

CANADIAN CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY

AGM September 8th 2012

Present: Bridget Wingate, Elsie Priddy, Margot Watson, Penny Huggons, Susan MacDougall, Jocelyn Davies.

E-mail: Scott Longmire, Janet Rowe, Violaine Fortin, Shirley Sauve, Jennifer Brownlow, Heather Sherratt, Rick Doner, Chris Carey on September 26, 2012.

The meeting commenced at 5:30 p.m. at Caffe Crema, Calgary, Alberta.

1. Presidents Welcome

Bridget Wingate welcomed those present. She reported that the committees were working well and that membership was between 60-70. Two newsletters had been put out during the year. The most urgent matter at the moment was the Hoof Wall Separation Syndrome which is to be discussed at the American Society meeting in October.

2. Reading of 2011 Minutes

The minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting were taken as read as they had been printed in the spring newsletter and were on the web site. The minutes were approved by those present.

3. Treasurers Report

Margot Watson reported that as of December 31st 2011 there was a balance in the accounts of \$5,812. At June 30th 2012 the balance was \$6,900. One or two items remain to be paid (see attached statements).

4. Region Reports:

- i. Central - Rick Doner reported a number of members such as Lee Taylor in Dressage, Janet Rowe in Hunter and In Hand and Rick Doner in Combined Driving, showed successfully in 2012. Janet Rowe was acclaimed as the new Central Region Chair. (Full report available).
- ii. Prairies - Penny Huggons reported on a good promotional article in the August issue of Horse Country magazine from Manitoba about Elodon Connemaras. Member Jeannie Walsh co-wrote the article. In the same issue is an article about a Manitoba trainer whose daughter rides a Connemara. (Full report available).
- iii. Pacific – Susan MacDougall reported that there were some 18 members in Pacific region, of which several were children. Margot Watson and her pony *Aille Ivory (aka Honey) had been to 3 events and placed first in each. Devon ridge Harris Hawk has been busy with several riders in hunter shows, Pony club,

Mounted Games and Prince Phillip Games. Jennifer Brownlow's Zara was Champion Sport Pony and Supreme Champion at the Duncan Pony Show. (Full report available).

5. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Membership** – Jennifer Brownlow reported that 13 membership packages had been sent out, of which 11 were to new members. It may be possible for the club to have a 5% saving on postage through Jennifer's account with Venture One Canada Post.
- b. **Nominations** – Scott Longmire reported that Janet Rowe has accepted the position of Chair for the Central region. Violaine Fortin and Shirley Sauve have been nominated for board positions. Despite efforts of members, there are no new nominees for the Pacific region.
- c. **Inspection Program** – Heather Sherratt reported that some 15 ponies from Quebec to Muskoka will be inspected September 22-24th. Currently we have three inspectors and two trainees. The program is working well despite great distances and is one of the most important aspects of the Society.
- d. **Registration** – Heather Sherratt reported that there are now fewer problems with ponies being incorrectly registered with the ACPS. She had been able to help some new owners with registration questions. It is recommended that the seller do the transfers and buy the new owners a membership.
- e. **CLRC** – Ron Black reported that there were 13 purebred and 11 partbred ponies registered in 2012 to date. 17 ownership transfers were processed. The total membership is currently 63. The registry is operating very smoothly with no significant problems being experienced.
- f. **Awards Program** – Shirley Sauve reported that there was good participation in the awards program in the English disciplines. It would be nice to see some points for the Lynfield Cormac MacCarthy Western award. It is understood that one entry is coming in for the Broodmare award.
- g. **Web Page** – Penny Huggons reported that different ponies had been featured on the front page each month. It was agreed that the web master be asked to set up a page for the clothing shop. The web page will be changed to give Margot's address for contact and advertising fees. Margot will send the ads on to Daventry Web Productions. Members are asked to send articles and photos of summer activities to Penny. The Facebook CCPS page has been very active.
- h. **Breeders List & Stallion Directory** – Bridget Wingate reported that there had been no problems with either of these lists. It was agreed that the fees be kept the same for 2013 (\$15 and \$45).
- i. **Promotion & Advertising** – Susan MacDougall reported that the proceeds from the on-line auction were \$713 with no costs attached. It was agreed that the auction be

- run again in 2013 and would members let their contacts know about the auction, by word of mouth and on Facebook for example. Susan showed members a new T-shirt that will be available in the future. Regional chairs were asked to look for logo embroidery and clothing sources in their own areas as shipping across the country is so expensive. Banners are to be sent out to those members waiting for them.
- j. **Newsletter** – Rick Doner reported that ninety 24 page printed newsletters had been sent out in the spring at a cost of \$12.50 each. The 24 page electronic newsletter sent out in the summer had no costs attached. It was proposed that advertisements in the electronic newsletter be halved to \$25 for a ½ page. Further discussion on a hard copy or electronic newsletter to take place.
 - k. **Hoof Wall Separation Syndrome** – Jocelyn Davies reported that blood samples from around 25 ponies in the west have been sent to Davis University and that more would be required in the near future. It may take 1-2 years for a genetic HWSS test to be available. Jocelyn, Penny and Bridget are going to the ACPS meeting in California where the chief researcher, Carrie Fino will be speaking. It was agreed that the Canadian Connemara Pony Society will show support for this project by a monetary contribution of \$250 to U.C. Davis.
 - l. **Archives** – There was no report from Jennifer Smythe.
 - m. **Arbitration** – Bridget Wingate reported that there had been no complaints in the year.
6. **Election of Board of Governors.** Nominations had been received for Violaine Fortin in Central Region, and Shirley Sauve in Prairies. There being no other nominees, these positions were approved by acclamation. There was no nominee for the Pacific Region. Penny Huggons agreed to stand as President for the coming year.
7. **Nominating Committee 2013** – Scott Longmire agreed to chair this committee.
8. **AGM 2013** – It will be the turn of the Central Region to host the 2013 AGM.
9. **Other Business** – There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7:40 p.m.