



# ALBERTA HORSE TRIALS ASSOCIATION

## Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes

Black Knight Inn, October 16, 2010

### 1.0 Call to order at 1:30 pm

1.1 Welcome, Introduction of the 2010 Board of Directors (George Balogh)

Present: Barry Tyerman, Margo Gaglione, Laurie Powell, Charlene Thomas, Bonnie Hayward, Linda Cowherd, Kristine Haut, Nancy Watson, Bill Kirk, Ulrika Wikner, Sheilah Swanberg, Dawne Clark, George Balogh, Michelle Ziehlke, Tricia Dahms

Regrets: Graham Torn

1.2 Additions to the Agenda

No additions to Agenda

**Motion** to adopt agenda as amended by Laurie Powell, seconded by Margo Gaglione

PASSED

### 2.0 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of October 17, 2009 (Michelle Ziehlke)

**Motion** to adopt minutes as amended made by Barry Tyerman, seconded by Margo Gaglione.

PASSED

2.1 Business arising from 2009 minutes

2.1.1 Watches/statistics

Barry requested further information re: watch rule at EC meetings. Alberta was the only province expressing any concern. AHTA board is going to gather statistics this year on ride times, to determine which riders may have been riding too quickly versus too slowly. It was also mentioned that in other provinces GPS can be used to determine optimum course times, whereas in Alberta the terrain may be more varied, and it is more difficult to determine the rider's pace. It was also suggested that pacing should be stressed at AHTA clinics, although again terrain makes this difficult to ride at every event. Dawne advised the only stats that were presented at National meetings were that most falls occur at lower levels, which was used as an argument to support no watches, so that riders are not additionally distracted by checking their watch. Members continue to disagree with the 'no watch' rule, there is no option to opt out of this rule in Alberta.

### 3.0 Treasurer's Report

Sheilah Swanberg presented her report. Balance sheet displayed on screen. There are assets of \$154,058.13. \$70,444.43 is deferred Casino revenue to be used in 2012. Final income statement and balance sheet will be posted on AHTA website.

3.1 Horse Trials Canada Update

No further information available, HTC has not disbursed any funds as yet. There are no published criteria or requirements for provinces to submit. It was suggested that the criteria developed by the HTC committee some years ago should be read into EC minutes, so this criteria is not lost. Nancy and Bill will be attending the EC National meetings, this information will be provided for them to present.



### 3.2 Casino

Report covered in Treasurer's report. Next casino should be in 2011 or 2012.

**ACTION:** to follow up with Jackie Kessler to determine if next date has been assigned.

**Motion** to accept treasurer's report made by Margo Gaglione, seconded by Laurie Powell.

PASSED

## 4.0 Other Reports

### 4.1 President's Report—attached

### 4.2 High Performance Report

Program continues to develop, this year a physiotherapist was added, with excellent results at Rebecca Farm. 2010 had mixed results for upper level riders, but overall the program is growing with criteria for membership being raised each year due to many members. Sport Canada has not yet approved funding grants for 2011.

### 4.3 Young Rider Report

Bonnie did offer to work with Alberta younger riders, to track their progress through the year. Response was minimal. The board will continue to offer support for candidates who are aiming towards NAJYRC. Discussion re: lack of clinics for riders below the level of HP. George Balogh suggests that we develop an online survey as to what the membership wants for clinics, etc.

### 4.4 Clinic Report

Three AHTA clinics were organized in 2010, different clinicians were added, a physiotherapist was also offered at one clinic. As the Alberta season is so short, it is difficult to add many more clinics between events. Clinic costs and revenues are relatively balanced. Members are invited to forward any comments or suggestions to Linda Cowherd for planning for 2011.

### 4.5 Rider's Representative Report

There were reports of some last minute changes to one XC course. Concerns also expressed regarding warm up rings and Open versus Regular riders at lower levels. Dressage ring changes were made, Ulrika used boards instead of chains.

### 4.6 Communications Report

Nancy reports that there continues to be a lack of input for newsletter articles. The newsletter is now being posted on the website. AHTA Newsbites continue to be an important and timely source for information, with members expressing appreciation for this form of information. Margo Gaglione will continue to do this task. Discussion around continuing with AHTA handbook, will be further discussed at the AHTA board meeting in January, 2011.

### 4.7 Membership/Statistician Report

Report presented in slide show format by George Balogh. Two databases are used to determine rider statistics; Graham Torn is working to link the two, as well as developing a program to provide ease of transfer of information from event organizers to the AHTA.

A third database tracks memberships. AHTA is aiming towards electronic membership renewal.

## 5.0 Elections

5.1 Directors whose terms have expired: Joy Doram, Bonnie Hayward, Bill Kirk, Charlene Thomas, Ulrika Wikner, Nancy Watson. (all standing for re-election except for Joy Doram)



## 5.2 Nominating Committee Report

Laurie Powell agreed to let her name stand for election to the AHTA board.

## 5.3 Nominations from the Floor

There are no nominations from the Floor.

## 5.4 Election

Laurie Powell and the other board members whose terms have expired have been elected by acclamation.

## 6.0 **New Business/Round Table Discussion**

### 6.1 Organizer's Forum – Sunday October 17 at Alhambra Stables (10:00 am)

#### 6.1.1 Input to organizer's forum

Margo Gaglione expressed thanks to Alhambra Stables for changing the dressage rings to boards from chains. Margo also expresses concern regarding what control the organizers have over their Officials not following the rules, particularly on XC courses. Ulrika responded that once the event starts, the TD has the ultimate authority. A suggestion was made that organizers may want to consider adding a lower level to introduce new riders to the sport. Also, a thank you was expressed to organizers who have developed their own websites.

### 6.2 Unveiling of New AHTA Logo; Website update

George and Charlene displayed the new logo, the new webpages were also shown on screen. The new logo has approval from the Alberta government for use in their 'Brand Ambassador' program. The new website is scheduled for launch within the next few weeks.

### 6.3 On behalf of Alberta eventers, Margo Gaglione offered congratulations to Albertan Kyle Carter and the entire CDN Eventing team for their silver medal finish at the recent World Equestrian Games, in Kentucky.

## 7.0 **Adjournment**—meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm