

Chair's Report

Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association (CWHBA) AGM 2026 – Reporting Year 2025

Good morning, members and guests,

It is my pleasure to present the Chair's Report for 2025 on behalf of the Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association (CWHBA).

The past year has been one of steady progress and continued commitment to our core mandate: protecting the integrity of the Canadian Warmblood studbook while supporting breeders in producing quality sport horses.

A key focus this year was our National Tour inspections and stallion licensing. Unfortunately, our scheduled European inspector was unable to attend due to health issues. Despite this unexpected challenge, the Association responded quickly to ensure the integrity of the licensing process was maintained.

Stallion licensing was conducted using a hybrid format. Two senior inspectors were present on site, while two European inspectors reviewed stallion presentations and performance videos remotely, in consultation with an online panel. This approach ensured that international standards and oversight were upheld. I would like to thank everyone involved for their flexibility and professionalism in making this process successful.

Along with the tour stops, an educational day was offered, which was well attended and very well received.

Looking ahead to summer 2026, we are planning the National Tour to include a Stallion Performance Test and/or Licensing, depending on numbers. If participation allows, a stallion test may be offered in both Eastern and Western Canada, along with mare inspections, foal evaluations, and an educational day for members. Full details and registration information will be posted shortly.

From a governance perspective, the Board focused on sound oversight, policy review, and maintaining financial stability. We remain in a stable position thanks to prudent management and the commitment of our volunteers and administrative team.

Canadian Warmbloods continued to excel in sport. At the 2025 Jump Alberta Awards, 16 Canadian Warmbloods were named Champion or Reserve Champion in year-end standings. I am sure there were recipients of top awards in other provinces as well. Please remember to let us know when your horse — or a horse from your breeding program — earns recognition. Let us help you celebrate and promote your outstanding achievements.

Supporting our breeders remains a priority, and the success of our horses reflects the strength of our breeding program and the dedication of our members.

The equine industry continues to face economic and operational challenges, but opportunities remain strong for well-bred, properly documented sport horses. CWHBA is well positioned to move forward with confidence.

As we look to 2026, our focus will remain on maintaining inspection excellence, strengthening member engagement, improving administrative efficiency, and promoting the Canadian Warmblood brand.

I would like to thank our volunteers, Board members, breeders, European inspectors, sponsors, and office staff for their continued dedication and support. Your commitment ensures that the Canadian Warmblood remains a respected and performance-oriented studbook that we, as Canadians, can be proud of.

Breeding horses is not simply about pedigrees and inspections — it is about passion, perseverance, and belief in what is possible. Every foal represents years of knowledge, care, and hope for the future. Together, we are not only maintaining standards; we are building a legacy. I am deeply proud of this community and grateful to work alongside each of you as we shape the future of the Canadian Warmblood.

It is an honour to serve as Chair.

Thank you.