



Zone 6 Annual General Meeting
Cowichan Exhibition Park, 7380 Island Hwy, Duncan, BC V9L 5Z7
Sunday February 28, 2016

Meeting called to order at: 1pm

Chairperson: Susan Harrison

Recorded By: Dorothy Kirby/Susan Harrison

Zone members present: Susan Harrison, Todd Lefebure, Dorothy Kirby, Len Kirby, Sheila Skene, Melinda Minkley, Selena Pellizzari, Maureen Pearse, Lorne Pearse, Helen James, Tony James, Kathy Jackson, Bev Mathieson, Carra Berglund, Audrey Siewert, Anne Muir, Jennifer Brownlow, Carol-Ann Rolls, Rupert Koyote, Katharina Dittus

Others present: Mike King, CAIB – Capri Insurance

1. Agenda Item: Call to order, Introductions and Attendance

Mike King assisted in the door prize draw. HCBC First Aid Kit: winner – Audrey Siewert, Chicken Soup for the Horse Lovers Soul: winner – Selena Pellizzari

2. Agenda Item: Insurance presentation.

Mike gave a 90 minute informative presentation on Equine Insurance focussing primarily on the HCBC member program. Topics included clarifying the difference between Liability coverage, Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage, and Disability coverage. Mike answered questions pertaining to Vaulting, Pony Club, Driving and the exposure of property owners as well as the use of “waivers” which are more accurately referred now to as “Acknowledgment of Risk”. He made it clear that Horse Council has absolutely no role in the conversation regarding coverage. All enquiries need to be directed to the broker Capri Insurance. The membership has access to insurance products as part of a Provincial Equestrian collective. He commended Horse Council and Pony Club on education programs and recommended that all provinces follow Ontario’s lead in making helmets a legal requirement. He pointed out that there are 4 webinars on Insurance available through HCBC. He also referenced the Risk Management manual which is also available through the Capri website and the HCBC website.

Action item: Susan to recommend to Board to support any legislation that might lead to strict helmet law.

3. Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2015 AGM -

Motion #1 to accept minutes as circulated.

Moved/seconded by: Todd Lefebure, Len Kirby

Carried

4. Agenda Item: Business Arising

Concerns re: Drive Canada still ongoing. Review did not accomplish what we had hoped. However with structural changes coming there is hope that improvements will start. Currently a recommendation to

consider a trial period of easing some restrictions regarding use of EC officials. There has been no growth in the number of EC approved competitions or EC approved officials. HCBC program is strong.

5. Agenda Item: Report on funding approvals

Susan explained new requirement to use all but \$1500.00 in Zone account within the calendar year. We were successful in doing this. She reported on the list of clubs or individuals who benefited in 2015. BC Carriage Driving, Barrell Racing Group, West Coast Vaulters, Sooke Saddle Club, BC Competitive Trail Riders, Powell River Therapeutic Association, Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association, Silver Spur Saddle Club, 3 Individuals travelling to National or International Competition. Nature of requests includes footing upgrade, volunteer training, clinic support, travel support, marketing support.

Susan outlined the different Grant Programs available to member s and member clubs. Stressed importance of accessing information on the website. Some programs had end dates and some were ongoing until funds spent .

6. Agenda Item:

a) Zone 6 notables

2015 Alf Fletcher Youth Sportsmanship award Zone 6: Madison Paquette, Sidney, BC

2015 HCBC Horse of the Year: Wallabee owner Jolene Benham

Honorary Lifetime Membership: Dorothy Kirby

b) BC Summer Games

Susan spoke about the unique opportunity and experience of a multi sport Games. She reminded everyone of deadline for qualifying and referred them to Ali and the website for technical info and show dates. As well she pointed out that the 2018 Games would be back on the Island in the Cowichan Valley.

c) Equine Canada update

Susan reported on the restructuring process with the upcoming AGM the beginning of the process of governance revision. Susan is now Category B (PTSO's) voting member. One of nine from PTSO's. HCBC also has Gord McKenzie represented as a voting member. We are quite hopeful that the changes will result in a more transparent and accountable National Sport Organization that will serve the Equestrian community effectively.

d) Election: Dorothy Kirby is our outgoing director. We had one nomination from Selena Pellizzari. Her bio is attached. She is a very suitable candidate and was elected by acclamation.

e) Final announcements.

Susan referenced the recent SPCA seizures. She recommended that all members identify officers in their area and let them know that HCBC has resources that may assist them and that Kelly at the office is an excellent resource.

Susan also referenced recent discussions around access to trails more notably the paving of trails. HCBC is able to support local organizations and municipalities with information regarding equines and trails use.

Sheila reported that Jayne Essig is a new resident of Zone 6 in Nanoose Bay and is a Dressage judge.

7. Agenda Item: Adjournment – 3:30pm