

Canadian Connemara Pony Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

November 19, 2017

Present: Susan MacDougall (President), Margot Watson, Irene Dunic, Jennifer Brownlow, Janet Rowe, Bridget Wingate, Gayle Smith, Elsie Priddy, Chris Carey, Penny Huggons, Jocelyn Davies

The meeting commenced at 1:30 pm PST on Skype

President's Welcome: All were welcomed by Susan.

Reading of the 2016 Minutes: Participants had been asked to preread the minutes. Janet moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Elsie.

Treasurer's Report: Margot presented the financial statement as of December 31, 2016 - ending the year with a total of \$6215.10 in the Societies bank accounts. An interim statement for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 had also been prepared and emailed to the membership. The balance in the accounts at that time was \$6577.82. Janet moved that the reports be accepted as read and Elsie seconded the motion.

Region Reports: Reports were given by Janet for the Central Region, Elsie for the Prairie Region and Susan and Jennifer for the Pacific Region.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Jennifer reported 3 new members and 8 new owners (without memberships). There are 57 paid memberships for 2017 to date, equal to 2016.

Nominations: Committee is vacant.

Inspections: No inspections in 2017. Margot suggested the society needs to build finances to fund future inspections.

Registration: Jocelyn reports no problems.

Awards: Bridget reports that no award forms have yet been received by Shirley Sauve.

Doris Jacobi has nominated Christine Carey's *Hearnbrook Shooting Star for the 2017 Broodmare Award. "Ting" was imported by Chris as a two year old in 1997 and has produced 10 lovely purebred foals which have produced 9 second generation foals.

Chris will produce a report on Ting for our records and newsletter and will send a copy with a photo to Penny for the website.

Web Page: Penny asks for new articles for the website so if anyone has a report and photos on a special pony past or present to add to the History or Archives sections please send them to her. Inspected ponies is a work in progress and any updates on inspected ponies &/or gelded stallions need to be added. Please send updates. Penny will have the list moved under Ponies in order to be easier to find. The website is a valuable resource especially to direct new owners and enthusiasts for information and forms etc. Facebook has become

the daily voice & showcase for most people but our Breeders and Stallion Lists are still very useful.

Discussion about the classified ads concluded that they are useful but as Facebook pages and sales sites are well accessed the society should not charge a fee for photo ads of Canadian ponies.

Penny noted that Tracy Dopko is doing a super job maintaining our website and is great to work with. In gratitude, Bridget will deliver a thank-you card and gift certificate of \$25 on behalf of the Society to Tracy. Motion was moved by Susan and seconded by Margot.

Directory: Bridget reports that she has not yet updated the stallion list but will use Elan Priddy's North American stallion list to connect with owner's to update the CCPS stallion list. The Breeder's list will be compiled in January 2018.

Promotions: Susan initiated discussion on possible future promotions. Calendars were discussed as a possibility but deemed difficult to make due to the unavailability of high resolution photographs suitable for enlarging. Most photos currently taken are low resolution cell photos.

Ideas were requested which might promote Connemara Ponies in Pony Club.

Newsletter: Rick reports that 80 full colour 16 page newsletters were produced and mailed to the membership in the spring of 2017. The cost to the society was \$523.19 for the newsletters and \$145.71 for the postage. The membership responded well once again to requests for information, articles and pictures to keep all of us up to date on all Connemaras activities in the country.

With sadness, the board accepts Rick's resignation as newsletter editor. Rick states, "I have enjoyed producing and editing this newsletter over the last 10 years , but due to family obligations , will have to resign from this role for this years newsletter and going forward. Thank you all for your constant support and encouragement over the years. I will miss being in the middle of all the action but know that there will be another more capable to take up the torch. Thank you and all the best...

Respectfully submitted
Rick Doner"

Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of a print newsletter with recognition that the newsletter is a good benefit of membership yet society is moving to more paperless communication.

Susan volunteered to produce a newsletter with a request that the membership assist her by sending her data, such as articles, stallion advertisements and material on award winners.

Archives: Due to the loss of our archives in the High River flood It is requested that members collect copies of past newsletters.

Chris Carey has volunteered to chair the Archives Committee.

Arbitration: Bridget reports no cases in 2017.

By-laws:

Attachment (A). It was proposed by Bridget Wingate and seconded by Susan MacDougall that the bylaws be amended to allow for the testing of breeding stock for genetically transmitted diseases. This was agreed unanimously.

Attachment (B). It was proposed by Bridget Wingate and seconded by Jocelyn Davies that the bylaw

relating to the freezing of semen in a Canadian Food Inspection Agency only be eliminated as this has been found to be impractical. This was agreed unanimously.

Attachment ©. It was proposed by Bridget Wingate and seconded by Margot Watson that the bylaw relating to embryo transplants be amended to be consistent with the International Society (ICCPS) of allowing the registration of three foals per mare per year. This was agreed unanimously.

Attachment (D). It was proposed by Bridget Wingate and seconded by Janet Rowe that the bylaws be amended to give entire colt foals a Foal Identity Document only (no registration of part-bred stallions to be allowed). This was agreed unanimously.

HWSD:

It has been Internationally recognized that Hoof Wall Separation Disease (HWSD) is a genetically transmitted disease in the Connemara breed. The parent Irish Society has requested that all daughter societies implement testing. In accordance with the Breeding Policy, the Board recommended that testing of breeding stock be implemented as per proposed bylaw amendment (A). This testing to start when the bylaw changes have been approved by Agriculture Canada or January 1st 2018 and to apply unless both sire and dam have documented proof of being N/N. Results of the test to be included on registration certificates and CLRC site in accordance with the recommendation of the Irish Society.

It was proposed by Susan MacDougall and seconded by Jocelyn Davies and unanimously agreed by all members present that testing be implemented as recommended by the Board. Details to be circulated to all members by way of the web site and next newsletter.

Election of Board: Janet Rowe requested to be retired from the Board in the Central Region.

Chris Carey will remain on the Board in the Central Region.

Lezah Williamson will remain on the Board in the Pacific Region.

Elsie Priddy must resign from the Board in the Central Region after standing for 6 years.

Jocelyn Davies will join the Board as the Prairie Region Chair.

Jennifer Brownlow must resign from the Board in the Pacific Region after standing for 6 years.

Margot Watson will join the Board in the Pacific Region.

Nominations Committee 2018: Susan has nominated herself on the committee, seconded by Bridget.

AGM 2018: Suggestions were discussed for a physical AGM in 2018 and perhaps 2019. Possibilities for an AGM hosted in the Prairie Region in 2018 included a meeting paired with a Priddy Farm Hunter Pace or the Spruce Meadows Masters, both in September. Possibilities for the centrally hosted 2019 AGM included a meeting paired with the Equine Affaire in Massachusetts USA held in November or concurrent with a conformation or judging clinic.

Other Business: Susan suggested that the next inspections include a meet and greet &/or a presentation with the inspectors.

Susan made a motion to end the meeting, seconded by Margot.

The meeting ended at 3:20 pm PST.