



Minutes of the Annual General MEETING (approved)

Sunday, October 23, 2005, Ramada Inn, Abbotsford, BC.

1. Meeting called to order at 8:09 am

Chairperson: Dr. Sue Thompson

Recorded: Lisa Laycock

Announcement of Quorum: 25 board members in attendance

Present:	Ellen Hockley	Steven Dubas	Bob James	Carolyn Farris
	Dorothy Kirby	Ken Huber	Glen Dragan	Gary Patterson
	Orville Smith	Alf Fletcher	June Lalonde	Gord MacKenzie
	Susan Thompson	Jane James	Barb Schmidt	Brenda Driediger
	Christine Hassell	Sarah Bradley	Shirley Pederson	Berit Turner
	Dorothy-Jean McIvor	Linda Dieno	Wendy Christoff	Ron Nicholls
	Barb Barbour	Basil Bactawar	Vicki Pauze	Lisa Laycock

Absent:	Kathy Ackles	Terre O'Brennan	Linda Warnock	Isabel Pritchard
	Sharon Hall	Fran McAvity	Karen Ashby	

2. **Acceptance of the Agenda:** The agenda was accepted with the following additions under New Business:

11.1 New Staff Person

11.2 Nomination Committee

Motion #AGM-10/23/05-1: Moved that the agenda be accepted the above addition.

Moved / seconded by Gary Patterson/Gord MacKenzie

Carried

3. **Motion #AGM-10/23/05-2:** Moved to approve the minutes of Annual General Meeting from October 17, 2004.

Moved / seconded by Berit Turner/Glen Dragan

Carried

4. Chair's Remarks: Susan thanked the staff for the great banquet, told the group she will try to move the meeting along for those need to leave.
5. Financial Report, Gary Patterson: The auditors report will be done when he arrives at 9:30
6. Presidents Report, Susan Thompson: report in the board book
7. Office Reports:
 - 7.1 Treasurers Report, Gary Patterson: report in the board book
 - 7.2 VP Competitions, Alf Fletcher: report in the board book
Some discussion took place about the Drug and Medication procedure. Wendy Christoff told the group about the proposed rule change for the schoolmasters posted on the Equine Canada website dressagecanada.org. The form can be downloaded, filled out and sent in.

7.3 VP Education, Dorothy Kirby: report in the board book

7.4 VP FEI Discipline: position currently vacant no report

7.5 VP Industry, Ellen Hockley:

Ellen reported nothing shocking happen right now. The current brand inspection is only good for 72 hours, not a year as it was previously. This change happened when the program switched from government to private management. Ellen will suggest going back to the longer permit.

7.6 VP Recreation, Jeff Beckly: no report

7.7 Past President, Ken Huber: report in the board book

5. **Financial Report:** Financial Statement and audit report included in the board book. Scott Webster arrived are reviewed the Financial Statement and auditors report with the Board of Directors. He reminded the directors the audit meets the GAAP requirements. Scott answered questions from the directors.

Motion #AGM-10/23/05-3: Moved that Horse Council retain Scott Webster as the auditor for the next fiscal year.

Moved / seconded by Gary Patterson/Alf Fletcher
Carried

7.8 Office Report "The Year in Review": report in the board book

We have become a great resource for the membership and province. Which is great but has created some staffing issues. If a new staff person were hired, this person would have to proficient in data entry and the monitor forums. We need to develop existing staff with the focus on marketing.

Sport BC – Legacy is still spending only the interest from the Calgary Olympics. Sport is focusing on recreation. The goal is to grow participation levels in sport 20% by 2010. To Horse Council this translates to a target on 3,700. We will have no problem meeting these numbers.

The new \$10 membership option for the remained of 2005 membership when they purchase their 2006 membership is ongoing. This has been successful in encouraging new members to join.

Provincial Division has been talking about helmet laws. Making it mandatory for juniors to wear helmets except in vaulting has been proposed. The discussion continued.

Motion #AGM-10/23/05-4: Moved that Horse Council BC support the mandatory junior helmet rule for juniors except vaulting.

Moved / seconded by Ken Huber/Sarah Bradley
Carried

Attendance at the Western Heritage is way down. A discussion about Western Heritage continued.

Wendy Christoff spoke about the Summer Games: She has spoke with Sharon Hall who has put a plan together to make it easier for the smaller zones to host reining

qualifiers. The Dressage level has dropped from a 2nd level down to 1st level test 3 or 4.

8. Zone Reports: Included in board book all 8 zone reports:

Zone 4 added an update on the Burns Bog fire. The emergency action plan was discussed.

9. Affiliate reports: Berit Turner was applauded for her service to HCBC, as this is the end of her term as a director.

All Arabian Horse Association, Brenda Driediger: no report
-New website is aaha.bc.com
-2006 National will at Thunderbird first week of August

American Saddlebred Horse Association of BC, Glen Dragan: report in the board book

Back Country Horsemen, Isabel Pritchard: no report

BC Carriage Driving Society, Ellen Hockley: report in the board book

BC Competitive Trail Riders, Linda Warnock: no report

BC Hunter Jumper Association, Fran McAvity: report in the board book

BC Quarter Horse Association, Carolyn Farris: report in the board book

BC Therapeutic Riding Association, Jane James: report in the board book

BC Welsh Pony & Cob Association, Ken Huber: no report

CADORA BC Association, Berit Turner: report in the board book

Draft Horse & Mule Association of BC, Kathy Ackles: no report

Endurance Riders Association of BC, Terre O'Brennan: report in the board book

Equestrian Vaulting Association of BC, Barb Schmidt: report in the board book

Barb added to her report:

- Two FEI vaulting Coaches who are willing to go to any zone.
- Purchasing 2 surcingles to loan out to help develop the grassroots of the vaulting program.

Horse Trials BC, Sarah Bradley: report in the board book

11. Other Business

11.1 New Staff Position: It is felt that an additional staff person is required. Bob James told the group this should be dealt with at the board of directors meeting

Motion #AGM-10/23/05-5: Moved that to accept the actions of the executive committee.

Moved / seconded by Bob James/Sarah Bradley
Carried

11.2 Nomination Committee:

Motion #AGM-10/23/05-6: Moved that Section 15, Part VI be interpreted that one V.P. can chair both FEI and Competition provided the individual is qualified.

Moved / seconded by nominating committee/Sarah Bradley
Carried

Motion #AGM-10/23/05-7: Moved that the motion to limit terms of office for executive positions is not retroactive and starts 2003

Moved / seconded by nominating committee/June Lalonde
1 opposed
Carried

Motion #AGM-10/23/05-8: Moved to conclude the meeting (9:30 am)

Moved / seconded by Berit Turner/Sarah Bradley
Carried