

BCQHA

BRITISH COLUMBIA QUARTER
HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting
Langley, BC
Oct 22 and 23, 2016
9:00 Am

1. Call to Order

President, Gordon McEachen called the meeting to order with Carolyn Farris, Carole Walton, Melissa Buckley and Haidee Landry present.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted by consensus with the addition of AQHA Ride under reports and Points/time for novice and helmets for youth walk/trot.

3. Approval of Minutes – Aug 2016 Board meeting

Carolyn Farris moved and Carole Walton seconded that the minutes of the August 17, 2016 teleconference be approved as circulated. CARRIED

4. Correspondence

- Calgary Foundation information was handed out for all to see.
- Affiliate representative appointment -

Carole Walton moved and Haidee Landry seconded that Carolyn Farris be reappointed BCQHA rep to the Regional Championship Steering Committee. CARRIED

4. Financial Reports – Carolyn presented the financial reports.

Melissa moved and Haidee seconded that the reports be received. CARRIED

6. Reports

- a. AQHA/CQHA report - Haidee is working on an International Levelling task force with AQHA and on EC Health and Welfare committees.

Concern was expressed that reducing the number of points for level one may make our shows less viable as it may bump American competitors up and in American shows they can show level one with more points. Discussion ensued.

Lynne Carter joined the meeting

b. Scholarship Show (Wash. USA) – Not actively involved

c. Membership – numbers are down. We need to find ways to increase memberships.

d. Zone Reports

LM – Shows are getting better and an increase in entries. Some classes were larger. Trail and Ranch Horse is growing. The April show will now be competing with a large show in Monroe the end of Mar. Bazaar did well but more help is needed. All Novice show was well received and will be tried again. Stallion Auction will have first babies show this year in a tri-challenge. Melissa has suggested that this might become a BCQHA event and the classes be held around the province. AGM is Nov 29. Melissa offered to put BCQHA events in the LM articles

SC - has had a difficult year. The show was a major loss with only 21 entries. For 2017 the zone will be meeting and deciding what will happen going forward. As well our current dates are not available in Armstrong for 2017 due to the 55+ Games using the grounds. Clinics were offered but not run due to lack of participants.

VI – held 2 two-day shows that were both small with roughly 25 horses but good participation in amateur select and new people in walk jog classes. VI met recently with directors from four clubs on the island and discussed amalgamating into one entity for the island. This will be discussed and brought for approval at a Nov Zone AGM.

e. Youth Report – no report

f. Media Liaison Report – no report Gordon has got more involved with putting out the newsletter.. We are well above the average for a non-profit organization.

g. Recreational Advisor -

- h. HCBC Report – EC will be meeting in Vancouver in April and HCBC will be assisting. Staff continue to work hard on a wide variety of files including working with BC Ferries on travel costs. 55+ Games will be in Armstrong on Sep 14 & 15. All BCQHA members are encouraged to plan to attend for Ranch Riding and Trail Challenge. BCQHA has an article in the current Lifestyles magazine.
- i. AQHA Ride – went well. The group is encouraged to make a proposal through BCQHA if they work with us in the future. Approximately 20 attended.

7. Old Business

- a. - CQHA Grant – Gayle has it almost ready to go. Pia needs to send the receipts for Disabilities and
- b. - Show results/preparation for year-end awards - Tabulation is in hand. There is currently \$1700 for year end awards. Gordon will ask Violet and Cherie C to help him.
- c. - BC Ferry - Commercial vs Recreational – still being applied unevenly. HCBC continues working with BC Ferries.
- d. – BCQHA Newsletter – the new digital newsletter seems to be well received and is being kept up by hard work on the part of Gordon, Lynne, Gayle and Haidee.
- e. - NBC Letter re: bank account - Gordie is still working on.
- f. - Novice qualifying for 2017 – Carolyn agreed to do the 2017 list for AQHA as Gordie will be away..

Carolyn Farris moved and Melissa Buckley Low seconded that the qualifying for Level 1 in 2017 for the 2018 show remain the same as for 2016. CARRIED

g. - Finalizing the trophy decommissioning – Heidi will bring trophies to Gordie and make arrangement with Carolyn to give her another set to get ready for 2017.

8. New Business

a. Conversion to new Society Act regulations

Haidee Landry moved and Carole Walton seconded that Carolyn be directed to start the conversion process under the new Society Regulations. CARRIED

b. CQHA grant request for 2017 – a number of options were discussed and a draft was presented.

CQHA Grant Application – 2017

Horse Day at PNE/Booths at Bazaar, Mane Event, IPE, VI Fall Fair - \$500

AQHA RIDE/Ranch Event/Trail Challenge - \$500

Riders with Disabilities/4H events - \$500

Digital newsletter - \$500

Clinics/Introductory and Rookie Classes - \$500

Melissa/Carole

c. Strategic plan for 2017

Extensive discussions took place on priorities and the following were agreed to as the priorities:

Amateur Form letter via President to AQHA to protect them for helping

Work on ways to increase participation/membership – seek a zone person to drive it

Continue and expand the Digital Newsletter with a view to increasing readership

Increase member benefits/volunteer opportunities

Melissa moved and Lynne seconded that the 2017 Strategic Plan be adopted as discussed. CARRIED

d. Budget Approval - The draft budget was discussed. The show approval amount was raised to \$1000.

Haidee moved and Lynne seconded that the amended budget be approved.
CARRIED

e. HCBC affiliation and AQHA affiliation – it was agreed that the HCBC affiliation should be sent in. The AQHA affiliation will be reserved until the actual forms are received.

f. Discussion on possible AQHA project application

Several ideas were discussed and Carolyn agreed to try doing a draft outline document for the Board to review and provide feedback to see if we want to put more work into a proposal.

g. Postal arrangements - UPS Salmon Arm has closed. After discussion it was agreed that membership forms would have the membership secretary's address on them so they come direct and all other correspondence will go to the secretary %Carolyn Farris, 5105 Lansdowne Rd, Armstrong, BC, V0E 1B4

h. Novice Championship (2018)

- Options Level 1 qualifying criteria for 2018 (2017 show season)

Criteria will remain the same as for 2016

j. Draft 2018 Calendar – The following were agreed to as the tentative 2017 Calendar:

Jan 12 – Board Teleconference

Jan 15(22) – SC Zone AGM

Feb 4/5 – AGM and Director's Meeting

March 12 – LM Bazaar

Mar 25 – SC Fuzzy Show

April 1 & 2 – LM Show

Jun 3 & 4 – Port Alberni

July 1 & 2 – Glacier (Courtney) Show

July 21 – 23 – LM Show

Aug 13 – LM Novice Show

Sep 16 & 17 – AQHA Ride

k. - Discussion on member engagement and show viability –

Haidee will bring a prize to the LM Bazaar for a draw for members

Carolyn will take two BCQHA mugs to the SC Zone AGM for members and new members.

Gordie and Carole will take items to VI AGM

Discussion highlighted the need to have a person(s) in each zone who goes looking for renewals and new members.

l. – AQHA Rule Changes - Everyone was encouraged to put in requests for changes they would like to see.

The Board discussed the need for lower points for novice level to allow new riders to feel comfortable and will submit a request for a rule change. All should be 25 or less

The need for helmets in all walk/jog participants was proposed. In view of the danger from concussions, it was agreed that BCQHA would recommend this.

m. AGM Date Change – The current date is a conflict for over half of the Board of Directors.

Melissa moved and Carole Walton seconded that the AGM be moved to Feb 4 and Board on Feb 5. In Kelowna CARRIED

n. BC Bred Definition

Carole Walton and Tracy Schell need to bring a recommendation to the Jan teleconference to be taken to the AGM in Feb.

o. AGM agenda – Carolyn and Gordie will develop and send out for e-mail approval by Mid December.

p. BCQHA Communication Policy – This policy was reviewed and changes made to the draft.

Carole Walton moved and Lynne Carter seconded that the revised Communication policy be approved and put on the web site. Carried

9. Next Meeting

January 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM by teleconference.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM