

# Canadian Connemara Pony Society Fall Newsletter October 2006

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## TEAM CONNEMARA 2006 TELUS Battle of the Breeds Champions

*TELUS Battle of the Breeds Championship presentations, held in the International Ring.*



From Left to Right: Heather Sheratt, Margot Watson, Susan MacDougall, Don Priddy, Elsie Priddy, Chris Carey (sitting), Pat Francis, Tery Francis, Penny Huggons, Jocelyn Davies, Dale Doner, Rick Doner, Doris Jacobi, Bridget Wingate

## Team Connemara Placings

5th - Compulsory Skills (Brian & Chelsea)  
2nd - Jeopardy Jumping (Brian & Chelsea)  
1st - Precision Driving (Marsoe Larose driving both ponies)  
2nd - Barrel Racing (Brian & Elsie)  
5th - Trail (Elsie & Chelsea)



Avenns Arrin Tara



Bien Mallin Rory O'Sullivan and Chelsea McNeil



Rills Carrick Fergus and Elsie Priddy



Hillside Sassafrass and Brian Morton

## Connemaras Really Can Do It All !

By Bridget Wingate, Team Captain

The Battle of the Breeds is a unique competition which has been held every year at the Masters Tournament since 1990.

Any recognized breed of horse, pony, or mule can enter a four-horse team. Two team members have to compete in each component of the Battle. These are: Compulsory Skills (dressage ridden or driven), Jeopardy Jumping, Obstacle Driving, Barrel Racing and Jeopardy Trail. The two Jeopardy classes have a final obstacle with 100 points which can be gained or lost and are optional.

Connemaras have entered a team for most of the last 10 years. In the early years they normally ended up about half way down the 11 or 12 teams. Breeds such as Quarter Horses and Arabians had thousands of animals from which to choose a team, compared with our small numbers. In both 2003 and 2004 we made 2nd place, having won some of the individual classes.

This year, we had a strong team including two veteran pony/rider combinations as anchors. The first day was a little disappointing with Chelsea McNeil on the 13.2 hh stallion Bein Mallin Rory O'Sullivan and Brian Morton on the 15 hh mare Hillside Sassafrass placing only 5th in Compulsory Skills. In the afternoon they ended up 2nd in the jumping, behind only the Thoroughbreds. Both Connemaras had successful attempts at the 3'6" vertical jeopardy jump.

The next day saw the obstacle driving class. We were fortunate enough to have the very experienced Marsoe Larose to drive both ponies (this is allowed in one class only). The course was very tricky and included a painted circle to be straddled without a wheel touching, plus the normal water and wood bridge obstacles. He had a beautiful and fast round with the very experienced mare Avenns Arrin Terra. His second drive was with "Rory," who has only been driven for 3 months. They were also fast and knocked only one obstacle, which placed them first.

The barrel racing competition always draws a big crowd and is in the Sand Ring. It was Elsie Priddy's first time at the Battle and she flew round in excellent time on her 8-year-old gelding Rills Carrick Fergus. (*Editor's note:* I talked to Elsie during the ribbon presentations, and said I didn't know Fergus could run barrels like that. She said, "Well I don't think he knew he could either, he's only been practicing for a month!") Brian Morton and "Sassy" had an incredible time of 23 seconds (4 barrels in this competition not 3) which put Connemaras 2nd, behind only the Quarter Horses.

We started Saturday in the lead facing a most difficult trail class. Obstacles included riding through strips of hanging plastic, carrying flags, crossing wood bridges and pushing an enormous ball between poles. Elsie and "Fergus" had an excellent round and were successful in the final jeopardy test of hitting a ball through a gate with a polo mallet. "Rory" and Chelsea had an exceptionally good round, but we did not let them try the jeopardy, as we had sufficient points to win the whole Battle without risking the 100 points.

Winners of the Battle go on to the International Ring in a parade, to receive their trophy. We lined up in the collecting ring with all the "greats" of the show jumping world before treading the hallowed ground in front of an enormous audience.

We could not have paid for the exposure of all those people seeing 4 beautifully turned out and perfectly behaved purebred ponies, with the name "Connemara" mentioned over the loud speaker at least a dozen times.

*Bridget Wingate  
Team Captain*

Reserve Champions in 2003 and 2004, Team Connemara finally brings home the bacon as 2006 Battle of the Breeds Champions. about the components of the competition.

Profiles courtesy Bridget Wingate



*Bien Mallin's Rory O'Sullivan*

*Hillside Sassafras ( above) & Tara & Fergus (below)*

TELUS Battle of the Breeds 2006 Overall Standings						
Team	Comp Skills	Driving	Jumping	Trail	Barrels	Final Total
Connemara	5	10	8	5	8	36
Quarter Horse	10	2	5	4	10	31
Morgan	4	8	6	8	2	28
Appaloosa	2	5	2	10	7	26
Thoroughbred	6	2	10	2	5	25
Saddlebred	2	7	2	7	4	26
Welsh	7	2	2	6	2	22
Paint	2	4	4	2	6	18
Mule	8	2	2	2	2	16
Arabian	2	2	7	2	2	15
Trakehner	2	6	2	2	2	14
Canadian	2	2	2	2	2	10
Shetland	2	2	2	2	2	10



**Bien Mallin's Rory O'Sullivan**, 8-year-old bay stallion  
Rider Chelsea McNeil, Langley BC

**Bien Mallin's Rory O'Sullivan** is an 8 year old 13.2 hands purebred stallion, and could be considered the "anchor" pony for the Connemara team this year. He has been on the team three times before, competing in compulsory skills and jumping with the team always in the ribbons in these events. This year he has expanded his skills and will now also be competing in the obstacle driving and trail classes. At home in British Columbia he competes very successfully in jumping events.

For the third year on the team, "Rory" will be ridden by **Chelsea McNeil**. Chelsea has shown in hunters and jumpers up to grand prix level. For the last 20 years she has competed at Thunderbird and Milner Downs as well as travelling to Indio. She currently coaches and trains full time in Langley B.C. where she has 6 horses of her own.

**Hillside Sassafras** , 10-year-old dun mare.  
Rider Brian Morton, Vancouver BC

**Hillside Sassafras** is a 10 year old purebred dun mare who loves to jump. She is very successful in 4'3" jumping classes although she is only 15 hands high. She has been on the Connemara team twice before in compulsory skills, jumping and had some very speedy barrel racing results in the competition.

"Sassy" is being ridden on the team for the third time by **Brian Morton** who started riding at the age of 6. In 2002 he represented Canada in England and Scotland on the Pony Club Mounted Games International exchange, and has earned his A level in Pony Club. In 2003 he played Polocrosse at the World Cup in Australia. Riding "Sassy" they finished 4th in their first Grand Prix in June this year. They will be competing in compulsory skills, barrel racing and jumping.

**Avenn's Arrin Tara**, 15-year-old grey mare.  
Driver Marsoe LaRose, Aldergrove BC; Owned by DevonRidge Farms

**Avenn's Arrin Tara** is a 15 year old purebred Connemara mare by Lynfield's Cormac MacCarthy. She spent many years as a combined driving horse with Debbie Laderoute, and they were short-listed in this event for the Canadian Equestrian Team. Tara has previously been on the Connemara team at the Battle in driving, compulsory skills, jumping and barrel racing. This year she is in the obstacle driving competition. At home at Devonridge Farms near Spruce Grove she is enjoying raising foals.

**Marsoe LaRose** is driving "Tara" for the first time. He trains Morgan cross Pinto driving horses in Aldergrove B.C. Marsoe has shown in both Pleasure and Combined Driving with single, pair and four-in-hand turnouts. He is an Equine Canada certified driving coach, judge and clinician. In the obstacle driving competition he will also be driving "Rory".

**Rills Carrick Fergus**, 6-year-old bay gelding.  
Rider/Owner Elsie Priddy, Saskatoon SK

**Rills Carrick Fergus** is new to the Battle competition. He is a 6 year old bay purebred gelding living in Saskatchewan where he is a great ambassador for the breed. He has been competing in hunter, dressage and team penning and at home enjoys cutting and herding cattle on the farm.

Owner **Elsie Priddy** is taking time off from the family grain farm outside Saskatoon to ride "Fergus" in the Battle of the Breeds. As a youth, she started riding in 4-H and Pony Club and has shown in dressage, hunter and western events. Elsie has been a high school teacher and was a 4-H leader for 8 years. She now raises and trains Connemara ponies

*A special thank you to the owners, riders, drivers and ponies for their efforts and commitment in making this happen. And, of course, THANK YOU!! to Spruce Meadows and Telus for offering this venue and this competition for us to showcase our special breed. I don't think there is a better promotional venue or a better way to prove the versatility of the Connemara Pony.*

*Deirdre Feely (author of the "Feely Report") works for the Irish Sport Board and was at Spruce Meadows at their booth. She was one of fans and was able to come see us perform at all 5 of the competitions. I know she was very impressed & proud of the Connemaras! Upon returning to Ireland she wrote up a Press Release on the Irish Sport Board website... see <http://www.irishhorseboard.com>*

*Congratulations to all members of Team Connemara and especially to our Team Captain, Bridget Wingate!!!!*

### **Canadian Connemara Pony Society AGM Meeting September 30, 2006**

The Canadian Connemara Pony Society held their first annual AGM meeting on September 30, 2006 in the conference room of the KeyWest Inn in Devon, Alberta, Canada.

Present at the meeting were: Jocelyn Davies, Christine Carey, Dale Doner, Rick Doner, Doris Jacobi, Jennifer Smyth, Joy Rea, Hope MacIntyre, Terry Francis, Pat Francis, Penny Huggons, Elsie Priddy, Don Priddy, Susan MacDougall, Margot Watson, Bridget Wingate, & Heather Sherratt.

#### **Presidents Welcome & Remarks – Heather Sherratt**

Heather welcomed everyone to the meeting. She said it has taken us six or seven years to get this far and this is just the start – now the real work begins. We have roughed out the basic structure of the society in the bylaws and today, I hope, we can get down to figuring out how to make the society work. I hope everyone goes home with a real understanding of the society and how it will be organized. This afternoon we are going to work on the committees we need to make the society function – that is where the real work of the society is done. What I propose is that we all discuss what needs to be done by each committee and then get volunteers to work on the committee.

When I sent out the agenda I asked for ideas and volunteers for the committees, hoping that those who couldn't come today would be able to take part. I got one response and she is here today anyway – it looks as if we might have to do some co-opting of people onto the committees.

As I said, it has taken us six or seven years to get this far – much longer than I had anticipated when I first suggested that we should form an association in the east and in the west to get Connemara breeders and owners together to see if we were ready to form a breed society. It has been a long and sometimes frustrating haul to get here but we have had a lot of help and encouragement as well – CLRC has been very encouraging and really good to deal with. John Tennant of the ICCPS has encouraged us every step of the way and the CPBS too has been eager for us to form our own society. The ACPS too has always been supportive – we have never had the feeling that we are splitting away from them but rather growing up and becoming independent. I think it has often been the knowledge of this outside, international support that has encouraged us to keep going in forming the society that we now have.

#### **Treasurer's Report:** - Jocelyn Davies

No account yet has been opened, so nothing much to report. Right now, the east and the west have their own bank accounts. Both the east and the west have committed to \$500.00 each to start our bank account. We will open our Society's main account at the same branch as the CLRC uses (TD Bank) and will do this as soon as all the details are finalized. The regions will also maintain their own bank accounts. Margot motioned to keep the Spruce Meadows money from winnings separate, Susan seconded the motion.

#### **Report of Regional Chairs**

- Susan MacDougall – Had their regional meeting at the end of September where they nominated their directors for the Society. Susan also gave a summary of the Irish Extravaganza held at M & M Farms in conjunction with the Irish Draught Society. The Irish Sport Board in Ireland had helped sponsor this show and it was a huge success. There were several Connemaras present from all over British Columbia including several from the island. There seems to be a lot of interest of Connemaras in British Columbia. Susan suggested that she felt it would be a good idea for each region should make a list of all owners and connemara ponies in each region.

- Terry Francis - announced that we have had a great year! We had won the Battle of the Breeds, were planning on having our very first mare & stallion inspections in Alberta tomorrow, October 1, 2006 and all in all, all members were looking forward to becoming a Canadian Society.

- Rick Doner *Report for the Central Region of the Canadian Connemara Pony Society*

*Our AGM was held at the Doners on March 19, 2006 at which time the ECC PA was dissolved and the central region of the CCPS was formed. The elected executive of the central region consisted of*

*Rick Doner as Chair,  
Chris Carey as Secretary  
Nancy Page as Treasurer.*

*This year has been dedicated to the formation of the CCPS and Heather has been busy working on the final draft of the bylaws. We have one year from January 17, 2006 to form the Canadian Society. Heather has worked tirelessly with Agriculture Canada and has put together an excellent set of bylaws, with many peoples input, that have been approved by the CPBS and the ICCPS and I commend her for that.*

*Chris Carey has been working diligently to assemble the database which will be used by CLRC and I thank Chris for her hard work there as well.*

*Nancy page has assembled the treasurer's report as follows ; 12 paid up members  
Bank Balance \$2130.37 (no disbursements for 2006)*

*This has been a slow year in terms of showing and actively promoting our Connemara's in regional venues however the ad in the Canadian Horse Journal that Heather organized has helped!*

*Dale has been corresponding with the Irish Draft people to see about the possibility of a Connemara show in conjunction with an Irish Draft show in the next year.*

*We look forward to the formation of the CCPS and a year of getting back up and running in terms of promotion and showing in the central region. Any input would be welcomed to assist our efforts.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rick Doner  
Chair of Central Region CCPA*

## Report from Representative to Clifden – Rick Doner

### Report from Clifden 2006

Dale & I were very fortunate to be able to travel to Ireland this August to represent Canada at the International meeting in Clifden. After spending several days as tourists on the Dingle Peninsula we traveled to Connemara in time for the pony Festival of 2006.

On Monday we traveled to the society's herd located at the Connemara National Park in Letterfrack and were given a seminar on the Connemara pony type by Padraic Hynes. Mrs. Kathryn Snow manages that society herd in Letterfrack and explained the family of ponies and their bloodlines to the international visitors there. It was a very informative session.

On Tuesday I attended the International Committee of Connemara Pony Society's annual meeting and enjoyed the interaction with the many countries represented there. The major issues discussed centered around the EU rules that have been imposed upon the CPBS requiring all Connemara's to be entered into the stud book and allowed for breeding. The daughter societies in the European Union feel very strongly that this will result in loss of true type of the pony. A meeting was held after the main meeting for the societies of the Union to discuss how the CPBS will deal with this problem. Tom MacLochlainn is confident that things will work out fine in the next few months. In the meantime all of the non-EU societies are to continue with their present inspection programs and stud book categories, and continue to breed the best to the best.

There was a presentation by Angela McGahern on the formation of a database which will be used worldwide and will be set up and run under the parent society. In her opinion there are two distinct problems with the Connemara pony at present. Firstly, the survival of the traditional type of Connemara pony is under threat. Secondly, the genetic diversity of the breed is diminishing. Using the database, parameters such as registration number, name, age, inspection class, height, color, performance, progeny, owner, breeder, ect. will be used to determine optimum matings. It will be possible to calculate the coefficient of inbreeding -- another serious problem in Ireland. Once the database parameters are decided, the information will be available on the Internet within the year, and Angela will input the database from all societies that wish to contribute making this truly an invaluable tool for breeders.

Tom MacLochlainn spoke about the classes for inspection and it appears that the present 3 classes are not finalized judging by the amount of discussion and argument that ensued. Hopefully there will be consensus by next year.

I brought up the fact that the laws in Canada **require** breeders to **improve** the breed therefore precluding the use of progeny of inbreeding. In general it was agreed at the meeting that animals that are a product of inbreeding, or that do not pass the veterinary examination and have genetic defects should **not** be used for breeding. The CPBS has the challenge of conforming with the EU rules and modeling the inspection and registration protocol that enhances the breeding program of the Connemara.

There was some discussion that the inspections process may be dropped altogether and that the market was to decide what the most desirable ponies are! The concern about inspections is that of the 130 colts brought forward this year only 13 passed. This is good in that only the best colts are going to be used for breeding, but it is bad because only a select number of genetics are allowed to be used. It is this inspection process that has resulted in a very significant narrowing of the gene pool in Ireland, and this has ultimately caused the coefficient of inbreeding to increase significantly as of late.

The highlight for Canada was that the ICCPS moved to accept the letter that I presented to the CPBS and ICCPS to apply for recognized status. Dermot Power required a few minor changes in wording to our bylaws and has assured us as has Tom MacLochlainn that our application will be approved at the next CPBS meeting. We were met with much encouragement and enthusiasm at the table.

Another significant discussion was that of promotion of the Connemara worldwide. It was suggested that the ICCPS produce downloadable information that could be taken to promote the breed at various venues worldwide. This will be worked on in the next year.

The minutes of this meeting are available.

That evening there was an International reception held at the Glen Abbey Castle and was very well attended and enjoyable as we met a number of new breeders. It truly is a big family of likeminded people from around the world with a common love of our pony.

On Wednesday morning we attended a seminar given on inbreeding by Dr. Michael Diskin. His concern is that the coefficient of inbreeding has increased in the Connemara pony in Ireland, and he gave us an in depth lecture on calculation of the inbreeding coefficient. It is the hopes of the CPBS that the database that Angela is working on will have the ability to calculate inbreeding coefficients as part of the usable information. For examples of the coefficient, a full brother to full sister is 25%, half brother to half-sister is 12.5%, father to daughter is 25%. In his opinion an acceptable coefficient is 4- 5%.

He went on to explain the effects of inbreeding including increased absorption rate, decreased conception, and increased probability of deformed foals.. The effects on offspring are an increase in the incidence of inherited diseases,

decrease in the vigor especially seeing young foals, decrease in size, stamina and the athletic ability, decreased fertility in the female and a decrease in the productive life of the pony.

He talked about Line breeding as well. The purpose is to increase the portion of desirable genes from the ancestor. It is only to be used in superior quality stock, and the breeder must be willing to cull the undesirables. Your culling rate will likely be higher and directly proportional to the level of line breeding done.

To decrease the risk of inbreeding we must keep records, use computer programs to calculate the coefficient, maintain genetic diversity, cull all undesirable types from the population, and be open to introduce out-cross stallions.

At noon on Wednesday we are able to watch three traps drawn by Connemara pony's travel around the town of Clifden and end up at the show grounds. It was very impressive and the crowd loved it. This was followed by a dressage demonstration to music also very well done. I have pictures for those who are interested to see later.

Wednesday evening was a memorable occasion for Pat Lyne as she launched her newest book in the series "As I see it". It was extremely well attended at the Station House and all the copies that she brought that night were sold out! Tom MacLochlainn introduced the book and it truly is the culmination of Pat's years of experience and expertise in this breed, a "must have" for all Connemara enthusiasts!

Thursday started early in the long lineup waiting for show catalogs. Doors open at 8:30 and the first class commenced shortly thereafter. We were overwhelmed by the number and quality of ponies in the show and it was truly a day that all Connemara breeders dream of. The highlight for us was the full sister to our mare being shown all the way from Scotland and getting second-place in the eight and nine-year-old mare class. But there were many highlights for many individuals and truly many of the people's favorites won their classes. I have many pictures to show later.

The rest of the week was a wind down to the show including the sale at Clifden mart and the showdown Friday night featuring traditional Irish music and dancing at the Station House Hotel. It was truly a memorable week and I encourage anyone who can to attend next year to jump at it!

Dale and I were able to visit a number of herds around Clifden and see some wonderful breeding programs at work. For us, one of the most eye-opening herds was Mr. Michael Igoe who has over 150 head of Connemara and has assembled 23 stallions. He is breeding amazing performance ponies & marketing to the UK. Pat Lyne feels that Michael Igoe's herd is a dream come true because he has preserved lines that could have been lost due to the inspection process in Ireland.

Respectfully submitted

Rick Doner

Canadian delegate to the 2006 ICCPS meeting

## **Report of Battle of the Breeds – Bridget Wingate**

Team Connemara were the overall champions of the Telus Battle of the Breeds, with 13 teams competing and 36 points... Reserve Champions were Team Quarterhorse with 31 points.

The team consisted of the following horses/rider and/or drivers:

Hillside Sassafras – Brian Mortan  
Bien Mallin's Rory O'Sullivan – Chelsea MacNeil  
Avenn's Airrin Tara – Marsoe Larose  
Rills Carrick Fergus – Elsie Priddy

Results of each component of the competitions:

Compulsary Skills – 5<sup>th</sup> (Chelsea & Brian)  
Jeopardy Jumping – 2<sup>nd</sup> (Chelsea & Brian)  
Precision Driving – 1<sup>st</sup> (Marsoe driving both Tara & Rory)  
Barrels - 2<sup>nd</sup> (Elsie & Brian)  
Trail- 5<sup>th</sup> (Elsie & Chelsea)

This is quite an honor... as champions we were privileged to go for presentation in the International ring, being a part of the "Parade of Nations" which is the parade of teams competing in the Nations Cup competition. It was very exciting!

Deirdre Feely with the Irish Sport Board wrote up a Press Release which is posted on their Website. Drive Canada wrote about Team Connemara winning the Battle of the Breeds, as did Horses All Magazine, and others

as well. Alberta Equine On-Line (pondside productions) also has many nice pictures of the battle on their website for anyone interested.

### **Archives and historical records for the Society – Jennifer Smyth**

*Report submitted by Jenny Smyth, Collections and Research Coordinator, ApHCC Museum and Archives, September 30, 2006:*

*Congratulations! Everyone is this room today, whether they realize it now or not, has become a part of history! The first AGM of the newly formed Canadian Connemara Pony Society is under way!*

*Due to pressure to stick within the allotted time of the agenda, I'll quickly run down a list of documentation that a new society is required to keep copies of:*

- 1) the Constitution*
- 2) minutes of governing bodies*
- 3) financial records: the general rule of thumb is to retain financial records for 6 years from the time of audit (audited financial report, general ledger)*
- 4) an example of every new business letter head*
- 5) committee records: minutes of meetings, copies of reports and correspondence*

*In this age of the computer, I should now point out that HARD COPIES of these items should be printed and retained for posterity. At the recent "Archives and You!" conference in Calgary, archivists were reporting problems with the preservation of digital records in their collections. Even under the best possible storage conditions, the life-span of a floppy disk is only 5-10 years. Archivists receiving items such as digital copies of an author's manuscripts are reporting compression problems with this stored information, resulting in blank areas at the top and bottom of pages.*

*On the positive side, recent tests show that modern computer copy paper is of much better quality for long term preservation than the paper stock commonly available in the 1950's and 60's. Cheap yellow scribble pad paper on the other hand is notorious for rapid deterioration, so if you are planning to donate your personal archive of Connemara research notes and extended pedigrees in the future, use good quality copy paper to write your notes and charts! An excellent free guide on how to care and store books, letters, photographs, family heirlooms or precious silver trophies is available on the Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI) website at [www.preservation.gc.ca](http://www.preservation.gc.ca) under "Preserving My Heritage".*

#### *Privacy Issues:*

*By way of reminder, societies have a duty to protect personal information such as membership lists and correspondence kept on file.*

#### *General Guidelines:*

- 1) Don't use elastic bands to store documents in piles- in a humid environment the rubber will eventually stick to the documents; in a dry one, the elastic will dessicate and break*
- 2) Don't use cellotape to mount photographs or newspaper articles, or to repair tears in documents- when it deteriorates over time, an ugly yellow discoloration occurs*
- 3) Studbooks: some pony societies in Britain maintain a complete set of their studbooks in a local bank vault in case of fire/flood/theft damage to their work premises*
- 4) Emergency Plan: directors who store archival material for the CCPS should have an agreed emergency plan in place, with a priority list made up in advance- rescue time is often limited in the case of flood, fire etc. CCI can advise on immediate treatment of water or smoke damaged books and papers. This information should be researched and recorded on the emergency plan so it is at hand if required.*

#### *Copyright Law:*

*This is very complex and constantly under review in the computer/digital age. The most likely breach is from published photos of ponies in a journal or magazine. Because owners at a show pay for photographs taken by the official show photographer, they often assume they now own the photos and can re-publish them as they please in advertisements or articles. If the show photographer has copyrighted their photos, this is not the case! When approached, some photographers will agree to publication of their photos as long as their by-line for example, "Photo by PONYPRINTS" appears in the article. Others will demand a nominal fee for their publication. The onus is on the contributor who forwards their articles or photographs to a journal or magazine to first get copyright approval from the photographer.*

#### *Suggestions for Posterity:*

- 1) at each Annual General Meeting, a photograph should be taken of the new governing body- identification of each person in the photograph is essential*
- 2) studbooks/newsletters/journals- these form an invaluable reference source over time. Two sets should be maintained, in two different locations*



3) maintain a list of regional associations and the dates they were started; in addition, each regional club should appoint an historian to maintain the history of the club

4) logos and branding: newsletter/journals should be "branded" for instant recognition. Use durable covers of a standard size for continuity-this foresight will be appreciated by collectors in later years! Early original Journals of some of the British native pony breed societies command astounding prices when they come up for auction-make sure yours last!

5) Other items to retain: a copy of any publicity pamphlets or guidelines for Connemara breeders; logos in the form of decals, pins, national show posters etc; copies of medals used in an award scheme (these may change over the years-retain copies of each with their dates of use); Hall of Fame write ups and "People and Ponies" obituaries- they tend to contain condensed information of use to future researchers; History of Perpetual Show Trophies, including good close-up photos (also useful for insurance purposes) who donated them and when, annual update of trophy winner; Time Capsule: to be compiled by the History and Archives Committee- may be re-opened at the 10th,25th, 50th anniversary of the club. Items should represent the club at that year in time: board of directors photograph, issue of a newsletter, National Show catalogue, Spruce Meadows "Battle of the Breeds" team etc.

As a final note, it is very helpful to both current and future researchers to include the Canadian registration number, plus the (sire-dam) in brackets after the name when ever a particular pony's name is mentioned in an article or show catalogue. This can also lead to sales for the smaller breeder with little advertising capital, when someone reading this often excluded information recognizes a particularly hard to find bloodline that they would like to add to their own breeding program

**Role of CLRC** - Bridget Wingate - Bridget said that Heather Sherratt, Chris Carey, Jocelyn Davies and herself met with the CLRC in August and said it was a very good meeting. We met with Mr. Black and he gave us all a tour of their office and how things are done at the CLRC. They have a very organized office and will in effect manage all aspects of our studbooks in a very effective and efficient manner.. Some of the duties performed include:

- collecting membership money and fees for registrations etc.
- deposit all cheques into our account and auto-withdraw their portion from our account as well.
- issue registrations to owners They also will allow us to customize our registration papers.
- maintain list of current members
- all individual pony, owner & stud book information
- most of this information will be available to anyone by going onto the CLRC website.

#### **Fee Schedule for membership and registrations:**

Memberships: Junior - \$10.00  
Senior - \$20.00  
Non Resident - \$15.00  
Associate - \$15.00 (non-voting)  
Honorary - \$0

#### Registrations:

Temporary Registrations  
Fillies & Colts up to June 30 of the following year of birth – \$65.00  
\$130.00 after June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year  
Permanent Registration  
Geldings/Halfbreds up to June 30 of the following year of birth - \$25.00  
- \$50.00 after June 30 of the following year  
Stallion Registrations (Permanent Registration) - \$250.00  
Fillies over two years of age - \$20.00

Transfers within 6 months:	\$20.00
Over 6 months	\$30.00

Rick Doner moved that we accept the fees outlined by Heather, Chris Carey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, voted & passed.

Farm / Herd Prefix Name - \$25.00

Susan Moved that we agree to the fee for prefix and Rick Doner seconded the motion. Voted & Passed

## Discussions of the By-Laws

We reviewed the By-Laws of the Canadian Connemara Pony Society with a discussion following. Main parts discussed were the pages regarding the Nominating Committee, Board Members, Fixed # of Directors, Duties of President & Vice President (ie attendance requirement of the ICCPS Annual Meeting), Liason w/ CLRC

Terry Francis motioned that we accept the Bylaws written and Doris seconded the motion.

**Vote on the By Laws** – All members were sent in the mail a vote to be mailed in or brought to the meeting. Doris, as head of the Nominating Chair reported results of votes. Doris confirmed there were 18 votes received. All votes in favour of accepting the By Laws.

### Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Board of Governors

Doris Jacobi as head of the Nominating Chair reported on the results of voting:

Directors for Pacific Region

Margot Watson – 15 votes

Cathy Whittal – 15 votes

Directors for Prairie Region

Bridget Wingate – 16 votes

Jocelyn Davies – 15 votes

Directors for Central Region

Heather Sherratt – 16 votes

Chris Carey – 15 votes

Bridget, Heather & Margot to stand for a 2 year term

Chris, Jocelyn & Cathy for a 1 year term

Susan MacDougal motioned to accept the above results. Margot Watson seconded the motion... voted & passed.

Doris Jacobi motioned for permission to destroy ballots, Dale Doner seconded the motion, voted & passed.

### Other Business:

Doris Jacobi took this opportunity to bring up the ACPS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary held this past August in Virginia. As a long time breeder and owner of Connemaras, Doris has been involved with the ACPS for a good portion of the last 50 years! Doris read a letter to us all that she had written to the ACPS to congratulate them on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, on behalf of all of us - Thank you Doris!!!!.. (see letter below)

*Thank you for a few minutes of your time. As a long time member and a Canadian breeder, it is a great pleasure for me to bring congratulations to the ACPS on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary from all the Canadian members and breeders and from myself. The support and friendship given to the Canadian breeders by the ACPS has been greatly appreciated. We have all benefited and enjoyed the relationship. Personally, I can't begin to tell you what an honor it has been for me to be associated with all of you and to serve on various committees.*

*I purchased my first Connemaras in 1974 and attended my first ACPS meeting in 1976. That meeting was held during the Montreal Olympics in Jay Peak, Vermont. My husband and I were volunteers for the 3 Day Event and good luck gave us a free day which made it possible for us to attend the ACPS – AGM. Believe me, it has been a wonderful journey ever since.*

*I have seen many changes over the years. There has been a positive growth and expansion, the establishment of programs which benefit everyone, a newsletter which grew to a wonderful magazine, friendships which are binding and so many truly wonderful, recognizable Connemaras. What pleases me most is the promotion the connemara has received. In those early years many people didn't know about the Breed. They were a secret and coveted by a few – or so it seemed. Promotion and marketing was a big part of a breeding program, particularly in Canada. The ACPS has moved forward, a legacy to be very proud of. You all have to very pleased with what has been accomplished in 50 years.*

*Now in 2006, a Canadian Connemara Pony Society is a reality. It has been a very long process. I firstly approached the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation – CLRC (a department of Agriculture Canada) in 1989. I attended the CLRC – AGM in 1991. We could register Canadian foaled Connemaras in the General Livestock Records Stud Book, there was not a section for the*

*Connemara alone. They were not enough breeders and members across Canada to form a Society – many in Western Canada but not in Eastern Canada. It wasn't long before Eastern Canada, particularly Ontario started to see the Connemara for its true worth and now there is a good representation of Breeders right across Canada – which is what CLRC recommended for the formation of a Canadian Society. Serious work began between Western and Eastern Canada with organizational meetings in both areas. E:Mail and conference telephone calls also played a big part towards the formation of a Society.*

*Heather Sherratt lives near Ottawa where Agriculture Canada and the CLRC are located. She has spent many hours with them ( much frustration too) Meeting their requirements but also the requirements of the Irish Society with regards to the Connemara Pony in Canada. Heather deserves so much credit for all the work she has done. Now, in 2006, Canada will have a Canadian Connemara Pony Society. The By Laws are presently being reviewed by Agriculture Canada with only a few minor changes expected. Rick Doner from Ontario is attending the meeting in Clifden, Ireland to represent the Canadian Society and report on the progress so far\_ and hopefully receive full sanction from them as an official Canadian Connemara Pony Society. It has been a very long process. The ACPS in its 50<sup>th</sup> year, and the CCPS in it's first year!*

*The CLRC recommended many years ago that our two Societies have a “reciprocal” agreement so that we continue to move forward with the continuity and relationship which we have enjoyed over the years. I'm not sure if that would still apply, however, I would like to recommend that we have a representative from Canada on the ACPS Board and a representative from the USA on the CCPS Board. That could be the President of each Society or someone appointed by the President of each.*

*Thank you for giving me the opportunity to bring Congratulations from Canada on the CPS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. You've truly done a wonderful job, an accomplishment to be proud of. For me, I have the Connemara to thank for enriching my life in so many ways. May our two Societies continue to enjoy a special relationship and friendship for many years to come!*

Again, Doris, thanks again for representing all of us so well!

Doris Jacobi presented Heather Sherratt a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary pin from the ACPS. Rick Doner also gave Heather Sherratt a book in appreciation of all her hard work over the last few years on our Society. This was Pat Lyne's new book, “ As I See It”.

Next AGM was suggested to be in Eastern Canada next fall in conjunction with another big event such as the Royal Winter Fair. Elsie motioned to accept this suggestion, Penny 2nded the motion., voted & passed

Heather asked that the meeting be adjourned, (approx 1:00 p.m.)

### **Meeting of Newly Elected Board of Governors**

After the AGM Meeting, the newly appointed board of governors met to appoint officers:

Nominations for Executive:

Chris Carey nominated Heather Sherratt for President  
Susan MacDougal nominated Margot Watson as Treasurer  
Chris Carey Nominated Bridget Wingate for Vice-President  
Heather Sherratt nominated Jocelyn Davies for Secretary  
Jocelyn Davies Nominated Susan MacDougall as Executive Member  
Heather Sherratt Nominated Chris Carey as Executive Member  
Chris Carey Nominated Rick Doner as Executive Member

Above nominations were accepted.

### **CLRC Liason person**

Chris Carey will be our liason person for the CLRC.

## General Meeting of the Canadian Connemara Pony Society

### Inspection Committee

Margo Watson will be the chair for inspection committee. It was also agreed by all that for all Canadian Inspection that one inspector would be a USA or International inspector.

Regions will organize their own inspections. Shortfall in inspections costs will be borne by the Region. Inspection fees will be set by the Inspection Committee.

### Awards Committee

Doris Jacobi, Pat Francis, Dale Doner & Chis Carey

Susan MacDougall moved that the awards scheme in Western Canada be the same program for all of Canada. Only the Lynfield's Cormac MacCarthy would be an award only applicable to Western Canada.

Doris will collect the points (forms will still be mailed to her). Important that show result forms be signed by the Show Secretary.

### Policy and Procedure Committee

Terry Francis was nominated and accepted this position.

### Promotion and Advertising Committee

Susan MacDougall, Dale Doner, Nancy, Penny Huggons and Chris Carey

Logo – Bridget Wingate motioned that we can spend up to \$300.00 on a Logo with the next 6 weeks. This was 2nded by Margot Watson. Voted & passed.

Web Page will now be a subcommittee – Tracy Dobko is the contact

### Magazine Committee

Jocelyn Davies, Rick Donner, Susan MacDougall & Elsie Priddy

### Arbitration Committee

Bridget Wingate was nominated and accepted this position.

Doris motioned that any official grievances be presented to the Arbitration Committee along with a \$50.00 fee.

Also, if arbitration can not be resolved the grievance would be presented to the Board of Governors.

Pat Francis seconded the motion.

### Membership Committee

Penny Huggons & Elsie Priddy were nominated and accepted this position.

### Historical Committee

Jennifer Smyth, Penny Huggons, & Jocelyn Davies volunteered for this position

Pictures were then taken of the newly appointed Board of Governors and Officers of the Canadian Connemara Pony Society.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

### ***CANADIAN Connemara Pony Inspection site- October 1, 2006***

We had our first ever inspections at Devon Ridge Farms on October 1st. There were 11 ponies presented 10 mares and 1 stallion... I'm pleased to say all were approved! Our inspection team consisted of Chris Knox (the new ACPS President!), Margot Watson & Heather Sherratt. Inspector Candidates included Penny Huggons, Tracy Dopko & Susan MacDougall. Between the AGM Meeting on September 30 and the Inspections (and, of course, the socializing afterwards ), it was surely a wonderful weekend!

It was great for the "Prairie Region" to be able to host the AGM this year... it was so wonderful for us to be able to see in person those who came from so far... Margot Watson, Susan MacDougall, Heather Sheratt, Chris Carey, Rick & Dale Doner and Chris Knox. Thank you all for coming!!!!



*Century Hills Aedan Zodiac (approved Stallion)  
(Century Hills Fredrick McTeague x \*Tatham Ballinanna)  
owned by Eloden Connemaras in Saskatoon Saskatchewan.  
Pictured with handler, Elsie Priddy*



*Devon Ridge Rhiannon (Premium Mare)  
(Bien Mallin's Rory O'Sullivan x Avenn's Golden R  
Owned by Devon Ridge Farms / Jocelyn Davies  
Pictured with Chris Knox, Jocelyn Davies, Tracy Dopko  
And Heather Sherratt*

## **AWARDS PROGRAM**

Everyone please send in your show results to Doris Jacobi so that you qualify for the 2006 awards... she needs them before the end of the year. There are forms downloadable on our website: <http://www.canadianconnemara.org>. NOTE \* Doris now has a new address.. please send the completed forms to: Doris Jacobi, Site 1, Comp 7, RR#1, Edmonton, AB T6H 4N6