

Notice of Motion 2023 AGM
March 17, 2024
Chris Gould

On behalf of the Alberta Chapter and myself, I hereby move that Jennette Coote, in recognition of her service to the CWHBA, be named Honorary Life Director.

It is often said, that words are not sufficient, and in this case is absolutely true when trying to describe the importance to the CWHBA of Jennette's involvement, from her first role as a founding member in 1988 to her current role as Studbook Committee Member and National Inspections Coordinator.

Here is a brief and no doubt incomplete synopsis of her career.

- National Director for Alberta from 1988 to 2023
- President of the Alberta Chapter for approximately 25 years
- Chair of the Fall Classic Breeder's Sale for nearly 25 years
- National Inspection and Stallion Performance Test Coordinator
- Senior Inspector
- Finance Committee Member
- SSA Committee Member and former Chair
- Twice representative to the WBFSH General Assembly
- First Young Breeders Coordinator
- Member of the negotiating team with regards to the Animal Pedigree Act and the CWHBA status as a distinct breed studbook.
- One of three virtual office volunteers that maintained the association business while it was financially unable to afford administrative support.

With her sister Mara she ran MJ Farms, standing some of the CWHBA foundational stallions, including Fantast (fraternal half brother to Big Ben). MJ Farms is on record as breeder of nearly 200 Canadian Warmbloods and an unknown number of Arabs, Anglo Arabs, Trakehners and Standardbreds. MJ Farms for many years hosted an Alberta Hunter Society horse show in Olds and she has been organizer for Alberta Chapter Breeder's Shows and functions.

She was the first manager/instructor of the Olds College Equine program and a core member of the Alberta Horse Industry Association for many years. A competitive rider, coach and trainer, her influence on many young people has been significant.

These details do not however give the whole picture. The countless hours of Jennette's contribution are better understood by appreciating her intelligent, thoughtful and forceful participation in discussions and decision making. She brings a practical perspective to our ambitions, but she never hesitates to step up, take on a task and see it through to the end. She is known for her amazing ability to make and inspire loyalty from her friends, who then become her volunteer corps. She is universally loved and respected by her students, colleagues and friends.

Through all her hardwork and dedication, she has been the cornerstone of the Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association. I therefore ask you to join me in honoring her for her countless years of service.