

CWHBA
2022 Annual General Meeting
Minutes

Held by teleconference
Saturday – March 25, 2023

Attending: Janice Tyndall - Chair, Eileen Poole, Jennette Coote, Janine Olson, Cathy Chalack, Kailey Parkin, Cassandra Morrish, Lynne Robinson, Marilyn Powell, Joy Cook, Julie Pilon, André Sigmond, Jan Ash -Gross, Dana Young, Jocelyn Young, Marc Deremiens, Sarah King, Heather Cowell, Maria Ardito, Jackie VandenBrink, Courtney, JJ Foulds, Susan Jenkins, Marie Arsenault, Judy Kirkby, Diana Pella, Dianne Million, George Million, Jeannette Adams, Edward Kendall, Lesley Rhys-Williams, Chris Gould, Victoria Kendall

11:00 AM – Call to Order

1. Introduction of Directors & Delegates & Members

- Attendance taken with participants confirming if present.

2. Agenda Approval

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated. Moved by Jennette Coote, 2nd Julie Pilon

- Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes from 2021 AGM

MOTION: To approve the minutes for the 2021 AGM held March 27th, 2022. Moved by Chris Gould, 2nd Julie Pilon

- Motion Carried

4. Chair's Report

- Janice Tyndall presented the circulated Chair report. (See appendix A)

5. Treasurer's Report – Susan Jenkins

a) Audit report Jeannette Adams, CPA, CA St Arnaud Pinsent Steman. Chartered Professional Accountants.

- The financial audit report for 2022 is presented by external auditor Jeanette Adams, reviewing revenue, expenses, and assets/liabilities totals.

MOTION: to accept the audited financial report. Moved by Cathy Chalack, 2nd Jennette Coote

- Motion Carried

b) Presentation of 2023 budget

- Victoria Kendall presented the 2023 budget with projected small deficit.

MOTION: to accept the 2023 budget as presented. Moved by Julie Pilon, 2nd Jennette Coote.

- Motion Carried

c) Affirm rebates to Provincial Chapters

MOTION: to rebate the chapters \$5 per member less \$2 per member for insurance and \$45 per mare inspected. Moved by Jennette Coote, 2nd Chris Gould.

- Might want to consider a change for the future as it hasn't changed for a number of years and not all the chapters have the same sources of revenue.
- Motion Carried

d) Appoint 2023 Year End Financial Review Officer

- We do have 1 year left on our contract with St Arnaud Pinsent Steman. So, with no objections we will continue with our current contract.

6. Management Committee

a) Membership – Dianne Million – Chair

- It was decided at our last board meeting and that we would restart having a meeting with the national board members and chapters to get ideas and see how we could help some of the chapters grow their membership and any other problems that they are having.
- We are going to have separate meetings by Zoom to deal with specific topics.
 - Currently planning one for stallion owners and one regarding mare inspections

II. [Awards](#) – Marilyn Powell – Chair

- The awards report was reviewed by Marilyn Powell
- Reviewed how Mares can earn points towards her Elite status.
- Need to get this information on the awards page of the website.
- Chris Gould - I think it's a terrific report and a good job that these people are doing that the committee is doing for us and I hope we can do things to publicize it better.

b) [Communications](#)– Chris Gould – Chair

- The communications report was summarized by Chris Gould
- We're quite active in terms of the website and e-news and monthly articles in Breeding News and I'm assuming everybody's reading them every month. I'd love to get feedback though and suggestion for topics.
- Trying to get more active and connecting on social media the hashtag Canadianwarmblood has over 21,000 posts.
- The committee will be looking for posts that we can share and feature.
- Instagram appears to be our fastest growing outlet.
- Need to ensure that we have permission from the photographers for any pictures we publicize.

c) Office Administration – Jennette Coote

- Jennette Coote – 3 years ago we decided we needed a better processing unit than CLRC. We had to provide a full year's notice to CLRC, and it took an additional 3 months after that to get the rest of our files to us. We found that this included 45 registration requests. So that's a lot of work we didn't expect, and we didn't have built in. Vic has stepped up to the plate and answered the questions as immediately as possible. I have to tell you; I'm really pleased with the amount of progress we've made. It is still a work in progress, but this transition to Equis and to our own office, I think has been quite successful.

II. [Office Report](#) – Victoria Kendall

- Victoria Kendall summarized the office report.
- We still have the help desk which is very active, and Marilyn and Jeanette are still following that and definitely keeping up with a lot of the communications there and then I can just address specifics as they come up related to actual applications and progress.
- I have been doing a lot of additional support for the various programs such as the stallion tour, the inspections, the SSA and meetings is another aspect of the work that happens in the office here.
- Discussed electronic certificates and passport options.

MOTION: To accept the management reports as presented. Moved by Sarah King, 2nd Marilyn Powell.

- Motion Carried

7. Board

a) [Equine Canada](#) – Industry Division & Category C & Health & Welfare – Janice Tyndall

- Janice Tyndall – EC held their AGM September 20th, 2022, and it was a virtual meeting. The one significant thing is that on February 1st, 2023, Equine Canada, signed an agreement to join abuse -free sport. It's the new independent program to prevent and address maltreatment, to address maltreatment in sport. This provides EC with independent facilitation of complaints, supporting EC's commitment to Canada's safe sport. Individuals wishing to file a complaint with W & W dispute safe sport process, you can go on to the safe sport tab on the EC web. There's a dropdown window, you can click on safe sport, and it will carry you through the process and how to file a complaint.

b) [WBFSH](#) – Chris Gould

- I just want to thank Katrina, Janine, and Sarah for doing such a great job. And I know they enjoyed the trip. And we have a pretty good photo gallery of pictures, which we will try to make available to the public if they want to see it.
- The main points that are really hot now are the issues around animal welfare and when you should be starting young horses.
- We had good presentations there and if you want to see some of them, you can go to their website and you can click on the seminars report for the last meeting.
- There are now five of us on the Equis system and I don't know where that leaves the status of the horse link. I've sent a message asking for an update. There is now a renewed discussion about an international database. It's a huge undertaking. So, we'll see where that goes.

c) [National Stallion Service Auction](#) – Andre Sigmond, SSA Manager

- Andre Sigmond - 2022 stallion service auction was a success. We had 35 stallions, 7 unsold, a gross income of \$27,520.
- Thanks again to all the stallion owners, donors and buyers. And thank you for the committee. They're doing a lot of work and they're a great team. Thanks for everybody involved.

d) [Equis](#) studbook management software

- Chris Gould - people can read the report.
- Essentially it was a transitional period and we implemented things as fast as we could.

8. Stud Book Committee

a) [Stud Book Report](#) – Jennette Coote / Janine Olson

- Jennette Coote - Useful things that have come out of out of COVID was getting us using the video inspections and we've been very fortunate with

people that have given their time to review these videos. We're also grateful for the inspectors who were on the ground being there and running the inspections.

- We have changed the SPT format of how we're judging and what we're judging. Using the linear profile and scoring. Our international judges really liked it. We think that moving to the linear profiling and being more discipline specific in our judgment is going to be very helpful.

MOTION: To accept the reports from the Board. Moved by Dianne Million, 2nd Dana Young.

- Motion Carried

9. Provincial Reports

a) [British Columbia](#)

- Julie Pilon - We had Stallion and mare inspections and offspring. We were going to do the AGM this year, but with the travel difficulties we decided we just couldn't do it.

b) [Alberta](#)

- Cathy Chalack - We have a pretty active group of directors and members. We had a pretty good year. Last year we had a spring sale. This year we didn't have enough to fill it. So, we aren't going forward with one in the spring. Two of our young breeders went to Holland. And we were very excited that our junior was third in the confirmation judging. Katrina and Janine brought a lot of information back and Chris, it just keeps us in the eye of the world for sure.

c) [Saskatchewan](#)

- Dianne Million – We had mare inspections this year at Pelmac. We did have a young breeder from Kindersley area that went along with Lisa Longton to the International Young Breeders competition.

d) [Manitoba](#)

- Dana Young - Manitoba was extremely quiet last year. We had a fairly large 2021 inspection in the east with three stallions for the licensing and six mares I believe, foal futurities, and some open classes. This year we have some new board members, so it looks like this year is going to be pretty good, I think.

e) [Ontario](#)

- Heather Cowell - For a quick 2022 recap, we started off with a handful of stallions being purchased through the SSA. In May, we held a stallion

inspection producing one licensed stallion. We had two scheduled mare inspections and open shows. The first was a very successful day in Niagara. The second open show unfortunately didn't have any mares to be inspected so we had to cancel due to lack of entries. We also had three young ladies from Ontario represent us in Holland for the young Breeders World Championships.

f) Quebec

- Marie Arsenault - There's one volunteer right now. We showed four stallions for the licensing. They were really nice stallions, and we were really pleased with the day. Members in the chapter want the services, but we don't have the power to do it right now.

g) Maritimes

MOTION: to accept the 2022 chapter reports as presented. Moved by Julie Pilon, 2nd Dianne Million.

- Motion Carried

10. Motions

a) to Ratify actions of the Board in 2022

MOTION: To ratify the actions of the Board in 2022. Moved by Jennette Coote, 2nd Julie Pilon.

- Motion Carried

11. By-Law Amendments – None this year

12. Elections

- a) Vice Chair – two-year term, elected from the board, any member may make a nomination (incumbent Susan Jenkins)
- Susan Jenkins is willing to stand again.
 - No additional nominations were made so Susan Jenkins is elected by acclamation.
- b) Stud Book Committee Member – 2-year term, any member may be elected (incumbent Janine Olson)
- Janine Olson is willing to stand.
 - No additional nominations were made so Janine Olson is elected by acclamation.
- c) Honorary Member(s)

- Chirs Gould - We started this some years ago to recognize people that have made contributions to the association that weren't necessarily members of the association but gave us outside service, people such as Albert Kley or Manfred Lopp, individuals who came and inspected and supported us. So, we've mostly named people in that category that have helped us often our foreign judges and so on. Mrs. Southern, for example. Now, when Charmaine passed away, we recognized her by naming a memorial, Young Breeders Fund, and it came to my mind that perhaps we should have a different or a special honorary role for our members that we want to recognize whether deceased or not. But I'm just throwing that out there as a question mark because there's no necessary reason why we can't recognize members in terms of their long service. We've certainly appointed Eve Mannering as an honorary lifetime director.
- Saskatchewan Chapter is prepared to nominate Charmaine Bergman in memoriam for Honorary membership.
- Jennette would like to nominate Jan-Ove Olsson.
- Janine Olson would like to nominate Mara Coot-Freeman in memoriam.
- Marilyn – Charmaine’s husband John is continuing to do some breeding under her membership. I fully endorse both Charmaine and Mara, but how does Mara being part of the membership of Jeanette, how is that going to affect things?
 - Chris – The comment that I made earlier is, honestly, I think these people should be recognized, but I think they should be recognized in a special way that is that is significantly different from the honorary member, which is, in my mind, originally for people that gave service to the organization that weren't necessarily part of the organization. I'm not opposed to them at all. I'm just saying that I'm just not sure that's sufficient to put them in with that other group, not that the other group isn't great people but to me it's a different category.
- Jennette Coote - Mara was a member of MJ farms, who is still a Lifetime member. She would not want to confuse the rules at all.

MOTION: to nominate Charmaine Bergman and Jan-Ove Olsson as Honorary Members. Moved by Dianne Million, 2nd Andre Sigmond

- Motion Carried

ACTION ITEM: the board to find a different category for our deceased members, an honorary position, or some way that we can honor their memory within the association.

- Leslie Rhys-Williams has suggested you call it a lifetime contribution or contributor.

13. Other Business

a) Workshops

- Usually at the AGMs, we have workshops, and we can cover some important subjects that we need covered.
- One of the workshops, actually Diane had touched on this earlier, which was really good, would be like a stallion owner round table, would be one subject, and it would be nice to do it fairly soon because a stallion service auction has just closed.
- Another one was to do chapter presidents meetings to see what we can do for them.
- Alberta chapters got an education committee putting out suggestions for for clinics and seminars and I'm just wondering if they would be, if they end up with an online one, if they'd be willing to share that with the, with the national.
 - I think that was also the intention when we do some YouTube videos and we put them up on our chapter page so they would be available to everyone.

14. Motion to set a Date and Location for the 2023 AGM in 2024

- Discussion about location for the 2023 AGM and incorporation of Hybrid meeting.

MOTION: to host the 2023 AGM March 15-17, 2024, as a hybrid meeting in Quebec. Moved by Chris Gould

- Motion Carried

15. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 MT. Moved by Jennette Coote, 2nd by Julie Pilon

APPENDIX A

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 sales, 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.

13 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 are 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 travelling to California, Florida, and Arizona for the winter show season. They act as ambassadors showing what a wonderful Warmbloods are coming from Canada.

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 For Sport Horses (WBFSH) held their General 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. After his many years of service and time as a WBFSH Vice President, Chris was honoured by being named a Life Member.

The next WBFSH meeting will be held in the United States – the specific location to be announced. This will make it easier to attend from Canada.

Canada has unique challenges for riders and breeders, but tenacity, Canadian pride and community lead to success. You can 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