

Horse Council of British Columbia
27336 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove BC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (Approved)
Sunday, October 17, 2004, Langley Banquet Centre, Aldergrove B.C.

1. Meeting called to order at 9:08 am

Chairperson: Dr. Sue Thompson

Recorded: Lisa Laycock

2. Announcement of Quorum

Present: June LaLonde	Alf Fletcher	Glen Dragan	Brenda Driediger
Sharon Hall	Charles Moon	Dianne Klick	Dorothy-Jean McIvor
Ellen Hockley	Bob James	Susan Thompson	Vern Kaiser
Kathy Ackles	Steven Dubas	Ken Huber	Jan Mansfield
Isabel Pritchard	Linda Dieno	Christine Hassell	Wendy Christoff
Karen Ashby	Maureen Walters	Gary Patterson	Gayle Pawley Wilson
Jeff Beckley	Georgia Fontaine	Sarah Bradley	Gord MacKenzie
Basil Bactawar	Vicki Pauze	Lisa Laycock	

Absent: Berit Turner
Davina Kerr
Mark Rothenbusch

Barb Schmidt
Fran McAvity
Carol Cody

Shirley Peterson
Jan Systad
Susan Harrison

Dorothy Kirby
Linda Warnock
Jane James

3. Our Chair welcomed all and made introductions. Sue called the meeting to order at 8:09 and asked for any additions or changes to the agenda of which there were none. Susan remarked on the great banquet, and reminded the group that volunteers are needed for the 25th Anniversary.

Motion #AGM-1005-1: Moved to accept the agenda:

Moved / seconded by Karen Ashby/ Bob James

Carried

4. **Business arising from the minutes:** none

5. **Reports:**

Treasurer's Report (Georgia Fontaine):

Georgia Fontaine announced that the auditor Scott Webster would be offering his report when he arrived. Georgia answered question regarding line items in the year to date financial statements. Staff travel was up because of the harmonization project.

Motion #AGM-1005-2: Moved to accept that Horse Council retain Scott Webster as the auditor for the next fiscal year:

Moved / seconded by Georgia Fontaine/ June LaLonde

Carried

It was recommended with regards to the changing of the fiscal year end that a ballot should be sent out to the membership.

President's Report (Susan Thompson):

- The new equestrian corridor, and improving road safety is still a huge local concern we need a body at the council meetings to voice the issues affecting the equestrians.
- A new website is coming, a graphic designer will be hired for that project. The Para Data system will be up running for the next membership season. Thank you to Colin Schmidt who gave his time and money to rescue us with the new database.

Steven Dubas added that many of the Zones are dealing with similar issues like road safety, and the information is not getting out to the directors. We need to share information on issues and solutions. Bob James stated the Executive does not always know what is happening in each area, often projects are not reported on until they are complete. Karen Ashby added that many of these issues will be solved with a more interactive website. The discussion continued

Auditor's Report (Scott Webster): see report attached:

Scott told the group that the Auditors Report represents an opinion as to the financial position of the organization as of March 31, 2004.

1. Statement of Financial Position: H.C.B.C.'s net assets are up year ending March 31 /04 at \$95,239. This leaves Horse Council in a better financial position than the previous year.
2. Statement of Operation: This statement shows how we got to this position, and we have found the increase in equity due mainly to an increase in membership dues, Director expenses, & external service went down. There was and more spent on members support.
3. Statement of Changes in Net Assets: The statement reconciles the Balance Sheet and Income Statement, breaking out the restricted funds, capital assets and operating capital.

Scott Macdonald then answered question from the floor.

Motion #AGM-1005-3: Moved to adopt the Audited Financial Statements

Moved / seconded by Alf Fletcher/ Dianne Klick

Carried

VP Horse Industry Report (Ellen Hockley):

Please take the time to go through the information package you received at the previous meeting on the Equine ID program. The next meeting will be in November participation is encouraged. The program is viable but if we want it to be workable now is the time to consider the program and contribute. There is more information available on the Equine Canada website.

Year In Review (Directors received a CD at the previous meeting) Power Point Video presentation was given narrated by Vicki Pauze some of the highlights included:

- Membership numbers are up
- Coaches down, the number of coaches staying current is down. We need to connect with them and see what they want in the program.
- Competitions new competition package are very complete, not as many response forms come back as we would like.
- BC Summer Games was a great success, thank you to Sharon, Wendy and the office.
- Horse Week was the first week in June and was a disappointment. EC was very late getting the information out, too late for the clubs to organize events, Cover-All was willing to cover the cost of a clinic in a Cover-All arena. Board members can encourage the members, club and competitions to report.

- Ride & Drive is a new recreational rewards program in 2004 with 63 participants.
- Equine Canada convention; good things came out of the convention; the seminars were not well attended.
- H.C.B.C. on the Road, it is important to be present at these events
- Sea Horse Club, Jan Mansfield is heading up a new volunteer initiative to help in the office.

Gord MacKenzie thanked Vicki for presentation and Alf Fletcher for the equipment to make it possible.

Zone 7 Report (Dianne Klick and Christine Hassell):

The Western Coaching update was held in Zone 7. 30 people attended which was not as much as they would have liked, but was considered very successful.

Vern Kaiser stated the coaching program is very antiquated, and the changes are not available on the Equine Canada or Horse Council websites. Sue Thompson told the group that it will not get better this year. We are in a year of transition and the new CBET Module is being designed Susan Thompson and Maureen Walter will be writing a better description and make it available.

VP Education Report (Maureen Walters):

Maureen Walters told the board that Wendy Sewell will be the new provincial coordinator for English Coaching. It will be much better to have one person looking after it all.

6. Old Business

Constitution

The new Constitution is now in place.

Fiscal Year End

Motion #AGM-1005-4: Moved that Horse Council of BC's Constitution amended July 2004 be changed;

Change Part VIII Fiscal Year

Sec 26. The fiscal year of the Society shall be April 1st - March 31st
be changed to read:

Sec 26. The fiscal year of the Society shall be January 1st – December 31st

Moved / seconded by Ken Huber/ Linda Dieno

Carried

Concern about making the March board meeting the A.G.M. were raised. Georgia Fontaine explained the need to have the AGM close to the fiscal year end so timely management decision can be made. Ken Huber added that the March meeting usually well attended so it should work well.

Motion # AGM-1005-5: Moved that the Constitution motion regarding fiscal year end be distributed to the membership before the March Board Meeting for counting.

Moved / seconded by Ken Huber/ Linda Dieno

Carried

Motion # AGM-1005-6: Moved that the meeting be adjourned (10:58 am)

Moved / seconded by Alf Fletcher/Karen Ashby

Carried