

**Canadian Connemara Pony Society**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**10:10 a.m. October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010 – Elgin, P.Q.**

*Present:* Heather Sherratt, Bridget Wingate, Margot Watson, Christine Carey, Rick Doner, Doris Jacobi, Jenny Smythe, Violaine Fortin, Scott Longmire, Guylaine Caza and Eric Theroux.

**President's welcome and remarks – Heather Sherratt**

Heather welcomed those present and reported that the first 4 years have been devoted to building a democratic, functioning Society in accordance with the by-laws and Animal Pedigree Act. She felt that we now needed active representatives and committees from across the country to continue this work (report A attached).

**Minutes of 2009 Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 2009 AGM had been circulated, and were taken as read.

**Treasurer's Report – Margot Watson**

The Treasurer reported that from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009 the funds of the Society had remained substantially the same with a balance of \$1,179.77. In the period January 1<sup>st</sup> to October 2010 additional moneys from the stud fee auction and stallion directory had increased funds to \$3,391.74.

In view of the current financial state of Society, and current economic downturn, it was agreed that there would be no increase in the membership or registration fees for the coming year.

**Society Insurance**

A discussion took place on the advisability of the Society having insurance coverage for activities and the board members.

**Membership**

CLRC reported that there are currently 56 paid up members of the Society.

It was agreed that a committee be set up with representatives from each region to encourage new members. Elsie Priddy has agreed to chair this committee and Jen Brittain from Central has agreed to represent that region. A volunteer is needed from Pacific region. Suggested course of action:

- a) Check the CLRC web site and send reminders to all members who have not renewed as CLRC only sends out renewals to current members.
- b) Put together a membership package for new members to include brochure, breeders list, wrist band, newsletter and membership card.
- c) Try to encourage regional meetings.
- d) Look into regional fund raising.
- e) Send note to new owners of ponies with package etc.
- f) Maintain an u-to-date list of members from the CLRC website.

### **Nominating Committee – Penny Huggons**

Penny Huggons was not present. She suggested that there be more information in both the newsletter and on the web page as to the procedure for nominating board members. Penny also suggested that a bio of each nominee be included when ballots are sent out for voting.

### **Regional Reports**

Susan MacDougall reported that it had been a quiet year for the Pacific region. Penny Huggons reported an active year in the Prairie region which a booth at Spruce Meadows and many members out competing and having fun with their ponies. Rick Doner reported that some younger members were out eventing and competing in dressage, and that his stallion had been to driven and in hand classes. Some discussion took place on the possibility of putting on Pony Shows in each region to include other breeds and under 148 cm height ponies.

### **Historian**

Jenny Smythe gave some statistics on the Connemara breed in Canada. (Report I).

### **Inspections committee – Heather Sherratt**

As chairman of the inspection committee, Heather reported that in 2009, 27 ponies had been inspected across the country. Heather had made alterations to both the inspectors report form – now including a numerical assessment system, and to a fuller report to be given to the owners.

Any overrun on costs would be shared 50/50 between the region and the society.

### **Awards Committee – Doris Jacobi**

Doris reported that many ponies were competing successfully in dressage and horse trials. It was agreed that members competing a pony under its passport name different from its registered pony name, may include these results for awards.

Currently awards are given for discovery, bronze, silver and gold levels. It was agreed that Doris look into a platinum level with a higher points requirements, and hardware for such an award.

It was agreed that the deadline for submission of 2010 achievements be November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Web Page – Susan MacDougall**

Susan's report is attached at M. It was generally agreed that the web site is now easy to navigate. What is needed is more reports of activities from members to keep the site fresh. Penny had suggested show-casing winners of awards. It was also suggested that the blank "youth page" be changed to a photo gallery.

### **Promotions – Susan MacDougall**

Susan reported that the first stud fee auction was a success, and can be improved next year with an earlier start.

It was agreed that Susan be asked to check the prices of:

- a. Saddle pads with our logo.
- b. Baseball caps with our logo.

c. Stickers with our logo.  
The fees of \$10 and \$45 respectively would remain unchanged.

### **Newsletter – Rick Doner**

Rick reported that there had been 55 hard copies of the fall 2009 newsletter produced, and 50 of the 2010 spring edition.

It was agreed that the next newsletter be sent out by mail or e-mail in February 2011 which a deadline for copy of January 15<sup>th</sup>. A fall edition should come out in September and might be smaller and in black and white.

### **Canadian Livestock Records Corp.**

A report was received from Ron Black (attached). 19 ponies had been registered or transferred from January to October 6<sup>th</sup> in 2010 (36 Jan-Dec 2009).

### **Brood Mare Award**

The new brood mare award, presented by Doris Jacobi and Tom MacLochlainn, was awarded to Doris Jacobi for Lovely Lormount. “Keepers” of a plaque with a painted picture of the mare were given for both Doris and Tom.

### **Board Nominations**

Terms for Heather Sherratt, Margot Watson and Bridget Wingate had expired. All three had been nominated and seconded to stand for another 2-year term.

### **By-Law changes**

It was suggested by Bridget and Doris that the past president be on the board for the 2 year term following their presidency in the interests of continuity. It was also recommended that as there is likely to be only 3 regions in the foreseeable future, that an additional board member from each region be elected. After some discussion, it was agreed that this process be started.

### **2011 Annual General Meeting**

It is the turn of the Pacific region to host the next AGM. Margot suggested that this meeting be held in conjunction with the Mane Event is being held in Chilliwack, B.C. in October 2011.

### **Other Business**

It was agreed that there be an article in both the newsletter and on the web page encouraging members to submit applications for the Battle of the Breeds team, which can include registered half-breds.

### **Adjournment**

There being no other business, it was proposed by Doris and seconded by Margot that the meeting close at 4:12 p.m.