through the addition of new exhibitors as well as an increase in the number of horses participating in Road Horse classes.

In addition, the executive of the CRHA has voted to match the \$1,000.00 commitment made by OHHA so that the total prize money available in the 2013 OHHA Green Roadster Classic will be \$2,000.00 in a demonstration of our appreciation for OHHA's support as well as to support exhibitors who are interested in participating in this class.

In light of the total value of the class being offered in 2013, it has also been agreed to adjust the nomination fees as follows:
Nominations postmarked on or before July 15, 2013 - \$25
Nominations postmarked on or before Sept. 1, 2013 - \$100

We are extremely appreciative of OHHA's continued support and thank them for their ongoing commitment.

Ontario Hackney Association Show

The 2013 Ontario Hackney Association will be held at the CNE grounds on Monday July 29th & the judge is Jay Wood of Minnesota. Contact Jane Richardson at 905-864-8143 or janerichardson@bell.net to obtain a prize list.

CNE Horse Show

The dates for the light horse show at the CNE is July 30th and 31st. The CRHA will once again be donating \$1,000 to the road horse division. Information and prize lists will be available at <http://theirwww.theex.com/attractions-shows/horseshow/>.

Junior Exhibitor Classes

The CRHA will once again be sponsoring junior exhibitor classes at the Ontario Hackney Show, CNE, Richmond Fair and Norwood. Prize money of \$30/exhibitor will be available at ringside.

Barrie Fair

The road horses will show on Sunday, August 25th at Barrie Fair. http://essaagriplex.ca/?page_id=360

Orono Fair

Saturday September 7th 2013, 9:00 AM

- New start time is 9:00 am. Be prepared to show in harness classes in the morning.
- Class list updates: Wagon Stake class has been added back in and the Gentlemens turnout removed
- Please submit your completed entry forms in advance. This allows your show office to process your entries in advance and get the show off to a smoother start without delay.
- Copies of the running order will be available in advance from Stephanie at s_rutherford@hotmail.com
- **Please note that there is not a \$25 payout to all entries as noted in the minutes from the AGM minutes.**

Coldwater Fair

Coldwater Fair is in the process of updating their road horse prize list for 2013. If there are no road horse exhibitors in 2013, they will probably remove the division in 2014.

<http://www.coldwaterfallfair.com/2013-fairbook/ADULT%20PAGES/Class%2032%20light%20horses.pdf>

We welcome all fairs and horse shows offering road horse classes to promote their schedule and prize list. Please forward the following information and we will post it on both the website and facebook page:

Fair name, show date, show website, and contact name for road horse exhibitors.

Fundraising & Promotions

Toronto Horse Day

The CRHA will be participating in Horse Day with a display in both Toronto and Ottawa on Saturday, June 1, 2013. Horse Day is a free, one-day, public event offered by the Ontario Equestrian Federation which is designed to educate people of all ages about horses and provides visitors with the opportunity to experience horses up close and personal. Horse Day includes educational stations, riding and driving demonstrations and information displays in an effort to promote horses and equestrian activity in Ontario. Horse Day in Toronto will be at Exhibition Place and Ottawa will be held at Nepean National Equestrian Park. For more information visit www.horse.on.ca/oef-events/horseday.

40th Anniversary DVD

A reminder that CRHA 40th Anniversary DVDs are still available at a cost of \$30 each from Linda Rainey, Helen Thomas, Sherri Archdekin, Penny McKee or Kirk Douglas.

We welcome your contributions to our newsletter. Please submit news items to sarchdekin@xplornet.ca.