

CCPS AGM 2021

Meeting opened at 1pm PST on Zoom

Attendees: Elsie Priddy, Margot Watson, Bridget Wingate, Elan Priddy, Janet Rowe, Jennifer Brownlow, Nikko Konyk, Sharon Selby, Myscha Stafford, Jocelyn Davies, Shirley Sauve, Lee Taylor, Alexis Soltice, Susan MacDougall, Irene Dunic.

Secretary's welcome: Elsie commented that 2021 was a good year for pony sales, limited activity for events but at least some events did happen. The online show was a good event.

2020 AGM minutes. Motion to accept by Bridget 2nd by Margot. Approved.

Treasurer's report: Margot presented the financial report for the complete 2020 year, total in bank accounts at December 31, 2020 \$6062.01. Motion to accept by Margot 2nd by Jocelyn. Approved. Partial 2021 financial statement, total in accounts at September 30, 2021 \$9709.45. Motion to accept by Jocelyn 2nd by Bridget. Approved.

Region reports:

Central - The online show was enthusiastically declared a success, even those who did not take part felt it was a great opportunity and will try to participate next year. It is also hoped that an in person show can also happen soon.

Pacific - Possibly 2 new breeders in B.C. The purchaser of Melanie White's property (Irene to try to make contact), and a lady, Colette Orr in Rock Creek. BC has had an increase to the number of ponies the last couple years, getting new owners to join the society would be helpful. There has been some limited shows, Jennifer has her mare Starlight's Zara out showing at third level and Erin Rowsell, who is a new member has been eventing Devon Ridge Devereaux with great success. Sharon has three lovely youngsters who are for sale.

Prairie - Devon Ridge Farm had a lot of babies and has also sold a lot of young ponies, some to Canada and many to the US.

Doris Jacobi & Jocelyn have received the O'Malley award from the International Connemara Pony Society. This is an award that goes to an international (not Ireland) owner or breeder who has selflessly promoted the breed. Very well deserved! There are four ponies active and having fun playing Polocrosse in SK.

Committees:

Inspection - no inspections in 2021, hopefully 2022. The inspection committee considered remote inspections using photos but did not feel it could be done properly this way. There was also no decision on mares who receive premium marks (75%+), but

have not had a foal being automatically awarded premium status. Some discussion about the reasoning of this rule since many times a mare's foals are not seen by inspectors especially since our society does not hold inspections annually. Suggested that owners of these mares could make application to the inspection committee on a case by case situation.

Margot will be stepping down as chair, Chris Carey to assume the position.

Registration - CLRC is very slow processing registrations. It was decided that Jocelyn contact Jim Washer about this, some breeds have moved away from CLRC but it was pointed out that they have a very good online database.

Motion by Jocelyn 2nd by Margot that all paperwork for registration will be sent to Jocelyn who will review to ensure everything required is in hand and then she will send to the registrar at CLRC. This should help remove delays due to incomplete applications and also make monitoring of the timeline easier. Approved.

New seals with the new logo need to be ordered and one provided to CLRC, Bridget to do this.

Breeders need to register their farm names.

2022 membership renewals to be sent out by email, we will not use mail for renewal letters due to high cost unless the member does not have email.

Discussion about cost of registering foals with Temporary Foal Certificate or waiting until 2 yrs old and registering without TFC, currently it is cheaper to do the latter. Motion by Susan 2nd by Margot to increase the permanent registration fee if no TFC to \$105 as of January 1 2022, to make the costs equal. Approved.

Awards - Performance no report. Points may be carried forward from 2020 & 2021 until showing is opened back up. Foundation broodmare award to Castlebar Gaelic congratulations Elodon Connemaras.

Web page - Susan will send Myscha the information she had as Myscha has volunteered to produce a newsletter.

Promotions - Bridget mentioned that it is difficult to get stallion owners and breeders to pay yearly to list on the website, some discussion about whether it was worthwhile given that many people use Facebook etc. It was decided that as long as the member has paid once the \$30 fee, they would continue to have their listing no charge the years after.

Elsie reminded us all to purchase our shirts etc through My Stable they look really nice and help promote the society. A reminder link will be placed on the Facebook page.

The online show Connemara Ceilidh was a great success, there were 27 entries; ponies from yearlings to over 10 yrs old took part. The judges Tracey Dopko and Roy Fish were also providing feedback comments if owners requested. For 2022 hoping to add a video portion. Great idea thanks to Myscha for organizing!

Ribbons for breed highpoint at Provincial shows were researched a bit but due to restricted showing events nothing finalized. Need to discuss how the awards to be determined (different from our current award program) and where the sponsorship to come from (regional or ?). Hoping to continue discussions in 2021.

No Ride & Drive program report due to Covid, Jeannie Walsh could not attend meeting.

No stallion auction report as Janet had to leave the meeting. It was a success in fundraising with \$2975 raised. Many thanks to Janet for organizing and all the stallion owners.

Membership - Jennifer reports there were 3 new Canadian members this year; two juniors - 1 in AB, 1 in BC and 1 senior in BC. One US family joined but likely just to finish off registration of some ponies purchased from Heather Sherratt.

Newsletter - We did not have a 2021 newsletter, but Myscha & her mom are willing to take the task on for 2022.

Archives - Susan created the Canadian Connemara Pony Society Archives page on Facebook. Please join and post your photos so that we have a record of ponies.

Arbitration - Bridget notes nothing to report as no issues

HWSD - Good news, Canada does not seem to have a problem with producing affected ponies due to responsible breeders. Breeders need to be aware of the status of their breeding stock, Europe & Ireland is still having some issues with this.

Bylaws - Bridget notes nothing to report as no issues.

Election of new board: Margot, Myscha & Laura Galbraith re-elected for 2022. Jocelyn agreed to stand as President, 2nd by Bridget. Approved.

2022 AGM, plan to use Zoom again if someone has access to a business account. Jocelyn might have someone. If needed society could pay for a short term account.

Meeting Adjourned 2:48 PST