

## **Minutes of the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry (CAHR) Annual General Meeting**

Regina, Saskatchewan – August 24, 2006

Call to Order: Christine Tribe called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Introduction of Officers and Staff Members and Identification of Members present: CAHR President, Marcia Friesen, Secretary-treasurer, Bob Sproule, Director and Breeders Chairman, Bill Lee, Director, Megan Francis and staff members Christine Tribe, Registrar/Administrator and Nicole Toren, Administrative Assistant/Public Relations.

Introduction of New Business: Gary Gushuliak and Bill DeBarres were in attendance to discuss the Equine Canada Identification System.

Minutes of 2005 Annual General Meeting and 2005 Financial Statements were reviewed and no changes or additions were made.

*Motion: To accept the minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting as circulated. (Megan Francis – Kim Tucker). Carried.*

Garry Spice resigned as Board of Director and News Chairman earlier this year. Elections for Board of Directors were held in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario. We are pleased with the interest taken to serve on the CAHR Board.

Committees were discussed. Promotional/Communications Committee will replace the News Committee headed by Wayne MacLaughlin. Ron Johnson will head a Constitutional Review Committee and Bill Lee will remain as the Chairman for the Breeders Committee.

**Office Reports** - CAHR - In 2005, 545 purebreds were registered. Of that 2 were imported from overseas. 62 U.S. purebred transfers were processed.  
CPAR - 315 Part breds were registered in 2005 and 17 Anglo's. Of that 21 were Part bred U.S. transfers.

As of July 31, 2006, we have registered 288 purebreds and 176 part breds - of that, 19 have been Anglo-Arabians. 51 U.S. purebred transfers have been processed.

Members were reminded that U.S. registered part bred horses must now be registered in Canada. The special fee for this ended June 30, 2006. It is now regular price starting at \$50.00 plus GST for our members. Bob Sproule suggested that the next Directory have a page dedicated directly to CPAR, including specific requirements for registration.

The Registry is now offering to our members a special rate on registering your purebred Arabian over the age of 12 mths. Until March 31, 2007, the fee to register your purebred will be \$150.00 plus GST. The regular fee for a purebred over the age of two is \$300.00.

The switch to UC Davis for our blood type testing was discussed. UC Davis will only accept blood type analyzing until December 31, 2008. After this time the Registry cannot guarantee there will be any labs in North America offering this type of service or what the fees may be.

The Registry thanked our members for their patience and understanding this past year with regards to the staff changes and delays in processing this may have caused.

**News** – It was discussed that the replacement of the Canadian Arabian Horse News in its magazine format has been replaced with a combination of the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry Annual Directory and the Canadian Arabian Horse News as a member newsletter.

The Directory was very successful this year. We heard positive feedback from our members and advertisers. All members receive a copy of the Directory with their paid membership, plus additional Directories are distributed at shows and events throughout the year in Canada and the United States. Our members also receive a free basic listing in the Directory. Nicole explains that due to the “*Privacy Act*” in Canada, members must sign a release located on the membership renewal forms, giving the CAHR permission to publish their contact information in the Directory. Members who have paid for a 3 or 5 year membership will still be required to sign a release every year if they wish to be included in that year’s Directory.

To keep our members informed throughout the year we issued a Newsletter and encouraged our members to visit our website on a regular basis.

**Canadian Breeders** – Bill Lee discusses that details from Eastern and Western Breeders have not yet been received. However, he was informed that Western Breeders which was held in conjunction with a judging clinic by the Calgary Arabian Horse Association was a huge success.

The format and criteria for applying for the Breeders show will be changed. Bill will inform the Clubs and Registry of the new format when completed.

The 2007 Western Breeders will be hosted by the All Arabian Horse Association in British Columbia. As of August 24<sup>th</sup>, we have not confirmed the host club for the Eastern Breeders. The Saskatchewan Arabian Horse Association has already shown interest in hosting the 2008 Western Breeders.

Different ideas were brought up in how to increase the number of entries at Breeders. It was discussed to allow U.S. owners of Canadian bred horses show at the Breeders Championships. Breeder's Committee will discuss options. The East was encouraged to let us know the problems associated with the Eastern Breeders.

*Motion: To amend Agenda and move New Business ahead of Financials. (Kim Tucker – Megan Francis). Carried.*

**New Business** – Bill DesBarres, a representative from Equine Canada's Breeds and Industry division, discusses Equine Canada's National ID program. Under this program all horses will have a specific number that will identify where a horse is born, where it has been and where it is going. This traceability is to help minimize the impact of contagious disease outbreaks in Canadian livestock. Currently this program is still under development.

Marica Friesen briefly discussed Gateway program developed by Kevin Simmons in Ontario. He will be asked to join the Promotional Committee to discuss this program and other new ideas. Braden Davidson also from Ontario has volunteered to revamp the Registry website and will be asked to join this committee as well. The Board of Directors was pleased to see our members coming forward with new ideas.

**Financial Reports** – Bob Sproule reviews 2004 financials. Foundation has been inactive and therefore was terminated. Money borrowed from the Registry to operate the Foundation was written off. Expenses were down.

There was an adjustment made to the financials as calculations to prepaid longer term memberships were made incorrectly in prior years.

The Registry has been renting a portion of their office space. A plan to increase the rent when the contract is up for renewal in 2007 was discussed.

The importance of completing transactions was discussed. This is to avoid higher monthly fees paid to the Arabian Horse Association for use of their processing program. Adding interest charges or sur-charges to transactions not completed in a timely manner was discussed.

A question was asked about government grants. All grants must go through Equine Canada.

*Motion: To accept Reports as presented. (John Saum – Megan Francis). Carried.*

The meeting was adjourned.

