

**Canadian Connemara Pony Society**  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
October 25<sup>th</sup> 2014

**Present:** Penny Huggons (President), Susan MacDougall, Kaetlon Tanner, Margot Watson, Lezah Williamson, Bridget Wingate. On Skype: Jennifer Brownlow, Christine Carey, Scott Longmire, Elsie Priddy.  
The meeting commenced at 9:08 (Pacific) at Langley, B.C.

**Presidents Welcome:** Penny Huggons welcomed everyone to the 8<sup>th</sup> AGM, including those joining on Skype. She thanked the Pacific Region for organizing the meeting, and Margot Watson for hosting same. 2014 has been an active year even though there were fewer foals born. It was a landmark year with a simple generic hair test for Hoof Wall Separation Disease enabling owners to breed with confidence. Penny will be coming off the board having served 6 consecutive years.

**Reading of the 2013 Minutes:** It was proposed by Penny Huggons and Seconded by Susan MacDougall and approved by those present that the minutes be taken as read as they had appeared on the web site and in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Margot Watson presented the financial statement as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2013 (see attached). At that time there was a total of \$6,310 in the Bank. The financial statement was approved. An interim statement at September 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 showed a balance of \$8,319.

**Region Reports:** Penny Huggons presented a report on the **Prairies** region. There are more Connemaras and part-breds being enjoyed in Manitoba, and the Hunter Pace Trials in Saskatoon are gaining in popularity. Unfortunately there is no longer a Battle of the Breeds at Spruce Meadows after 20 years of our involvement. Lezah Williamson reported for the **Pacific** region which has had an active year. In particular Connemara ponies have been active in Pony Club, eventing and dressage. The region manned a booth and took part in the demonstration at the Horse Day at the Pacific National Exhibition.  
There was not report from Central Region.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership.** Jennifer Brownlow reported that there were 4 new members this year to whom she had sent welcome packages. It was proposed by Scott Longmire and seconded by Penny Huggons that a Family membership be added at \$55. This would allow one vote, and participation in the awards program.

**Nominations.** Scott Longmire reported that due to retirement of current Board members, he had obtained nominations for new members (see under Elections).

**Inspections.** There being no report from the current chairperson, Margot Watson advised the Board that there had been no inspections in 2014. Doris Jacobi put forward a motion to increase the number of inspectors. This was seconded by Susan MacDougall, and the Inspection Committee will review the applications of three candidates.

After some discussion, and was agreed that there might be sufficient ponies for inspections to be carried out in 2015.

The Inspection Committee will report back to the Board regarding inclusion of a test for Hoof Wall Separation Disease (HWSD) on inspection applications.

**Registration.** The current chairperson, Heather Sherratt, had indicated that she wished to step down from this position. Jocelyn Davies has agreed to take on this task. It was proposed by Jocelyn and seconded by Chris Carey, that an additional category and fee needs to be set up for the importation of stallions from other ICCPS approved Societies. It was proposed by Susan MacDougall, seconded by Kaetlon Tanner and agreed that a fee of \$100 be charged on the transfer of stallions within one year of entry, thereafter the existing stallion registration fee of \$250 would apply. The transfer of stallions must be completed prior to the registration of any offspring. The fee for the transfer of mares and geldings is to be \$30.

It is recommended that owners selling a pony also be responsible for sending the transfer form to CLRC.

It was proposed by Elsie Priddy, seconded by Penny Huggons and agreed that a form for a name change be made, and that a fee of \$75 be charged. No change of the Herd Name is allowed.

**CLRC.** Canadian Livestock Records reported that there are currently 51 annual, 4 associates, 9 junior and one non-resident members of the Society. Since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, there have been 11 purebred and 8 partbred new ponies registered, and 17 transfers. Jim Washer is now the General Manager following the retirement of Ron Black.

**Awards.** Shirley Sauve advised that some 16 members sent in details of ponies performance results in 2013. She reminded members to sign and submit their 2014 results by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Currently there have been no nominations for the Broodmare Award, and it was agreed that the deadline be extended to November 30<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**Web site.** Penny Huggons reported that the front page was successfully being used for current news. Members are tending to put photos on the CCPS Facebook page rather than the web page gallery. It was agreed that the gallery page should be changed to provide information about the HWSD including a link to the VGL test. Owners could post results of these tests on a volunteer basis.

**Breeders Directory.** Bridget Wingate reported that in 2014 there were several changes and additions to the Breeders List and Stallion Directory on the web site. It was proposed by Elsie Priddy, seconded by Chris Carey and agreed that from now on all stallions in the Stallion Directory must be HWSD tested and the results included.

**Promotions.** Susan MacDougall has sent **banners** to Manitoba, and they will also go to Alberta and Saskatchewan. She will also give a list of **clothing** available to Penny for the web site. The cost of magnetic logos for vehicles will be investigated.

It was agreed that there would be no **on-line silent auction** in 2015.

Susan would look into the cost of producing a **calendar** for 2016, and members are asked to submit photographs.

Bridget would send **bracelets** to Board members needing them for hand-outs.

**Show Sponsorship.** It was agreed that at any shows where Connemaras are competing, upon application a ribbon would be supplied for the top placing pony. Information would be obtained regarding members signing up for this award at the start of such shows.

It was agreed that **advertising** in magazines is too expensive, but publications are often looking for articles.

**Newsletter.** There was no report received, but a hard copy newsletter had been mailed in the spring, and an e-mail edition in the fall.

**Archives.** There was no report on the archives.

**Arbitration.** Bridget Wingate advised that there had been no complaints.

**HWSD.** Jocelyn Davies reported that there was now a test available through VGL which cost only \$40. It was agreed that compulsory testing for this generic disease would be brought in over the next few years. It was proposed by Susan MacDougall, seconded by Lezah Williams and agreed, that all colts being registered as stallions must from now on be tested for HWSD. All transfers of stallions must also include a test. Jocelyn and Penny met with other members of the Connemara Pony Research Group in Ireland, and organized a presentation on HWSD by Dr. Carrie Finno.

**CPBS & ICCPS.** Penny Huggons and Jocelyn Davies had attended the ICCPS meeting and Clifden Show in August. Most members of the ICCPS attended the Dr. Carrie Fino presentation. It was proposed by Bridget Wingate, and unanimously agreed that Jocelyn Davies and Penny Huggons be nominated for the **O'Malley Award** which is given by the ICCPS for outstanding contribution to the breed.

**Election of Board of Governors.** Chris Carey was officially confirmed as a Board member, having taken over the position mid-term.  
Elsie Priddy agreed to take over as chairman of the Prairies region, and Jeannie Walsh and Gayle Smith were approved as Board Members of this region.  
Susan MacDougall was approved as a Board Member for Pacific region.

**Nominating Committee.** Scott Longmire agreed to act as chairperson for the coming year.

**AGM 2015.** It was agreed that the 2015 AGM be held in the Prairie region.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m. (Pacific).