

Annual General Meeting – DRAFT Meeting Notes
8 December, 2008 6-9 pm
Sheraton Hotel – Guildford

Chair: Patti Coldicutt
Recorder: Deb Gue

Present: Nayda McNeill, Arlene Denning, Alycia Hayes, Teri Thompson, Jane Tidball, Debbie Benson, Glen Simmie, Jo-Anne Simmie, Danielle Wolfe, Pam Cleeve, Frances McAvty, Laura Balisky

1. Call to Order at 7 PM
2. Agenda adopted as circulated (Moved by Nayda McNeill; seconded by Jane Tidball)
3. Minutes from last AGM (7January, 2007) adopted as circulated (Moved by Jane Tidball; seconded by Debbie Benson)

4. Reports:

a. President's report – Laura Balisky

2008 will be my last year as President of BCHJA. I am happy to report we had another great year. Our Athlete Development program was very successful supporting teams to compete at the Skyliner event at Spruce Meadows and sponsoring a clinic given by Mac Cone. We also had another very well attended Fall Finale. I am proud to say I will be leaving the Presidents position feeling we have put into place many programs and fundraisers that will only get better with time. I look forward to remaining as past president and I will also serve on the Athlete Development program and the Horse Show committee. I will leave the details of the financials and the programs to the perspective VP's to report.

Yours truly, Laura Balisky

President's report accepted as read (Moved by Debbie Benson; seconded by Pam Cleeve)

b. Treasurer's report – Teri Thompson

Welcome and thanks to Teri Thompson who has been keeping the books since August. One amendment to report put forth from the floor by Jane Tidball (move one line pertaining to the Fall Finale for clarity). (Moved by Nayda McNeil; seconded by Debbie Benson)

c. Athlete Development – Patti Coldicutt

The Athlete Development Program has had a second successful year. The Junior/Amateur Jumper Program had a signup of 68 riders (25 riders @ 1.0m, 26 riders @ 1.20m, 11 riders @ 1.30m and 6 riders @ 1.40m) as compared to 53 riders in the initial year. We collated results from 6 show venues to decide which riders would be offered spots in the Mac Cone Clinic. Mac Cone graciously agreed to do an extra day so we could give some spaces to the professional riders.

Twelve riders rode in the Friday clinic and 24 Junior/Amateur riders rode in the Sat/Sun clinic. Again we also had a large number of spectators. We were able to put together 3 teams for the Prix de Nations at the Skyliner Show held at Spruce Meadows in June of 2008. BCHJA paid the \$100 entry fee for the class and also added \$200 from the Jump Canada Levy for each rider. We will again sponsor the entry fees for one team in each division for the 2009 Skyliner. The committee will meet in early February to choose the teams and an alternate rider for each division. We are looking forward to running this program in 2009 and hope to again increase our signup.

We were fortunate to reschedule the Kip Rosenthal Hunter/Equitation Clinic for April 2008. Kip was also able to give us two extra days so we were able to offer the clinic to additional riders as well as accommodating a number of professional riders. We had 35 riders over the four days and again had a large spectator group on all four days.

The clinics were very successful, however they require a large amount of volunteer time and we are a small board so for the near future we are planning to run the Hunter/Equitation Clinic every other year. Athlete Development report accepted as read (Moved by Jane Tidball; seconded by Pam Cleeve)

d. Member Services – Deb Gue

Gala planning and organization is well underway. Tickets are on sale via the website. Discussion about dates for 2009 gala. Group has approved November 27, 2009 for next gala. New Delta in Burnaby may be available (yet to be confirmed), as we have lost our November date with the Coast in Langley when our event moved to January. Discussion about possibly having a “gems and jeans” theme at Thunderbird. Many thought that this would be an excellent venue, and there was also discussion that our young members really seem to enjoy dressing up at a non-horsey venue. Possibly seek member opinions on this option via a poll at this year’s gala.

On-line memberships are up and running on the website. Improvements to website are on-going. Thunderbird has kindly offered a stall at a Thunderbird show again this year as a prize, that will be drawn from all valid BCHJA members for 2009 as of January 31, 2009.

Discussion about having BCHJA barn reps to enhance the flow of information throughout the membership and gain more volunteer support. Danielle Wolfe has kindly agreed to be the key contact for this and will put a note in the Gaitpost asking for interested members to contact her.

e. Funding – Frances McAvity

Travel assistance: is made available for horses and riders who travel to competitions where they must qualify to compete and where they represent the province of British Columbia. Funds are available from the BCHJA Provincial Fund and the Jump Canada Levy Fund. All BCHJA travel funding is allocated after November 15th. Summer Games and Athlete Development are awarded after the competitions are complete. There is also very good National Program funding available for EC Gold members. More information and application forms may be obtained directly from Equine Canada.

Categories, which have qualified to date, are:

- Royal Agricultural Winter Fair - Toronto:
 - Hunters, Jumpers, JC Medal Final, Young Horse Final, National Talent Squad Final, Kubota Cup, CET Medal Final
- Equitation Finals - Eastern USA
- FEI Young Riders Championships
- BC Summer Games
- Spruce Meadows 1.50m and up - International Ring
- FEI Junior/Children's International Competitions

Congratulations to the 2008 recipients:

- CET National Medal Finalists: Dana Henson, Ashley Papalia, Katie Waring, Tiffany Fong.
- JC Medal Finalists: Lauren Gue, Miranda Coon
- Equitation Finals USA: Miranda Coon
- Spruce Meadows 1.50m: Andrea Strain, Suzanne Brewster (Owners)
- Kubota Cup: Andrea Strain, Gary Brewster and Chelsea Cavanaugh
- A total of \$4,500 was awarded from the Jump Canada Levy Fund and \$12,000 from the BCHJA fund.
- BC Summer Games: All BCHJA members who competed received \$50.

Education Sponsorship Program:

- \$2,900 paid in scholarships for 2007 to be used in 2008.
- 1.10m jumpers were deleted due to crossover with the athlete development program.
- The .90m and 1.00m jumpers were split into juniors and amateurs.
- Only one scholarship will be awarded per member.
- 2009 scholarship winners will be from the 2008 Winners of the following:
 - Equitation Divisions,
 - 0.90m and 1.00m Jumpers Divisions, and
 - CET Mini Medal BC Final. List attached and posted to BCHJA website.

Athlete Development: Separate report.

Jump Canada Levy Fund: This year our levy fund received more funding from Jump Canada as more horse shows were gold sanctioned with higher numbers of gold members at each gold show.

Funds were awarded as follows.

- Young Horse Development Program: \$1000 in prize money was given at the BCHJA Fall Finale.
- 1.10m Jumper classic BCHJA Fall Finale
- Kip Rosenthal Clinic: \$1645 open to all members seminar
- Travel assistance (as above) \$4500

New for 2009: Venue Development: \$3000 (jump cups)

Respectfully Submitted, Frances McAvity, VP Funding
Report accepted as read (Moved by Nayda McNeill; seconded Alycia Hayes)

f. Competitions – Nayda McNeill

In 2008, 18 BCHJA sanctioned Hunter Jumper shows were held as well as the BCHJA Fall Finale. Twelve of these shows were Equine Canada Gold shows and seven were Bronze shows. From the 18 sanctioned shows the \$5.00 exhibitor fee brought in \$22,825.00 (all shows paid). The 2008 Fall Finale had 247 entries, which was down a bit from 2007. The 2009 Fall Finale will be held September 24-27, 2009 at Thunderbird Show Park. A list of the 2009 show dates is on the BCHJA website and the 2009 membership is available to purchase on line. There are a few Equine Canada rule changes for 2009 and once the wording has been finalized it will be posted on our website.

5. New Business

Thunderbird Show Park is pleased to honor our top British Columbian riders by awarding a \$1000 Bursary to the leading British Columbia / Jump Canada Talent Squad Rider. The Bursary of \$1,000 is valid at any Thunderbird Show Park Tournament for the 2009 season. Presentations of the Bursary, Perpetual Trophy and top 3 places will be made at the BCHJA Gala January 10, 2009. Recipients must be a BC resident and a BCHJA Member.

6. Election Slate – 2009 Board

- President Patti Coldicutt
- Past President Laura Balisky
- Secretary Deb Gue
- Treasurer Teri Thompson
- VP Member Services – vacant
- VP Athletic Development Patti Coldicutt & Pam Cleeve
- VP Funding Fran McAvity
- VP Competitions Nayda McNeill
- Zone 1,7,8 Judy Greenwood
- Zone 2 Bill Ulmer
- Zone 3 Pam Cleeve
- Zone 4 Donna Lowe
- Zone 5 Arlene Denning
- Zone 6 Lori Yarrow

There were no nominations from the floor. The Board was elected by acclamation.

Debbie Benson kindly agreed to work on BCHJA clinics.

Other names suggested re forming a “hospitality team” to work on the gala, social events at horse shows, etc.

7. Motions at this meeting:

- a. In 2009 all trainers, owners, riders, and coaches have to be paid up valid BCHJA members by the end of the horse show in order for points to be accrued. Moved by Nayda McNeill; seconded Deb; carried unanimously.

8. Next Meeting – TBA

9. Adjournment at 8:30 PM

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Read and Adopt Agenda
3. Read and adopt minutes from last AGM (7January, 2007)
4. Reports:
 - a. President's report
 - b. Treasurer's report
 - i. Overview
 - ii. Other
 - c. Athlete Development
 - i. Program
 - ii. Clinics
 - iii. Other
 - d. Member Services
 - i. Gala
 - ii. Membership
 - iii. Other
 - e. Funding
 - i. Scholarship announcement
 - ii. Other
 - f. Competitions
5. New Business
6. Election Slate
 - a. Process for election introductory comments etc.
 - b. Presentation of slate
 - c. Call for nominations from the floor
7. Next Meeting
8. Adjournment