

CWHBA 2022 Annual General Meeting, March 25, 2023

National Chair Report

This is our first full year of operation after our move from CLRC to our own office and to our own database system (Equis). It has been a very busy year with lots of work to complete the migration. Our office staff, along with Studbook Committee members, have been busy updating their processes for recording pedigree and ownership info using the new system.

Owners and breeders have been quick to make use of our new online registration system and we have received positive feedback affirming the registration process is easier, smoother and more efficient than before.

Members are now able to enter their application information directly. The new system generates a pre-filled DNA application and an accurate invoice. As we hoped, this has resulted in fewer issues, less time required to “interpret” applications, and less confusion over costs.

Both Registration and Membership numbers increased last year, and all of our stats are trending upwards, showing us it was the right decision to transition to our own office, new database system and to implement a major upgrade to our website. These have been big undertakings, with lots of hours given by volunteers on the transition committee and our new office staff. There is still some work to be done on these projects - more details are covered in the Office report and in the Communication report.

The 2023 Stallion Service Auction was held in February this year, with excellent results. There were some lovely pieces donated for the silent auctions, along with great service packages! Our biggest thank you for the success of this event goes to the owners who nominated/donated their stallion service, and to the mare owners who bid!! And of course to the hard working volunteer team on the Stallion service auction.

The Alberta Chapter continued with their very successful fall and riding horse sale, again coming in with some high prices. Hats off to their committees and volunteers for putting on such a professional and well run sale. The Alberta sales are such a great opportunity for breeders to show and sell their warmblood horses!

Our Communications Committee has created a new Social Media Team, who will be working to improve our social media presence. More details appear in the

Communications report.

In 2022, inspections were held in Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, and BC. Over the past couple of years, the Studbook Committee has made a number of changes in our inspection processes to accommodate the Covid 19 restrictions. Many of the changes resulted in important improvements, and will be retained. The changes are discussed in detail in the Studbook Committee report.

15 stallions presented for Licensing in 2022. The Stallion Licensing and Stallion Performance Tests were held at Old Gate Farm in Olds Alberta. The stallions were well presented, and their quality was outstanding.

I big thank you to Katrina van den Bosch and the Alberta chapter for hosting the Inspection and the Stallion Test, and also to the inspectors, sponsors, stallion owners, and the hard working volunteers.

CWHBA Members present mares of ever increasing quality, showing the results of thoughtful breeding plans. They are producing the next generation of top competitors and amateur owner mounts, building our Canadian Warmblood Brand throughout North America and into the bastions of the Warmblood breed in Europe. The stallions in our roster represent bloodlines world wide. Those bred, foaled and registered in Canada, like our mares, are often exceeding expectations and is continually raising the bar.

More CWHBA horses are rising to International competition levels, and many are superb continental champions for professionals, amateurs and young riders. More and more Canadians are traveling to California, Florida, and Arizona for the winter show season. They act as ambassadors showing what a wonderful developing breed Canadian Warmbloods are.

Now is the time to nominate your competition horses for National Award programs -- be sure to share the word and encourage friends to nominate their CWHBA horses.

The World Breeding Federation of Sport Horses Association (WBFSH) held their annual assembly in beautiful, historic Dresden, Germany. CWHBA had a impressive presence at the meeting especially considering how far away it was held. Chris Gould and Sarah King attended on the behalf of CWHBA National, while the Alberta Chapter sent Janine Olson and Katrina van den Bosch.

The next WBFSH meeting will be held in the United States – the specific location to be announced. This will make it easier for more to attend from Canada. Anyone can register. Date and registration information will be sent out in an enews.

Canada has unique challenges for riders and breeders, but tenacity, Canadian pride and community lead to success. Help build our Canadian brand, learn, and strengthen Canada's Warmblood, and help direct the future of our Association and Chapters. There are too many people who volunteer countless hours and abilities to single out any one person, so I'd like to thank all our volunteers, at all levels, for your work, input and ideas. To each and every member, volunteer and sponsor, I say Thank You!

Janice Tyndall
CWHBA National Chair