

Canadian Connemara Pony Society
Annual General Meeting
July 25, 2008

Present: Melanie White, Jocelyn Davies, Bridget Wingate, Heather Sherratt, Michael Colgan, Lesley Colgan, Doris Jacobi, Margot Watson, Susan MacDougall, Phillip Scott (guest) Rita Rawston, Cheryl Miller, Penny Huggons.

1) President's Welcome & Remarks – Heather Sherratt welcomed everyone to the 3rd Annual Canadian Connemara Pony Society. She said it was a rather slow year, but we are gradually getting organized. The website is getting updated, Chris Carey and Penny Huggons are gathering news to be included regularly on the website. Jenny Smythe is going to the ICCPS meeting in Clifden, Ireland this year and has graciously offered to be the Canadian Representative.

Heather also mentioned the ICCPS Vet Inspection Form that is currently being looked at and will be discussed at the upcoming ICCPS meeting. Right now it doesn't clarify what the vet is required to do exactly, especially regarding the soundness area (i.e. it is similar to a pre-purchase exam). Many are currently worried that fewer ponies will be inspected due to the cost of such an exam.

Another topic to be discussed in Clifden at the ICCPS meeting is registration of prefixes and farm names. They will be discussing future rules for naming that will affect the registered names of all Connemara ponies. The Irish do not want a word used in a prefix or farm name to be used as part of any other pony's name. Many countries think this could cause problems.

2) Reading and Approval of 2007 Minutes – Jocelyn Davies read the 2007 minutes. Jocelyn proposed that the minutes be accepted as read. Susan MacDougall moved that they be accepted and Lesley Colgan seconded the motion.

3) Treasurer's Report – Margot Watson passed out two Statements to everyone at the meeting. – one for year ending December 31st and the second one ending June 30th. She explained that there are two different bank accounts, the account for dealing with CLRC matters and our General Account.

As of December 31, 2008 we had a combined cash balance of \$3,625.02, with an accounts payable owing to CLRC for December Fees of \$310.25. Margot proposed accepting the December 31 Statement as read/presented. Susan MacDougall moved to accept the Statement and Bridget Wingate seconded the motion.

As of June 30, 2008 our combined cash balance of \$3,296.99 with an accounts payable of \$162.57 for CLRC June fees owing. Margot moved that we accept the June 30th Statement as presented. Doris Jacobi seconded the motion.

CLRC - It was discussed how the payments went into our bank account and how CLRC sometimes had a delay pending completion of the registration before taking the payment out of the CLRC bank account as fees. It was also mentioned that our fees were very low in comparison to other breed associations that CLRC also represents. We decided we needed to reduce some of our expenses and raise some of our fees.

Starting January 2009, we agreed to increase our CCPS fee structure as follows:

Registration (including DNA) from \$65.00 to \$75.00

Registration (excluding DNA) from 20.00 to \$30.00

Permanent Registration for mares from \$20.00 to \$25.00

Stallions will remain at \$250.00

Duplicate Certificates from \$0.00 to \$25.00

Transfers will remain at \$20.00

Transfers at time of registration will remain at \$20.00

Herd name registration will remain at \$25.00

Membership fees will be changed as follows:

Adult ship - \$35.00

Junior - \$15.00

Associate - \$20.00,

Non-resident - \$20.00.

Stallion Reports – We decided that CLRC fees for stallion reports were too expensive but that keeping stallion reports was a good idea and they should be mailed to the CCPS Secretary to be kept for reference purposes only. Heather to obtain stallion report sheet.

Inspection for Stallions – It was decided that stallions be inspected if they only have a temporary registration. However, none of their foals can be registered until permanent registration is obtained and there is no back registration of their foals.

Margot moved that the changes for fee structure be accepted, Susan seconded the motion.

4) Report of Regional Chairs

Susan MacDougall – Pacific Region - Susan said the Irish Extravaganza was the Pacific Regions biggest event which was going to be happening the weekend of this Annual Meeting. Also, thanks to Melanie offering her facility at the last minute and also to Margot for helping organize, they were going to be able inspect 10 ponies! Philip Scott the judge for the Irish Extravaganza agreed to help inspect the ponies and with the coordinating of funds from the owners, Pacific Region and National Society they were able to pull it off.

The Irish Extravanza may need to look at a new facility and also make some changes for next year. This year it was found that fewer Americans were coming to the show and entries were down. Possibly rather than going with the Irish Draught Society, we could have a Mountain & Moorland show. It was thought that possibly each region should organize a Mountain & Moorland show or sponsor a Mountain & Moorland Class in an existing pony show.

Penny Huggons – Prairie Region - Penny commented on how well some of our Connemaras in the Prairie Region were doing at the shows. Rills Finnian was the Pony Hunter champion at the A Circuit Edmonton Northlands Horse Show. He is also the pony with the most points on the ASJA Pony Medal standings for 2008. Rills Fergus has a new owner that is thrilled with him... he was in the ribbons at the Beaumont Eventing Show in June this year. Bantry Bay Dillon was Reserve Champion Jumper at the Caledonia Show at Amberlea this past May as well. There is also a Rising Sun gelding in Saskatchewan that is doing very well in pony club and local competition.

Penny also mentioned that the Prairie with the Pacific region is getting busy organizing their team for Team Connemara at the Battle of the Breeds competition at Spruce Meadows. Bridget Wingate is our team captain again this upcoming year and it looks like we will have a nice competitive team.

Rick Doner – Central Region – No report from Rick as things have been very quiet in the East. Heather mentioned that Rick & Dale purchased a nice new stallion prospect last year and has had one foal this year by Wildwych Eclipse.

5) Report and discussion on Inspections Program – Presented by Heather Sherratt Full details will be on our website. Premium mares need an inspection score of 75% or more. There will be no “premium” stallions, however they will be eligible for the “Elite” program. The Elite program will be similar to the British system which combines progeny and performance. This elite program will be promoted in our newsletter & website for our members.

Trainee Inspectors – need to decide on an appropriate training program.. One idea was the Judy Wardrope conformation clinic and also her on line course.

Heather moved that we accept the inspection forms and program as it is, with a resolution that it can be improved/changed in the future as required. Margot seconded the motion.

6) Awards Program – Presented by Doris Jacobi Doris explained the new Awards Program. All members/owners of ponies in the Awards Program will have to be made aware of the new rules through the Newsletter and website. It is also important for breeders/owners to send a copy of the new program when selling a pony so that the new owners will continue with the program and continue to accumulate points for the pony. NOTE: To be eligible to accumulate points owners must be members of the CCPS.

Lifetime Awards – Sponsors are needed. Heather will talk to Dale for the Eastern region. Michael Colgan volunteered for the Pacific Region and the west will ask Elsie Priddy for the Prairie Region.

Purebred Performance Award was awarded to Balius Cardia, Owner: Melanie White. Lynfield Cormac MacCarthy Award was awarded to Rills Carrick Fergus, owner at time of points – Elsie Priddy.

7) Web Page – Presented by Susan MacDougall

Web Page – Contracts for the webpage are in the process of being signed now. Cost for Webpage upgrade is \$800.00 to Tracy Dopko. Other annual costs are \$200 paid semi-annually, July & January. Domain Name cost is \$200.00.

We are working on news for the webpage, lots of ideas!

Policies will be put on the webpage. Internet Policy needs to be amended to include Sponsorship advertisement.

8) Magazine/Newsletter – Report by Rick Doner, presented by Heather Sherratt

For the second Newsletter sent February 2008, 116 copies were sent out. Cost was significant. For the fall newsletter it was decided that only members would receive it (approx 50). It also will be downloadable off of the website for those who want more copies. It should be only part colour with mostly black & white to keep the cost down.. Sponsorship is a way also to help with the cost. We should include basic information in the newsletter, such as AGM minutes, awards program, farm news, etc.

There was a suggestion we could have an Annual magazine similar to the English Chronicle, listing stallions, performance, farm advertising, lots of sponsors, etc. Michael Colgan volunteered to help organize the publication of this. Our plan is to put out our first publication in Fall of 2009. It is estimated that this will cost \$10.00 - \$15.00 per copy. All felt this would be a great way to keep a record of history of Connemaras in Canada. We have some very good articles of some wonderful Canadian ponies in the past that could be brought forward and published.

Poster – Margot and Susan to organize a CCPS poster. Something that we could download from the website for breed/promotional shows, etc.

9) Archives and historical Records for Society – Jennifer Smythe

No Report

10) Report on Arbitration Committee – Bridget Wingate

Bridget says she is happy to report there are no complaints at the moment.

11) CLRC – Report by Ron Black, Presented by Heather Sherratt

Ron Black wrote a report from the CLRC for the CCPS and Heather read his report. As of July 16th CCPS has 54 members, increase from 42 from 2007. We have 39 purebred ponies registered, 30 HB Ponies, and applications in progress for 25 additional animals. Already in 2008 there have been 21 transfers (mostly animals that were sold prior to being registered). Laura Lee Mills is the designated Registrar for Connemara Ponies.

Note: 2 photos are needed for “Purebred” permanent registration.

There is the 2009 CLRC Workshop and Annual Meeting in Toronto on April 25th 2009. We are encouraged to attend this meeting. We will ask Rick Doner to attend this.

13) Connemara Store – Val Everson, presented by Heather Sherratt

Val Everson is looking after this... so far nothing to sell. We discussed having orders go through our webpage through Tracy Dopko our Webmaster.

T-Shirts – Jocelyn mentioned that she had ordered some t-shirts from E:Bay that had a very good price and that maybe we could order on an as-need basis. She will look into this.

14) Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Board of Governors

There were 17 Votes received

15) Results of Elections for 2008

Pacific – Margot Watson – 17 votes

Prairie – Bridget Wingate – 17 votes

Central Region – Heather Sherratt – 17 votes.

It was proposed by Bridget Wingate that the ballots be destroyed. This was seconded by Susan MacDougall.

16) Appointment of Chair of Nominating Committee for 2009

Penny Huggons graciously accepted this appointment

17) Any other business – No other business was brought forward to discuss

18) Date and Place of AGM 2009 – Tentative place and date are Calgary, Alberta, early September (coordinated with the Spruce Meadows Masters Tournament and Battle of the Breeds. It is also hoped to plan more Alberta inspections at this time.

19) Meeting Adjourned - Penny motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 6:15 pm and Lesley Colgan seconded the motion.

CANADIAN CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY

COST SPREADSHEET

Transaction Type	Worst Case	Average Case	CCPS Basic Fee
Registrations (including DNA)	\$77.46	\$73.33	\$65.00
Registrations (excluding DNA)	\$23.85	\$19.72	\$20.00
New Certificates for Permanent Registration	\$21.00	\$16.87	\$20.00 (Mares) \$250.00 (Stallions)
Duplicate Certificates	\$14.63	\$10.69	\$0.00
Transfers	\$19.72	\$15.59	\$20.00
Transfers at time of Registration	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$20.00
Herd Name Registration	\$13.05	\$4.78	\$25.00
New Membership	\$11.45	\$11.45	\$10 to \$20
Membership Renewal (including invoice)	\$10.59	\$10.59	\$10 to \$20
Stallion Reports	\$1.59 per mare listed	\$1.59 per mare listed	- - - \$0

Notes:

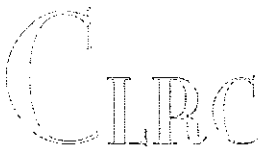
All figures above have been calculated to include the multiplier of 1.2, and GST, since the CCPS is not registered for GST and must absorb that cost.

The Worst Case figure is for cases where a single application is submitted, so the entire cost of the account entry (\$8.27) applies to that application.

At this point, we are seeing an average of 2 applications per account entry so the Average Case cost includes 50% of the account entry charge.

The costs are the same for registering animals over 6 months old or for non-members, or for transferring animals more than 6 months after the sale, so the extra fees charged by the CCPS in these cases all go to the CCPS.

Costs for registration, transfers, new certificates and duplicate certificates include the charge for photos or diagrams on the certificates. Costs for registrations include the charge for a duplicate copy for the Secretary.



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REPORT FROM CANADIAN LIVESTOCK RECORDS CORPORATION TO THE CANADIAN CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY

I am pleased to be able to report to the members of the Canadian Connemara Pony Society on behalf of Canadian Livestock Records Corporation on the occasion of your 2008 Annual Meeting in British Columbia.

Since the CCPS registry was put in place in the fall of 2007, we have now registered a total of 39 Purebred Ponies and 30 Halfbred Ponies, and have applications in progress for approximately 25 additional animals. Thus far in 2008, we have also recorded 21 transfers, most of them being for animals being registered that had been sold prior to being registered.

As of July 16th, the CCPS has 54 members for 2008, an increase from the 42 members in 2007. This total is comprised of 50 Annual Members, 1 Non-Resident Annual Members and 3 Junior Members.

Laura Lee Mills has been designated as the Registrar for Connemara Ponies.

Members are reminded that two photos of each pony are required Permanent Registration. We are finding that photos not being submitted is one of the major reasons for delay in processing registrations. Also, please be sure to send legible photocopies of the front and back of the ACPS certificates, either the permanent certificate or the temporary foal certificate for the animal being registered, if it is already registered in the American Connemara Pony Society, or the certificates for the sire and dam of an unregistered foal whose parents are ACPS registered. In addition, we require a copy of the DNA report from the U.S. for stallions that have been genotyped in the U.S.

The 2009 CLRC Workshop and Annual Meeting will be held in Toronto on April 25th. I would encourage the CCPS to appoint a voting representative to attend that meeting. In addition any other CCPS members are most welcome to attend as observers.

On behalf of all of us at CLRC, I extend my best wishes for a successful meeting and inspection in B.C.

Sincerely

Ron Black
General Manager
July 16, 2008



Canadian Connemara Pony Society
Statement of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements
for the six months ended June 30, 2008

	<u>CLRC Account Ottawa</u>	<u>General Account Aldergrove</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Cash Receipts			
Canadian Livestock Records Corp ("CLRC")			
Membership Dues			
Member	\$ 900.00	-	900.00
Associate	15.00	-	15.00
Junior	20.00	-	20.00
Total Membership Dues	<u>935.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>935.00</u>
Farm Name Registrations	25.00	-	25.00
Miscellaneous Income	16.88	-	16.88
Registrations - Purebreds	1,605.00	-	1,605.00
Registrations - Partbreds	400.00	-	400.00
Transfers	60.00	-	60.00
Unallocated/incomplete Registrations - at Dec 31/07	-1,865.00		
Unallocated/incomplete Registrations - at June 30/08	<u>2,011.50</u>	<u>146.50</u>	<u>146.50</u>
Contributions			
From Pacific, Prairie & Central Region	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-
Total Cash Receipts	<u>3,188.38</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,188.38</u>
Cash Disbursements			
CLRC Costs	2,544.22	-	2,544.22
Bank Charges	24.00	24.80	48.80
ICCPS Membership	-	92.41	92.41
Meeting Expenses (telephone conference call)	-	253.76	253.76
Newletter- net	-	577.22	577.22
Website Expenses	-	-	-
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>2,568.22</u>	<u>948.19</u>	<u>3,516.41</u>
Increase in cash	620.16	-948.19	-328.03
Cash in banks, December 31, 2007	1,966.21	1,658.81	3,625.02
Transfers between Accounts	<u>-1,400.00</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash in banks, June 30, 2008	<u>\$ 1,186.37</u>	<u>2,110.62</u>	<u>3,296.99</u>

Note:

As at June 30, 2008, the Society had accounts payable of 162.57 in respect of CLRC fees for June/08.



Canadian Connemara Pony Society
Statement of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements
 Year ended December 31, 2007

	CLRC Account Ottawa	General Account Aldergrove	TOTAL
Cash Receipts			
Canadian Livestock Records Corp ("CLRC")			
Membership Dues			
Member	\$ 820.00	-	820.00
Associate	45.00	-	45.00
Junior	20.00	-	20.00
Total Membership Dues	885.00	-	885.00
Farm Name Registrations	500.00	-	500.00
Unallocated Registrations- Not complete	1,865.00	-	1,865.00
Registrations - Purebreds	65.00	-	65.00
Registrations - Partbreds	75.00	-	75.00
Transfers	40.00	-	40.00
Contributions			
From Pacific, Prairie & Central Region	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
Donations	-	300.00	300.00
Total Cash Receipts	3,430.00	1,800.00	5,230.00
Cash Disbursements			
CLRC Costs	803.95		803.95
Bank Charges	159.84	36.80	196.64
ICCPs Membership	-	79.19	79.19
Logo Design	-	318.00	318.00
Website Expenses	-	207.20	207.20
Total Cash Disbursements	963.79	641.19	1,604.98
Increase in cash	2,466.21	1,158.81	3,625.02
Cash in banks, January 1, 2007	-	-	-
Transfers between Accounts	-500.00	500.00	0.00
Cash in banks, December 31, 2007	\$ 1,966.21	1,658.81	3,625.02

Note:

As at Dec 31, 2007, the Society had accounts payable of 310.25 in respect of CLRC fees for December.

Reviewed by: Melanie White
 CCPS Member

Melanie R White

Date:

July 21 / 2008

Report on the Newsletter “Canadian Connemara” 2008

The second newsletter of the CCPS was sent out in February 2008. 116 copies were sent to all known members and enthusiasts nationwide. The publication was well received and served to inform many of the activities of the Society, the achievements of the Connemaras in competition and farm news from the many contributors. The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter represented a significant investment by the CCPS but it was felt that the single mass mailing was important to stimulate interest and membership alike.

The purpose of the newsletter needs to be specifically thought through and a list of “must haves” would be greatly appreciated for subsequent publications. The next edition is slated for the fall of 2008 and will be sent to CCPS members only (approx 50). It will cover the news from the AGM/Extravaganza, farm news as space allows, classified ads, Society news etc.

The current plan is to share information between the website news coordinators (Chris & Penny) and myself to keep the appropriate information flowing through both avenues. I suggest that subsequent editions be part colour and part B&W and have advertising by outside companies e.g. Greenhawk, to help us finance the costs of production. All input regarding format and content is greatly appreciated. Margot can give the financial details of the newsletter spring 2008 edition.

Respectfully submitted

Rick Doner