

BCHJA AGM
7 December 2009, 6:30 PM
Wired Monk, Langley

Draft Minutes for Approval

BCHJA Members Present: Patti Coldicutt (President), Teri Thompson (Treasurer), Deb Gue (Secretary/VP Member Services/recorder), Laura Balisky (Past President), Fran McAvity (VP Funding), Nayda McNeill (VP Competitions), Arlene Denning (Zone 5 Rep), Pam Cleeve (Zone 3 Rep), Natasha Brash, Chelsea McNeill, Jane Tidball, Laura Jane Tidball, Holly Olic, Kate Perrin, Kim McDougall

1. Agenda approved as circulated (Laura/Arlene)

2. Minutes (AGM 8 December 2008) approved as circulated (Fran/Nayda)

3. President's report approved as read – (Deb/Pam)

4. Treasurer's report approved as circulated (Nayda/Arlene)

Discussion about revenues/expenditures from the horse show which currently include all of the social events. It was clarified that the fall finale was designed to be a fund-raiser for BCHJA, so we need to report basic horse show revenue and expenditures. The social events are to have established budgets and paid for separately. There is a desire to have comparison columns from year to year (budget and actuals). Teri has done a commendable job over the past year, which is much appreciated. We anticipate that we will continue to have improved clarity in the budgets and actuals in the future, making comparisons more possible. Jane Tidball offered to help with budget next year.

5. Athlete Development Program report presented by Patti Coldicutt and approved as read (Laura/Arlene)

Discussion included the need to promote this program more and have declarations earlier. The barn rep program could contribute to this, as well as more email blasts to members. Also discussion about involving Claudia Cojocar more for her clinic organizing skills (cost is \$500 per clinic). This will be considered and discussed in more detail by the board.

6. Membership report presented by Deb Gue and approved (Pam/Jane)

Discussion of current membership numbers, website development, points preparation, and gala organization. We will look into a central Burnaby site for the gala next year, again in January 2011. Debbie Benson and Sandy Underwood requested that we continue to request items for the gala silent auction (this will be put on the website as well). Deb would like a small group to work on improved website organization. Teri and Arlene have offered to assist.

7. Funding report approved as presented by Fran McAvity (Teri/Laura)

- a. Education Scholarships are not being used by many of those eligible. Discussion about how to improve this. Need to increase awareness (email blast will help) and reexamine the period of time they are effective.
- b. Athlete travel fund – this year’s breakdown presented
- c. Fran explained Jump Canada funding (\$10 per entry for gold shows) and a great amount comes back to BCHJA. We are responsible to make sure that this is spent in a JC approved way, from grassroots to grand prix level. Need to look at how to give back to all those who put into JC funds.
- d. Report from Fran on the Royal, Young Riders, and the CN Grand Prix at Spruce Meadows (Chris Lowe was one of only two Canadians to qualify).
- e. Venue development grants given for safety jump cups (bronze venues funded by BCHJA, gold by JC).

8. Competitions report by Nayda approved as presented (Jane/Laura)

In 2009 there were 19 BCHJA sanctioned Hunter Jumper Shows. Eleven shows were Equine Canada Gold shows and eight were Equine Canada Bronze Shows. A total of \$22,300.00 was collected from the \$5.00 exhibitor fees from the shows (all shows paid). This was down slightly for 2008 when we collected \$22,825.00. The fall finale had 236 entries, which was down 11 entries from 2008.

Dates for 2010

April

MREC – April 9-1

Kelowna - April 30-May 2

May

MREC – May 7-9

*Thunderbird – May 26-30

June

*Thunderbird – June 2-6

MREC – June 11-13

*Milner Downs – June 24-27

*Thunderbird – June 30-July 4

July

*Thunderbird – July 7-11

Southlands – July 15-19

*Milner Downs – July 21-25

*Milner Downs – July 28-August 1

August

*Twin Oaks – August 4-8

MREC – August 13-15

*Thunderbird – August 18-22

*Thunderbird – August 25-29

September

*Thunderbird – September 2-5

MREC – September 10-12

*Fall Finale @ Milner Downs – Sept 23-26

*EC Gold Rated shows

Equine Canada rule changes will be posted on the BCHJA website as soon as they are finalized.

New Business:

Motions 2009:

1. That BCHJA include in the budget, sponsorship to promote "Team BC" for all athletes that have qualified for finals of any kind, representing the province. This sponsorship would include clothing/gear that identifies the team as from BC. (Laura/Pam) Approved.

Note: Thunderbird Show Park has kindly offered to provide some sponsorship for this, and to obtain additional sponsors for this purpose as well.

2. That Thunderbird Show Park, and other venues, have the opportunity to bid on the 2011 and future Fall Finale Horse Shows. (Jane/Laura Jane) Approved.

Note: The deadline for EC calendar is June 2010 for 2011.

3. Beginning in 2010, Hunter Derbys will be added to the calculations for the BCHJA Hunter of the Year award. (Laura/Patti) Approved.

Note - a small group will convene to articulate how this will be implemented and promote this change.

4. Beginning in 2010, the BCHJA Pony Jumper Award will be amended to the BCHJA Pony Award, and include all pony divisions. (Laura/Arlene) Approved.

5. Beginning in 2010, the BCHJA division "1.10m Open" will be dropped. (Fran/Teri) Approved.

6. Beginning in 2010, add BCHJA division "2'9" Junior/Amateur Jumper" (Fran/Deb) Approved.

7. Education scholarships are effective October 1st of the competition year in which they were earned, and expire December 31st of the following year (15 months duration). (Deb/Nayda) Approved.

Fund Raising:

Kim McDougall identified that she is very enthusiastic about fund-raising for BCHJA riders who qualify for the National CET Finals/JC Medal Finals at the Royal, and the Maclay/USEF Hunt Seat Finals in Syracuse/Harrisburg in the US. She received agreement in principle, and was requested to develop proposals/letters of intent to present to the board, develop a committee with a board member representative, and approach specific venues of non-BCHJA shows to obtain permission/support for activities during the horse shows. It was also emphasized that the BCHJA members who compete in these divisions during the year should be actively involved in

activities of the fund-raising committee throughout the year. It was suggested that the barn reps might also get involved in this effort and perhaps have an incentive such as a BCHJA jacket.

2010 Board – Elected by acclamation:

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Meeting Adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted by Deb Gue