

**Horse Council BC Directors Meeting
Sunday October 26th, 2003
Best Western Country Meadows, Aldergrove, BC**

Minutes

1) Call to Order: 8:12 am

Chairperson: Dr. Susan Thompson

Recorder: Anita Parsons

Present:

Bob James

Gord MacKenzie

Karen McDowell-Ashby

Charles Moon

Barb Schmidt

Verne Kaiser

Jack Breaks

Jan Mansfield

Shirley Pederson

Susan Harrison

Ken Huber

Sharon Hall

Jim McCrae

Carol Cody

Kathy Ackles

Jane James

Vicki Pauze

Alf Fletcher

June Lalonde

Dorothy Jean McIvor

Steven Dubas

Dianne Klick

Ellen Hockley

Gayle Pawley-Wilson

Glen Dragan

Welcome: Susan Thompson, President HCBC welcomed the board members and asked the group to take 15 minutes to review the circulated reports

2)Announcement of Quorum: Quorum of 24 attendance

3)Chairs Remarks:

Introductions: John Platz from Equine Canada (to observe the meeting)

"Executive is concerned as is the Directors about the changes that are going to take place with Equine Canada. This will take time and harmony eventually to be achieved. Thank you all for coming today."

4)Acceptance of Agenda:

- Removed constitution from Section 7, add EC convention to section 7

BOD 1003-1Moved/seconded (Huber, Fletcher) to accept the agenda

CARRIED

5)Financial Report: Gord MacKenzie
Report and Budget attached

6)Executive Reports:

President (Susan Thompson): See attached

- Strategic plan moving forward
- Members services
- New initiatives

Past President (Ken Huber) No written report

- Sits on BC Ag Council Board
- New PST changes are being addressed
- There is talk of doing away with colored fuel
- WCB trying to take back some the issues already covered with FARSHA
- Changing regulations as to "What is a Farm?"
- Red Flag issue: scrambling to keep farm status, look for small town meetings, be diligent in getting people out to them
- HCBC to send out notices regarding changes and put out articles

Vice President Education: (Susan Harrison) report attached

- Everyone embraces Education
- HCBC is an effective communication link
- The office is collecting and decimating information

Vice President Industry: (Ellen Hockley) report attached

- WCB phone HCBC regarding Amy Dundas-Head's death and is pleased to see we are working closely with FARSHA
- Gord and Ellen have met with 2 organizers of "Noah's Wish" an organization that goes into disaster areas to help with the animals
- Noah's wish would like to work with HCBC and conduct a training session in May of 2004 in Aldergrove.
- All of Noah's Wish funding is by donation
- 3 people are trained in BC by Noah's Wish
- PMU barns have had contracts severely cut. Western Producer Magazine has had many very good articles on this issue.

Vice President Recreation (Bob James) report attached

- Ride and Drive Canada Week saw HCBC send out many packages to participating groups which included 17,000 buttons
- There are problems with Rec Council and the Provincial Bodies, but are working on reconciliation.

Vice President Competitions (Alf Fletcher) report attached

- Spoke regarding Primary competitions, will prevail

BC Summer Games (Susan Harrison)

- Started initiatives early
- We already have some qualified athletes
- Will be meeting with our liaison at the Sport Venue, there are some concerns regarding the venue
- Gayle Pawley-Wilson added there are problems with the venue and the power lines.

Vice President FEI Disciplines (Karen Ashby) report attached

- She is dealing with the Chairs of the Disciplines and trying to keep this liaison ongoing.

Office Report (Vicki Pauze) report attached

- 20 people will be coming to the Noah's Wish course
- HCBC has received about \$4000.00 in donations to the Disaster Fund, as well as many other items donated.
- HCBC needs to set policies regarding disasters
- New Database, we will address the communication problems.
- Will put a check box on the renewal form asking people if they want their information shared
- Working hard to get affinity partners, have already gotten Huskey/Mohawk on board with cards. The revenue from this could be shared amongst the zones
- Ellen Hockey added the "Manure Police" jobs are opening and we need to educate ourselves.
- Provincial Council consists of 10 Provinces, ED and President are on council, ED Council consists of all ED's and have had one meeting in NS. There will be a lot of sharing of programs amongst the provinces
- Provinces will put forward recommendations to EC and two people from the provinces Council will meet with Don Adams.
- Vicki showed the Power Point Presentation "HCBC The Year In Review 2003"

- Colin Schmidt presented his Praxis database program for review.

7)Zone Reports

Zone 1 (Charlie Moon) report attached

- Added the first executive meeting will be November 16th

Zone 2 (Alf Fletcher and June Lalonde) report attached

- KXA will hold the summer games qualifier in the Spring

Zone 3 (report provided by outgoing reps) report attached

- Shirley and Carol are working on lots of funding requests

Zone 4 (Susan Thompson) report attached

- A slow year
- The zone is still saving funds for a rescue sling, will need \$3500.00
- Zone 6 offered to help
- Noted that horses are being pushed out and cyclists are a strong force now
- Delta Riding Club has relocated

Zone 5 (Karen Ashby)

- Danny Bland has retired
- Davinia Kerr stepped forward to take his seat

Zone 6 (Bob James) report attached

Zone 7 (Dianne Klick) report attached

Zone 8 (Steven Dubas) report attached

General Zone Questions:

- Bob James asked about application for Regional Development Funding
- Vicki spoke about the changes in gaming funds
- Component Outreach Education
- Need to have a Summer Games meeting sometime this weekend

Affiliate Reports

BC Quarter Horse Association (Gayle Pawley-Wilson) report attached

- Applications and information on the 2004 Youth World Cup Competition available from Gayle or the Canadian Quarter Horse Website
- BCQHA membership is down
- They are doing Strategic planning and will have some goals for the November AGM
- Gayle has been very involved with the Canadian Quarter Horse Association and Equine Canada Industry traveling and attended the Royal Winter Fair

Break – Chair Introduced Anita Parsons, new HCBC Bookkeeper and recorder for today's AGM

Therapeutic Riding Association (Jane James) no written report

- Jane noted that the association is growing
- Certification is ongoing, but looking for ways to certify instructors in the Interior
- Lauren Barwick and Jennifer McKenzie attended major international competitions and qualified for 3 places on the Canadian Paralympic team next year in Athens. They wish to thank HCBC and Zone 6 for funding

BC Vaulting Association (Barb Schmidt) report attached

- The first CVI organized in Canada being held in Zone 3, June 11-13 Chilliwack Heritage Park. Approximately 20 BC Vaulters representing Canada and 30 to 40 International Vaulters will compete

BC Hunter Jumper Association (Fran McAvity absent) report attached

BC Carriage Driving (Dennis Waller) report attached

- New representative to HCBC is Ellen Hockley

Cadora BC (Berit Turner absent) report attached

BC Draft and Mule Association (Kathy Ackles) report attached

Western Canadian Reining Association (Sharon Hall) report attached

- Received funding assistance from HCBC in the spring and appreciated HCBC's help

American Saddlebred Association of BC (Glen Dragan) report attached

- If Equine Canada wants to increase membership fees etc, the Breeds may have to go their own way

Back Country Horsemen of BC (Gord MacKenzie) report attached

- The AGM (Rendevous) has gone from costing money to turning a good profit, HCBC should go in this direction.

Competitive Trail Riders (Linda Warnock absent) report attached

Welsh Pony and Cob Association (Ken Huber) report attached

- Ken added that they attended the Western Canadian Championships in Alberta

8)Previous Business:

Strategic Planning:

- Keith Wilson will speak to the board about this and advise
- The board has already had some presentations
- Zone meeting on Friday brought forward some issues to move forward on
- We need zone and executive input

Zone Questions:

- Dianne Klick asked why we need to re-structure
- What would the executive committee do?
- How and when would the zones and affiliates meet?

Database:

- Vicki added that Gary Patterson has done the negotiating on the new database
- We have received Grant Funding from the BC Ag Council
- Gord MacKenzie added that Vicki, Gord and Jack Breaks were on the Database committee
- Several other submissions were examined and Colin Schmidt's proposal was the best for HCBC

Equine Canada Convention:

- Wendy Christoff spoke about the Convention

- Doug Mills will be the Keynote speaker
- The convention takes place Feb 4-8 in Richmond
- 2010 Olympic Committee will speak
- HorseLife magazine will have the schedules as well as the HCBC website
- Question whether this AGM is open to all members, the answer is Yes
- Question regarding compromise or cancellation, the answer is that at this time it is going ahead
- Question regarding whether members have a vote at the AGM, answer yes and membership can bring forward any motion

10)New Business:

BOD 1003-2 Motion: That HCBC sponsor Vicki (or someone from the Office) to take the Noah's Wish Course.

Moved/seconded MacKenzie/Huber

CARRIED

Zone Booths: A draw was held for one Zone to receive the first Zone Booth. Zone 4 won.

Harmonization and Equine Canada: John Platz

- A brief Synopsis was given by John Platz
- Historically, the board of Equine Canada struck a committee to look at membership issues
- Need to get together with a large committee
- Vel Evans facilitated the meetings
- Bottom line: You cannot saddle one part of the organization with all of the costs
- Halifax ED Meeting response given by Vicki Pauze who attended the meeting: group would like to present reports, concerns, not just the financial ones. Rule changing is a big issue. Where do most of our members come from? Only a small percentage is competing at the National level.
- Wrap Up on Proposal: Need to look into the restructuring and how EC and the Provinces will work together. Lots of questions.

BOD 1003-3 Motion: Move a formal Vote of Confidence in the Staff and the service they provide for Horse Council

Moved/seconded Huber/Lalonde

CARRIED

BOD 1003-4 Motion: Moved that Jan Mansfield will cover the Banquet and AGM for Horse Sport Magazine

Moved/seconded James/Fletcher

CARRIED

BOD 1003-5 Motion for Adjournment at 11:50 Moved/seconded James/Dragan

CARRIED