

Canadian Connemara Pony Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

November 22, 2020

Present: Susan MacDougall (President), Margot Watson, Irene Dunic, Jennifer Brownlow, Nikko Konyk, Bridget Wingate, Myscha Stafford, Alexis Soltice, Lee Talor, Christine Carey, Jeannie Walsh, Elsie Priddy, Gayle Smith and Janet Rowe.

The meeting commenced at 1:06 pm PST on Zoom.

President's Welcome: All were welcomed by Susan. Susan's address highlighted the lack of activities in 2020 due to Covid.

Reading of the 2019 Minutes: They were approved by Susan and seconded by Margot.

Treasurer's Reports: Margot presented the financial statement as of December 31, 2019, ending the year with a total of \$6759.87 in the Society's bank accounts. Margot moved that the report be accepted as read, seconded by Alexis. An interim statement for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 reported a balance of \$6692.10. In 2019 income from memberships a decreased slightly while the registration of purebreds increased significantly. CLRC fees were increased, award and newsletter fees were decreased.

Region Reports: Janet Rowe reported for Central Region that sales were excellent and the region has gained 2 new stallions, Elphin Whiskey Jack purchased by Alicia Williams and Rathcline Park Boy impoted by Laura Galbraith. Sadly due to Covid the proposed 2020 Connemara Show and the Royal were cancelled but are being looked forward to in 2021. Jocelyn was absent so no Prairie report was given for SK or AB but Jeannie's MB report was summarized by Elsie. The full MB report will be submitted for the newsletter. Irene reported for the Pacific Region that there are several new ponies in BC but not all new owners are becoming members. There was some discussion as to how new owners could be encouraged to become members.

Committee Reports:

Nominations: Lee Taylor was nominated Chair for Central Division to replace Janet Rowe. Nikko Konyk was nominated in the Pacific Region to replace Susan McDougall. Bridget Wingate and Elsie Priddy were nominated for the Prairie Region to replace Gayle Smith and Jeannie Walsh.

Inspections: Margot reports no news. Bridget brought us up to date on the application for Avenns Cormac McCarthy to be awarded Elite Stallion status. Cormac was never inspected as there were no inspections for him to be presented but he had a huge influence as a foundation stallion and meets all other criteria. Margot moves that Cormac be given honorary status as an Elite Stallion. Susan seconded the motion. All agreed.

Registration: No report. Having received notice of a new registrar at CLRC, Amy Germundson, all are hopeful that registration times will speed up.

CLRC: It was agreed to keep the current fees as they are at this time but at the next AGM discuss if increases are necessary.

Awards: No report as Shirley's internet is down. Due to the scarcity of events this year due to Covid it was decided to combine the points from 2020 and 2021. The proposal was nominated by Susan, seconded by Janet. All in favor.

Report by Chris Carey - The Broodmare award will be awarded to Rills Kelpie who has had eleven purebred foals. Rills Kelpie was the foundation mare for both Rill Connemaras and Centreview Connemaras. Gifts and certificates were

discussed.

Webpage: The webpage needs to be updated with current executive, committee members and contact information. It is encouraged to send ads to Penny to be added to the website. Myscha suggested that a link be added to connect the website to the CCPS Facebook pages. Elsie will send Penny all the info plus the 2020 minutes when they are complete. Bridget will update the stallion directory and breeders list and she asks Regional reps to send her contact info re new stallion owners in their region.

Promotions: The proposal to have Trace Embroidery set up a mystable account to provide items with the new CCPS logos was discussed. Margot made a motion to proceed, seconded by Alexis. It was proposed by Margot and seconded by Janet that we spend the \$250 to set up mystable. Jeannie's Ride and Drive program will be discussed at a later date as she was unable to be in contact for the AGM. It will be initiated in 2021. Myscha and Janet will form a Ribbons Committee to source, price and have manufactured ribbons with our new logo. As discussed in previous AGM's, these ribbons will only be awarded to Connemara ponies for achievement at special shows, as year end awards for provincial dressage, jumping, eventing, driving etc. and the like.

Chris reminded us that the inspection seal and registration papers must be updated with the new logo. Bridget will contact Jocelyn in regard to this and sending the new logo to CLRC. One seal will be needed for the east, one for the west and one for Jocelyn to process registrations.

Membership: Jennifer reported six new members, three in BC and three in ON and five new owners, three in BC and 2 in ON.

Newsletter: Susan will again make a newsletter in 2021 and asks that everyone submit their news and photos. The deadline for submissions will be February 1 with a proposed date of April 1 for publication. Please ask owners to contribute.

Archives: The position is vacant. Chris has newsletters saved from previous years. It was decided to start a Facebook page with archival photos of Canadian ponies. Susan nominated this be done, seconded by Janet. It was suggested the information and photos collected on the FB page could be transcribed to an archives on the website.

Arbitration: Bridget reports no issues in 2020.

HWSD: No issues reported.

By-Laws: Bridget reports no changes are needed. Margot has had cells frozen from her exceptionally healthy well bred 33 year old Honey for the possibility of cloning in the future. These cells are stored in Lethbridge AB. By-laws may need to be changed in the future to accommodate cloning.

New Proposals: Janet proposed holding a stallion auction for 2021 open to both Canadian and American stallions. Items such as memberships, saddlepads and donated items could also be included. Janet volunteered to set it up. All agreed.

Election of Board: Lee Taylor was welcomed to the Board for Central Region. Nikko was welcomed to the Board for the Pacific Region, moved by Susan, seconded by Margot. Margot moved that Bridget and Elsie were back on the board for the Prairie Region, seconded by Alexis. Susan's term as president is up. The position remains vacant and will hopefully be filled at a later date.

Nominations Committee 2021: Bridget and Susan

AGM 2021: It is hoped that the AGM in 2021 can coincide with a Connemara Show and inspections which is hoped to be held in Ontario in September or October.

Other Business: Elsie brought up the problem that mares who have not yet had a purebred foal or are less than 5 years old yet who achieve marks of 75% or over in all categories at inspection must be reinspected to achieve Premium status. This seems like a prohibitive cost and deterrent especially as inspections are so rarely available to attend. Margot stated that the

inspection committee will discuss this.

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

The meeting ended at 3:05 pm PST.