

Canadian Connemara Pony Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

November 25, 2018

Present: Susan MacDougall (President), Margot Watson, Irene Dunic, Jennifer Brownlow, Bridget Wingate, Jocelyn Davies, Gayle Smith, and Elsie Priddy on Skype. Janet Rowe, Lezah Williamson, Jeannie Walsh and Shirley Sauve were on phone/email.

The meeting commenced at 1 pm PST on Skype

President's Welcome: All were welcomed by Susan. Susan's address emphasized that the Society needs new breeders.

Reading of the 2017 Minutes: Elsie read the minutes. They were approved by Margot, seconded by Susan.

Treasurer's Reports: Margot presented the financial statement as of December 30, 2017, ending the year with a total of \$6469.20 in the Societies bank accounts. An interim statement for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 had also been prepared. The balance in the accounts at that time was \$6061.37. Income from memberships and registrations has decreased and expenses such as the cost of awards has increased. Irene moved that the reports be accepted as read, seconded by Jennifer.

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

Committee Reports:

Membership: Jennifer reported 1 new member in Alberta and 5 new members in Ontario including 2 new family memberships.

Nominations: Susan reports no response to requests for someone to fill the position. Jocelyn volunteered to try to find someone to fill the position.

Inspections: Inspections were not held in 2018. There are several ponies in the west and a few in the east to be inspected so we will look into the possibility of having inspections in 2019. Due to the numbers of ponies needing inspection in MB, SK and AB Devonridge Farm, Devon AB is a possible inspection site.

Fund raising will be necessary in order to finance inspections.

Registration: Jocelyn reported 11 half bred and 9 purebred ponies registered in 2017. There were 6 half bred and 11 purebred ponies transferred in 2017. 2 ponies were exported.

Currently 2 stallion registration problems are being addressed. Elphin Malachite owned by Cynthia Norman of BC is close to being successfully registered.

A Canal Clancy colt in ON has 38 offspring but is unfortunately not registered and his owner seems unlikely to proceed with registration. This is a sad loss of both recognition of these ponies and the potential of the mares adding to the gene pool of registered ponies.

Susan and Jocelyn will collaborate to write an article encouraging registration by pointing out the benefits and to remind potential new owners to inquire about a pony's registered status before purchase. This article will be published on both the CCPS webpage and in the files of the Facebook page.

CLRC: A report and greetings was sent by Jim Washer, General Manager of the CLRC. Jim reports that CLRC has launched it's new website with a modern new look, increased performance features which will continue to be developed and on-line registration options. CCPS memberships, registrations and transfers have decreased over the last few years.

Bridget proposed that we accept the CCPS board's altered fee schedule written earlier this year, which will accommodate HWSD testing. Susan seconded the motion.

Awards: Chris Carey reports there are quite a few Connemaras pure and part bred doing well in eventing in the east. She requests a High Point Connemara ribbon to be available for local events. It was agreed that this would be produced for use in all regions.

Jocelyn's Avenss Golden Legacy is the winner of the 2018 Broodmare Award. Chris will write a report for our FB page and the website. Bridget is working on a new certificate for this award using the registration papers as a template. All award winners to date will receive certificates.

Shirley has had only a few award program submissions to date. A reminder will be sent out to the membership.

Janet Rowe requested foxhunting be added to the awards program. The request was declined.

Webpage: Bridget initiated discussion regarding the updating of the webpage at an approximate cost of \$900. It was decided to address this in the future.

Sellers of ponies will be encouraged to use the CCPS website classifieds at no charge. Documentation re registration will be included and readers will be informed of this on the FB page.

Jeannie Walsh requested that the breeder's list be free for stallion owners and distributed to members along with the annual newsletter. Bridget proposed that the breeder's list be invoiced every two years.

Elsie proposed that Elan Priddy's annual North American Stallion List be accessible on the website. Susan seconded the motion.

Promotions: Elsie proposed that the logo be refreshed to allow for increased quality of reproduction on a variety of materials. Consensus was reached that a more athletic pony be on the logo rather than one grazing. Elsie will request an estimate of cost from Elan Priddy, a professional graphic designer, for this update.

Once the logo is updated High Point Connemara ribbons can be produced for competitions and the logo can be shared with the Regions who can then decide what promotional items they would like to produce. In this way mailing costs can be reduced for the regions. Proceeds would be remitted from the regions to be used for society expenses such as inspections and ribbons.

Newsletter: Susan volunteered to produce a newsletter in 2019. Members will be requested to submit photos and articles by March 1, 2019.

Archives: Items can be sent to Chris Carey who will continue to look after the archives. Bridget and Doris Jacobi have sent newsletters from 1980 on to Chris. A history of the Connemara on Canada's eastern seaboard has been requested of Heather Sherratt. Items can be posted on the FB page where they will be preserved and accessible.

Arbitration: Bridget reports no cases in 2018.

By-laws: No items to report.

HWSD: Chris recommends that we add a link on the website to the international list of tested ponies,

<http://connemara-pony.blogspot.com/p/hwsd-tested-ponies.html>,

with the address for the Connemara Pony Research Group, connemara.pony.research.group@gmail.com where HWSD test results are sent to include ponies on the list. Chris also recommends that we ask Sheila if ponies that are N/N by virtue of their sire and dam being N/N (one generation only) be added to the site.

Addendum – untested ponies with N/N tested parents can be added to <http://connemara-pony.blogspot.com/p/declared.html>

Chris recommends that we test our part bred fillies and colts that are kept entire. Currently the half bred entire colt foals are required to be HWSD and DNA tested to receive their Foal Identity Document. HWSD testing for half bred fillies is voluntary at this time. The new fee schedule should clarify these requirements.

We will need to request that results of the HWSD test be shown on each ponies page on the CLRC website.

New Proposal: Jeannie's proposed Participation Program was discussed. Support was unanimous and it was expressed that Jeannie has been doing a valuable service for promotion of the Connemara Pony. Due to the vast size of Canada Jeannie was asked to spearhead the program in the Prairie region only. Other regions can follow suit if they are interested.

Election of Board: The east is under represented on the board and efforts will be made to rectify this.

Prairie Region: Gayle and Jeannie will remain on the Board with Jocelyn as Chair.

Central Region: Chris will remain on the Board, Janet Rowe will rejoin the Board as Chair.

Pacific Region: Susan, Margot and Lezah will remain on the Board with Lezah as Chair.

Nominations Committee 2019: Chris will approach members from Eastern Canada to fill the position.

AGM 2019: It was agreed to organize the 2019 AGM to coincide with Equine Affaire in West Springfield MA USA which is estimated to be held November 7 to 10, 2019.

Susan made a motion to end the meeting, seconded by Margot.
The meeting ended at 3:20 pm PST.