

## CANADIAN CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY

AGM November 8, 2013

**Present:** Amanda Beard, Cindy Beard, Christine Carey, Dale Doner, Rick Doner, Mary Flynn, Penny Huggons, Elsie Priddy, Don Priddy, Janet Rowe, Margot Watson, Karen Wharry

Skype – Jennifer Brownlow, Susan McDougall

Conference call – Scott Longmire

The meeting commenced at 11:15am at Century Hill Farm (Dale & Rick Doner), Beaverton, Ontario.

- **Presidents Welcome**

Penny Huggons welcomed those present and thanked the Doner's for their hospitality and the Central Region for organizing the activities bringing us together with our common bond of the Connemara Pony.

We have dedicated owners and breeders however the challenge of 2014 is to increase our membership in this 7<sup>th</sup> year of the society. We need to closely look at the new regulations of the ICCPS that may affect us and we need to keep informed on the HWSS issue. (See attached).

- **Reading of 2012 Minutes**

The minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting were approved as read by Elsie Priddy. Margot Watson seconded the motion which was approved by all present.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Margot Watson reported that as of December 31, 2012 there was a total balance of \$6,151.61. On September 30, 2013 the balance was \$6,023.74. (See attached statements).

- **Region Reports**

**Central** - Janet Rowe attended four shows in 2013 with Morning Glories Ilyushin winning Supreme Champion in every show and qualified for the Toronto Royal Show. Sales have been good. Janet donated to the Eastern Canadian Pony Show in Burlington.

-Rick Doner attended two CDE's with \*Kippure Cara who did very well.

-Chris Carey had a good year with three sales and one lease.

-Mary Flynn found videos and Facebook to be very advantageous for the sale of Ronan.

**Prairies**- Penny Huggons reports that the prairie region, has been very active with ponies participating in dressage, hunter paces, hunter shows, combined driving, Pony Club and the Spruce Meadows Battle of the Breeds.

-Shirley Sauve had a lovely Connemara/TB colt this year and showed her winning Kimbles May Bloom and Bridget's Rills fire and Ice in dressage. Bridget's "Feisty" went on to become Western Regional Champion in her division. (Full reports attached).

**Pacific** – Jennifer Brownlow reports that 3 Connemaras owned by herself and Cheryl Miller, participated and did very well at the Pony show in Duncan on Vancouver Island. Cheryl's part bred won most of his classes. (Full report attached).  
On the mainland, Margot Watson's Lacey did very well in eventing.

- **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Jennifer Brownlow – As of this date there are 5 new members this year, 2 from Quebec, 1 each in Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

**Nominations** – No report. Lisa Williamson has accepted the position of Pacific Chair.

**Inspection Program** – Heather Sheratt reported that there were no inspections held in 2013. Minor changes in the inspection procedure should be ready for 2014. Members with ponies to inspect should contact Heather so it can be determined if there are enough ponies for an inspection in any region. Inspectors are willing to travel within a region to make it easier for pony owners to have their ponies inspected. (See attached report).

It was commented that perhaps an inspection could be held in conjunction with next years AGM in the Pacific region.

Margot Watson moved that \$1,000 be put in the inspection fund. Chris Carey seconded the motion. Motion accepted.

**Registration** – As of October 31, 13 purebreds and 6 partbreds have been registered in 2013.

Heather Sheratt reports success in registering several ponies whose history had been lost. She encouraged anyone with registration problems to contact her directly. (See attached report).

**CLRC-** All agreed that membership fees remain the same for 2014. Renewal notices are to be sent out the last week of December.

**Awards Program** – November 30 is the deadline for the Awards program. Shirley Sauve proposed adding Western Dressage to the program. Elsie seconded the motion. All agreed. Bridget Wingate nominated Bar S Heather for the Broodmare Award.

**Web Page** – Penny Huggons proposed 2 changes to the webpage. First that it becomes an information resource with no personal gallery photos or news as very little is being submitted. The Gallery page could feature items for sale by the CCPS. Second, as the CCPS facebook page is very active with personal news and photos Penny proposes a link to Facebook on a sidebar or widget on the front page of the CCPS website. Also on the frontpage in a larger format would be the newsletter.

The Breeder's list would be posted on both the website and FB page.

Scott Longmire suggested that yearly award winners and pedigrees be posted on the Gallery page. Margot seconded these motions, all were in favour.

It was also asked that a yearly list of transfers be posted. (See attached report).

**Breeders List & Stallion Directory** – Bridget Wingate produced an updated list and asked that the fees remain the same for 2014.

**Promotion & Advertising-** Susan MacDougall and Margot Watson propose that each Region Representative find out what items their members would like, as cross Canada postage of items is prohibitive. Reps can request the digital CCPS logo file be emailed for use on any items purchased.

It was proposed that the society make a calendar featuring photos of ponies, preferably doing things or interacting with people, children, other animals or ponies. Elsie will send an email to members requesting high definition photos be sent to Rick.

Interest was strong for another auction to be promoted ASAP. Stallion owners are asked to send a write up, photos and a minimum bid (suggested is ½ of the current stud fee) to Susan. Other items are suggested to be offered at 50% value + shipping. Elsie will also send an email to members regarding the auction.

Kirsten Scott updated the brochure contacts and Elsie will ask her to add on the facebook address.

A letter was received from Tracy Dopko regarding sponsorship of classes at the new Royal West show to be held in Calgary October 2014. Tracy felt it would be impossible to have a Connemara class. It was decided to provide a ribbon for the top placing registered Connemara purebred or partbred in this show and also at the Toronto Royal Fair. Penny Huggons will contact Tracy Dopko re the Royal West and Janet Rowe will contact the Toronto Royal Fair committee.

**Newsletter-** Rick Doner reports he printed 90 hard copies of the February 2013 newsletters at \$9.26 each with 20 pages. These were very well received. A 24 page electronic newsletter was released in August. Members are reminded that their input is necessary to have a good newsletter. (See attached report).

**Hoof Wall Separation Syndrome** – Penny Huggons reports progress is excellent and a test for HWSS should be available within a year. The manuscript "Inherited Hoof Wall Defect in Connemara Ponies " has been peer reviewed and accepted by the Equine Veterinary Journal for publication. Dr. Carrie Finno presented the abstract at the International Laminitis Conference in Florida. She reported that it was very well received.

**Archives** – Sadly, Jenny Smythe reports all of the archives were lost in the High River flood. Anyone having any past memorabilia please keep it safe until it can be collected in the future.

**Arbitration** – Bridget Wingate reports another year with no arbitration necessary.

**Election of Board of Governors** – No report necessary.

**Nominating Committee 2014** – Scott Longmire will accept the position of chair.

**AGM 2014** – The Pacific region will host the AGM. Date to be announced. Suggestions as to date and venue are welcome.

**Other Business** – Scott Longmire suggested the addition of a Family membership. Several models were discussed regarding cost, numbers and ages of persons included and number of votes per membership. Rick Doner proposed that discussion be continued through the year with the issue to be brought up at the 2014 AGM. All agreed. Chris Carey proposed that Central Region hold a regional meeting March 17, 2014 at Doner's.

Lunch break and a farm tour took place at 12:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.