

Stud Book Committee 2021 report to AGM

2021 has been a busy year with 3 big files to take on for the association.

First besides our usual work of approving stallion applications and stud book registries, this year we undertook to develop a set of protocols for video inspections. These are not meant to replace in person inspections but are intended to be able to allow isolated areas, horses that cannot be transported, and other 'special needs' such as isolation protocols from public health directives, to still allow the inspection process to occur. One chapter, the Maritimes chapter used these protocols to inspect mares and judge their foal futurity, as they were still in a covid lock down and could not get judges in to help them judge these. The stud book committee with the in person help of Theresa Steel acted as inspectors. On the whole when the video instructions were followed it worked fairly well but having the on the ground judge is very important.

Next big project was running a national tour using the video inspection model. Inspectors included 1 chapter inspector, Christian Poschung, Dana Young, Chris Gould, Marilyn Powell, the recorder/moderator Jennette Coote and Victoria operating the program to allow us to see and adjucate. While the process worked quite well, but the tapes took too long to come back to the central body which delayed the inspection, and therefore informing the stallion owners this will have to be worked on, but may work in the future as part of the inspection process and has the potential of reducing overall tour costs and increasing date options. In my opinion if the video protocol is followed as written it requires minimal editing to put together a coherent presentation of each horse.

3rd major project is one that has been 5 years in the making is the change of the database from CLRC to Equis, that occurred Jan 1, 2022. This had much background work done from August forward. A complete review of the work done is reported in the Equis report.

Thank you for the opportunities provided to the committee to work at furthering the goals of CWHBA.