

HORSE COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
27336 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove BC

MINUTES of the **Annual General Meeting** held Sunday, June 16, 2002 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	Brenda Driediger	Berit Turner	Susan Dewar

CHAIRMAN: Ken Huber

RECORDER: Pam Hinton

At 9:00 am, 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.

- o we have to grow into a new mindset.
- o get beyond the stigma of an elitist hobby
- o 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 and Minutes of November 4, 2001

The agenda was adopted with the following additions:

- [8.1] National Meeting
- [8.2] AGM date change
- [8.3] Length of time for 2002/2003 Directors

Moved/seconded (Fletcher/Harrison) to accept the amended agenda.

Carried

Moved/seconded (LaLonde/Cooper) to adopt the minutes of November 4, 2001 as circulated

Carried

5. Financial Reports

[5.1] Audited Financial Statement

As the Audited report had been presented by the Auditor, Scott Webster, the previous evening, Gord MacKenzie briefly spoke to the statement. There were no questions.

[5.2] Appointment of Auditor

Motion: Moved that HCBC appoint Webster and Associates as our Auditor for the 2002/2003 fiscal year.

Moved/seconded (MacKenzie/Harrison) to accept the motion

Carried

[5.3] Membership fees for 2002/2003

Gord MacKenzie spoke to the motion of the previous evening stating that the 2003 membership fees remain at the present levels as follows:

Junior	\$ 25.00
Senior	\$ 30.00
Family	\$ 75.00
Clubs	\$ 50.00
Corporate	\$ 50.00
Affiliates	\$125.00

The only difference being that out of country members would be given an option as to whether or not they would like copies of the monthly PHJ. If they wanted it they would pay an additional \$20.00 surcharge to cover the extra mailing costs. The motion was carried.

6. Officers' Reports

[6.1] Horse Industry (Ellen Hockley)

Ellen's report is on p. 44 of the Annual Report. She had nothing to add

[6.2] Competition (Alf Fletcher)

Alf's report is on p. 40 of the Annual Report. Alf added that there was a positive drug test at the Thunderbird season opener.

Susan Harrison was asked to speak about the BC Summer Games. She stated that both she and Vicki Pauze had made a presentation at a Sport BC meeting and have since received a letter stating that some equine sports will be included in the 2004 BC Summer Games. Three events will be competing, Dressage, Reining and Show Jumping. Only 17 and 18 year olds will be allowed to compete. The purpose of the Games is "sports for younger athletes to have an experience before going on to the Provincial and National level. It will also be an experience for coaches and officials". She also stated that we could best be successful with a revised age and activity, but this is a starting point. There will be a full report in the Pacific Horse Journal. She thanked Vicki for helping her out and Alf thanked Susan for her work on the BC Summer Games.

[6.3] Recreation (Bob James)

Bob's report is on p41 of the Annual Report. Bob had nothing to add.

[6.4] Education (Susan Harrison)

Susan's report is an addendum to the Annual Report. Susan added that the English and Western programs are both healthy. They both have inclusion and are moving forward well.

[6.5] FEI Disciplines (Karen Ashby)

Karen's report is on p42 of the Annual Report. Karen was absent.

7. Zone and Affiliate Reports

Zone 1 – report is on p53 of the Annual Report. Joanne Rooke added that Charles Moon is a new Director. They have a full executive of very keen people.

Zone 2 - report is on p55 of the Annual Report. June LaLonde added that they bought two chairs on behalf of the Zone.

Zone 3 - report is an addendum to the Annual Report. Simon Rosenman added that the existing Executive was reelected. Dr Own gave an excellent speech at their first meeting.

Zone 4 - report is an addendum to the Annual Report. Susan Thompson reported that road signage is ongoing. They are trying to get a rescue sling for horses. They funded four coaches to attend the High Performance Athlete seminar.

Zone 5 - report is on p56 of the Annual Report. Both Danny Bland and Karen Ashby were absent.

Zone 6 – no report. Susan Harrison stated that they continue to fund a variety of requests in many disciplines. They have moved towards “marrying” within the Zone. Bob James stated that they have given cheques somewhat of a media effect by personally presenting them to a group, rather than just mail a cheque. They are trying to get out to the groups.

Zone 7 - report is on p57 of the Annual Report. Diane Klick added that they gave three people \$100.00 each to help cover travel costs to attend the Western Conference. There were ten people at the Zone meeting and now, for the first time, they have a VP Education and a VP Recreation. The Zone would like to purchase one chair

Zone 8 - report was “lost in cyber space”. Steven Dubas stated that he has been working with the City of Prince George re school Pro D day activities. It has been very successful. The snowmobile club and horse people are trying to develop cooperation between the groups in the development of trails. There is a need for a horsemanship focus clinic. Wendy Cooper stated that the Zone meeting was held in Dawson Creek this year, not in Prince George. They now have a secretary on the executive. Ellen Czasban is from Dawson Creek. There is a new Gymkhana Club in the outer Prince George area.

American Saddlebred Horse Assoc. of BC – no report. Glen Dragan stated that they are busy, they have new members and are going forward.

BC Quarterhorse Assoc.- report is on p59 of the Annual Report. Gayle Pawley-Wilson added that the AQHA can now have more than one ride in BC. She has tried to get better communication with BCQHA and HCBC. There is a need to get communication broader – need more backing.

There has been an ongoing lawsuit for many years and a Ruling has now been made that embryo transfer foals will be recognized by the AQHA, meaning “any foals produced by embryo transfer technique, since the reproductive technique was approved in 1980, are eligible for AQHA registration, as long as all other registration rule are satisfied”.

BCQHA is using the Saddle Up Publication for advertising as a way of communicating with its members.

Western Canadian Reining Assoc. – report is an addendum to the Annual Report. Sharon Hall reported that the reiners are competing nationally and internationally. Italy – Silver 2001, New Jersey – Gold 2001, Germany – Gold 2001. She also thanked Susan and Vicki for their work regarding the BC Summer Games.

BC Therapeutic Riding Assoc. – report is on p58 of the Annual Report and Jane James had nothing to add.

Back Country Horsemen of BC – no report. Gord MacKenzie reported that they are fairly active. The membership seems to have stalled at 500 members and they are actively trying to increase the membership. They are looking to education and several members are actively monitoring government issues. The AGM was combined with the Rendezvous with 210 members were present.

BC Draft & Mule – no report. Ellen Hockley stated that it is not too active, but in Zones the groups are active. Provincial Executive is there to help and assist.

BC Carriage Driving – report is an addendum to the Annual Report. Dennis Waller stated that events are picking up.

BC Welsh Pony and Cob Assoc. – no report. Ken Huber reported that they now have their own website – www.bcwelshponyassociation.com. The AGM was held in Williams Lake (a good venue). There are 125 members with a number of active groups.

- o Sport Pony – Canadian pony bred from Welsh pony
- o Promoting ponies – fun, enjoyment

BC Hunter/Jumper – no report. Susan Dewar was absent

Equestrian Vaulting Association of BC – report is on p61 of the Annual Report. Barb Schmidt was absent.

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

BC Competitive Trail Riders Assoc. – report is an addendum to the Annual Report. Ava Haw was absent.

Cadora BC – no report. Berit Turner was absent.

Arabian Horse Assoc. of BC – no report. Brenda Driediger was absent.

Western Coaching - report is an addendum to the Annual Report. Carol Walton was absent.

Driving Coaching – no report.

English Coaching – report is an addendum to the Annual Report. Wendy Christoff had nothing to add.

Horse Trials BC – report is on p60 of the Annual Report. Sarah Bradley was absent.

BC Team Cattle Penning – no report. Bryn Jones was absent.

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

8. **Other Business**

[8.1] **National Meeting to be held in 2004**

There has been a suggestion that Equine Canada’s AGM be held in BC in 2004.

- o What is the national image to those in BC?
- o Huge spin offs
- o Equine Canada covers the cost

Motion: Moved that HCBC host the 2004 Equine Canada AGM.

Moved/seconded (Christoff/Klick) to accept the motion. Carried

[8.2] **The AGM meeting date for next year**

Motion: Moved that the AGM be moved to October from June.

Moved/seconded (Dragan/Harrison) to accept the motion. Carried

[8.3] **Length of time for 2002/2003 Directors**

Motion: Moved that the 2002 incoming directors be in office until October 2003.

Moved/seconded (James/Fletcher) to accept the motion. Carried

9. **Moved/seconded to adjourn at 11:35 am (LaLonde/Glenn)**