

HORSE COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
2669 Deacon Street, Abbotsford BC V2S 6H3

MINUTES of the **Annual General Meeting** held Sunday, June 9, 2001 at the Best Western Country Meadows, Aldergrove BC.

PRESENT:

Ken Huber	Susan Harrison	Jane James	Glen Dragan
Bob James	Jack Breaks	Charles Moon	Wendy Christoff
June LaLonde	Vicki Pauze	Gayle Pawley-Wilson	Dianne Klick
Ellen Hockley	Simon Rosenman	Dennis Waller	Bill Enns
Alf Fletcher	Maureen Walters	Gary Patterson	Steven Dubas
Sharon Hall	Gord MacKenzie	Jim McCrae	Bob Rooke
Carol Cody	Susan Thompson	Joanne Rooke	Pam Hinton

Absent:

Karen Ashby	Sarah Bradley	Dan Bland	Barb Schmidt
Ava Haw	Terre O'Brennan	Berit Turner	Carol Walton
Deb Harper	Brenda Driediger	Susan Dewar	Pamela Blair

CHAIRMAN: Ken Huber

RECORDER: Pam Hinton

At 9:00 a.m., Tissa Kannangara and Basil Bactawar gave a presentation on the ongoing Waste Management Project, "Managing Horse Manure through Composting". The project is taking place at the Agassiz Research station.

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.

2. **A quorum of 25+ was present.**

3. **Chair's remarks**

Ken Huber stated that this was his last AGM as President. He then thanked all of the Board and Executive members that he has worked with over the years. He felt he has been supported and so has Horse Council.

We need to support horses as a complete industry (the whole) – sport, recreation, breeding, the entire infrastructure.

- we have to grow into a new mindset.
- get beyond the stigma of an elitist hobby
- educate ourselves about the benefits of the industry

The board is to be commended for the changes that have come about in the last four years. We have gone from 12,000 members to 16,000+

We are open to change and self analysis.

4. **Adoption of Agenda**

Moved/seconded (Ashby/Christoff) the agenda be adopted.

Carried

5. **Financial Reports**

[5.1] **Audited Financial Statement**

Gord MacKenzie, who was appointed Treasurer on April 30, 2001, presented the Audited Financial Statement. He stated that the main change to the financial reporting is that it has changed from a cash basis to an accrual basis.

[5.2] **Appointment of Auditor**

Motion: That Webster and Associates be retained as the Horse Council BC auditor for the next fiscal year 2001/2002.

Moved/seconded (MacKenzie/Reinerston)

Carried

[5.3] **Membership fees for 2002/2003**

Motion: HCBC membership fees remain at Senior \$30.00, Junior \$25.00, Club and Corporate \$50.00 and Affiliates \$125.00 for 2002

Moved/seconded (MacKenzie/Waller) to accept the motion.

Carried

6. **Proposed Constitutional Changes**

Isabel Reinertson, Chair of the Constitution Review Committee, circulated a report and answered questions from the floor. Simon Rosenman and Gary Patterson are also on the committee. p1 of Isabel's report gives a history of why the constitution needs to be revised. The changes will be voted on at a special meeting in the Fall. p2 is probably the most important because of the changes due to the CEF restructuring.

At the Board of Directors Meeting, the previous evening, it was decided that the following motion should be passed at the AGM, as the job description for the Past President is in the Policy Hand Book, and is not a part of the Constitution.

Motion:

Horse Council BC Board Members Handbook

Organizational Structure

Past President:

1. To serve as a resource person/member to the President and to serve as an ex-officio member of the executive committee.
2. To chair the Horse Council BC Awards Committee, as to selection and sponsorship, at the request of the Executive Committee.
3. To be available to serve on other committees where continuity may be of value, at the request of the president or executive committee.
4. To chair the Nomination Committee.

Moved/seconded (Reinertson/Fletcher) to accept the motion.

Carried

There was also a discussion concerning the restructuring of Zones. There needs to be motion for changes to Zone structure as it is not related to the Constitution restructuring. Ken added that a vote could be made at the special meeting in the Fall. Information concerning this will be published in the August Pacific Horse Journal so that all HCBC members are aware of it. Isabel then thanked Simon and Gary for their thoughtful work.

7. **Officers Reports**

[7.1] **Education (Susan Harrison)**

Susan's report is on p42 of the Annual Report. Susan had nothing to add to her report. She was asked to explain "Inclusion". She said that there was a process in place for English level I & II CEF coaches; application process whereby paperwork is done in the office; experience – 10 years coach 1 and 15 years coach II. There needs to be a proven competency and guidelines. A Recreation coach = Coach I (Pony Club, camps, 4-H). The pre-requisite for Coach II hasn't changed. Expertise can be recognized and they can be moved forward. Susan also added that FARSHA is interested in working with Zone Reps. FARSHA will send out their Reps to do seminars if asked to do so.

[7.2] **Horse Industry (Ellen Hockley)**

Ellen's report is on p43 of the Annual Report. Ellen added that a motion had been passed at the Director's meeting, last night, to go ahead with the branding program. Ken also added that another motion was passed last night empowering the Executive Committee to take the necessary steps to fulfill the requirements for the Web Integration project in order to qualify for the BCAC funding of \$5800.00.

[7.3] **Competitions (Alf Fletcher)**

Alf's report is on p44 of the Annual Report. He had nothing to add to his report but would like to thank Ken, staff and all volunteers for their support.

[7.4] **Recreation (Bob James)**

Bob's report is on p45 of the Annual Report. Bob added that we are already doing the new proposals coming from the Toronto meeting. Information is available at the office. We should be the envy of the county.

[7.5] **FEI Disciplines** no report. Jan Mansfield was absent.

[7.6] **Western Heritage (June LaLonde)**

June's report is on p46 of the Annual Report. Nothing to add except that there are brand new logbooks this year. Clubs from all over BC can become qualifiers. The Western Heritage Championships is the only one that HCBC hosts.

8. **Zone and Affiliate Reports**

Zone 1 – no written report. Joanne Rooke added that the Zone is alive and doing well, there is a new and full executive.

Zone 2 - report is on p50 of the Annual Report. June LaLonde added that they are very busy.

Zone 3 - report is on p51 of the Annual Report. Simon Rosenman added that there were 37 members at their first meeting. They have had three meetings to date and there is a lot of interest in the zone. There has been \$11,000.00 in requests for funding.

Zone 4 - report is on p53 of the Annual Report. Wendy Christoff introduced Susan Thompson as the new zone rep. There is not a lot of action from the members in the zone. There are some problems in the linear park along the dyke. There is a need to go forward as a whole group to the GVRD. (whole group = equestrians, cyclists, pedestrians, bird watchers). They are working on an Equestrian crossing – raise push button so there is no need to dismount horse. The Delta Riding Club's land is up for sale (farms are being expropriated). The Delta Agriculture Society has stepped in to try and get some other land for the club.

Zone 5 - report is on p54 of the Annual Report. Karen Ashby added that increasing urbanization is making it hard to sustain Southlands Riding Club. There will be a Country Fair on September 23rd to create community awareness.

Zone 6 - report is on p55 of the Annual Report. Susan Harrison added that there is a common area of concern – educate trail users with “leave no trace” seminars. Zone 6 is a big zone with a lot of members and disciplines. There is a common theme of being challenged and educated. Bob James added that the Trans Canada Trail is complete from Sooke to Lake Cowichan and it is horse friendly. The next project on the trail is the Kinsel Trestle. The questions being asked are rebuild or refurbish; where will the money come from?

Zone 7 - report is on p56 of the Annual Report. Mark Rothenbusch added that the zone is becoming more active. The money received for the Driving clinic was really appreciated. They are having fun.

Zone 8 - report is on p71 of the Annual Report. Steve Dubas added that he is new at this and gave thanks for the support he has received. The Snowmobile Club is developing trails. There are problems with coaching and education is severely lacking in the area. The trail at Greenway is being challenged, (hiking, cycling, horses all using it). There is a 200 foot area in dispute where the skiers don't want horses. The horse society has problems trying to get funding. He asked for some insight, please. The safety issues need to be looked at – a lot of people don't understand the horse and car issue.

Wendy Cooper asked, “how do we get out to the members to find out their issues”?

Isabel Reinertson added that all interested groups must get together, there is a lot of land which is owned by the City and the Crown (which is initially owned by the people).

American Saddlebred Horse Assoc. of BC – report is on p62-63 of the Annual Report. Glen Dragan added that their annual BC Country Classic Horse Show held May 25 – 27 was a very good show.

BC Draft & Mule – report is on p64 in the Annual Report and Ellen Hockley had nothing to add.

BC Hunter/Jumper – report p65 in the Annual Report. Jodie McLean added that their membership is increasing and they are expecting another successful year.

Vaulting – report is on p66 of the Annual Report. Barb Schmidt added that there are five Vaulters leaving next week representing three clubs. Hoof and Mouth disease is a problem. It is having an impact on attempts to qualify several women qualifiers.

Back Country Horsemen of BC – report is on p67 of the Annual Report. Gord MacKenzie added that a mounted search and rescue group is being created. This will be the first of its kind in Canada. There are a lot of hurdles to overcome, such as WCB, but this is a very worthwhile project.

Endurance Riders of BC – report is on p68 of the Annual Report. Terre O'Brennan was absent.

BC Competitive Trail Riders Assoc. – report is on p69 of the Annual Report. Ava Haw was absent.

BC Therapeutic Riding Assoc. – report is on p70 of the Annual Report and Jane James had nothing to add.

Cadora BC – report is on p71 of the Annual Report. Monique Fraser was absent.

BC Carriage Driving – report is on p73 in the Annual Report. Dennis Waller added that there is a problem at Cowichan – an access to the Trans Canada Trail has been blocked by a gate put up by the Regional District. The District didn't realize that the carriage group existed. They have since changed the gate to accommodate the carriages.

Arabian Horse Assoc. of BC – report is on p74 of the Annual Report. It was noted that they placed 3rd out of 54 groups.

BC Quarterhorse Assoc. - report is on p75 of the Annual Report. Gayle Pawley-Wilson added that this years ride will be on Vancouver Island on September 23, 2001 but the exact location has not yet been determined.

BC Welsh Pony and Cob Assoc. – report is on p76 of the Annual Report. Ken Huber reported that the AGM was held at Williams Lake last year. They were able to communicate face to face with other breeders.

Western Canadian Reining Assoc. – a written report was circulated by Sharon Hall.

Western Coaching - report is on p58 of the Annual Report. Carol Walton was absent.

Driving Coaching – no report. Deb Harper was absent.

English Coaching – report is on p59 of the Annual Report. Wendy Christoff had nothing to add.

Horse Trials BC – no report.

JBC High School Rodeo Assoc. - no report.

BC Team Penning – no report.

Moved/seconded to accept all the written and verbal reports. (James/Dragan) Carried

9. **Other Business**

[9.1] Adoption of minutes of the last AGM (October 29, 2000).
p11 Zone 5 report Karen Ashby was absent, not Jan Mansfield

Motion: to accept the previous years minutes with the noted change.

Moved/seconded (Rothenbusch/Fletcher) Carried

[8.2] The AGM meeting date for next year.

Motion: that the HCBC Board of Directors set the next AGM date

Moved/seconded (Reinertson/Ashby) Carried

10. **Moved/seconded to adjourn at 10:45 pm (Christoff/Rothenbusch)**