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**The 2008 CQHA  
Annual General Meeting**



**Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>  
at 3:00 p.m.**

**Olympic Room, Highbury Ford Arena,  
Western Fair Agriplex  
London, Ontario, Canada**

## **Meeting Agenda (overview)**

### **#1. Call meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**

### **#2. Introductions:**

### **#3. Order of Business:**

- i) Call for a resolution from the floor to appoint the Chair and Secretary for this AGM meeting
- ii) Approval of AGM Meeting Agenda – with changes  
Call for a resolution from the floor to accept agenda
- iii) Approval of Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting  
Call for a resolution from the floor to adopt Minutes
- iv) President's report to membership  
Call for a resolution from the floor to accept report
- v) Treasurer's report to membership  
Call for a resolution from the floor to accept report
- vi) Appointment of Auditor for 2008  
Call for a resolution from the floor to accept
- vii) Constitution Committee's report outlining election procedures
- vii) Nominations Committee's report: present proposed slate of inaugural directors
- ix) Call for additional directors nominations from the floor  
Call for a resolution for nominations to cease
- x) Election of inaugural CQHA Board of Directors (if required)  
Call for resolution from floor to close elections & destroy ballots
- xi) Call for resolution from the floor to accept the Board of Directors as duly nominated and elected.

### **#4. Other Business:**

- i) 2008 AQHA Youth World Cup status report
- ii) BCQHA report on AQHA Rule #448 (c) (1)
- iii) Review options for venue and date for 2009 AGM
- iv) Membership meeting closes  
Call for motion to adjourn meeting

## **#1. Call meeting to order:**

i) Ascertain quorum of CQHA members met to proceed with meeting

## **#2. Introductions:**

### **i) Brief History of the CQHA:**

The Canadian Quarter Horse Association (CQHA) was reactivated in Canada, by the Canadian AQHA Directors in 2001, with the concurrence and support of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA).

To avoid duplication of U.S. and Canadian association efforts and costs to members, the CQHA Board of Directors affirms that CQHA will continue to recognize and utilize:

- The AQHA's Stud Books and Breed Registry as the CQHA's official breed registry,
- The AQHA's Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations, and
- The AQHA's breed show and competition approval process.

The mandate of the CQHA, approved by its' interim Board of Directors at the AQHA Annual Convention held March 3, 2001 at New Orleans, LA, is as follows:

**The CQHA shall exist to address issues of concern to Canadian owners of American Quarter Horses; to be a communications vehicle for and with Canadian owners of American Quarter Horses; and to promote and market – both globally and within Canada – Canadian-bred and/or Canadian-owned American Quarter Horses.**

In keeping with this mandate, the CQHA joined the Breeds & Industry Division of Equine/Hippique Canada, formerly known as the Canadian Equestrian Federation (CEF). Membership in Equine/Hippique Canada permits participation and a voice in the affairs of Canada's only national equine body recognized by the Canadian government, in dealing with issues and legislation affecting horse ownership. Some of these important issues are: taxation, manure management, transportation, endangered species, animal welfare/cruelty; a national identification system for horses; humane horse slaughter/the unwanted horse; reportable infectious diseases; access to riding trails; border crossing barriers; riparian (water) rights; land management – municipal zoning – relating to horse numbers; etc. Other benefits of belonging to Equine/Hippique Canada include potential access to significant Canadian government grants for promoting and marketing Quarter Horses.

The AQHA concurs that it is important Canadian owners of American Quarter Horses be well-represented in dealing with municipal, provincial and federal governments within Canada, a function inappropriate for the AQHA, as an association of a foreign country.

As a result, the AQHA has made a commitment to provide funds, through the corporate sponsorship program of MBNA Canada, to pay annual membership fees to join the Breeds and Industry Division of Equine/Hippique Canada for the 2001 to 2008 membership years. An annual payment of \$5,000 has been made by AQHA to the CQHA to enable the enrolment of all Canadian AQHA members in the CQHA and Equine/Hippique Canada for the 2001 to 2008 membership years. The current membership fee structure for joining the Breeds & Industry Division of Equine/Hippique Canada is up to a maximum of \$5,000 per breed association. The AQHA records database indicates there were 19,991 Canadian AQHA members, including youth, in 2007.

The enrolment of 19,991 members in CQHA establishes the Canadian Quarter Horse association as the largest equine breed association in Canada. CQHA represents the largest number of registered horses, at 236,690 affiliated with the national equine body, Equine/Hippique Canada. Membership benefits include the right to participate and vote in the affairs of the Breeds & Industry Division Assembly and the right to nominate candidates and vote in elections for Equine/Hippique Canada's Board of Directors.

**ii) Objects of the Corporation are:**

- i) To provide leadership and education to the public, governments and members on issues which relate to or impact upon the American Quarter Horse, the Corporation, the members or their activities and well being.
- ii) To take positive action to develop and move forward programs, materials, presentations, and policy which furthers the interests of the American Quarter Horse, the members and the Corporation.
- iii) To encourage and promote membership in the Corporation.
- iv) To provide beneficial services to the members of the Corporation.
- v) To actively promote the growth and development of the American Quarter Horse, its activities and its merits.
- vi) To provide support and encouragement to other Quarter Horse Associations in the furthering of these objectives.

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The operations of the Corporation may be carried on throughout Canada and elsewhere.

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The place within Canada where the head office of the corporation is to be situated is: City of Weyburn, in the Province of Saskatchewan.

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The CQHA Constitution states: "At every annual meeting ..... 20 members present in person at a meeting will constitute a quorum."

## iii) Introduction of the CQHA Board of Directors and Executive Committee currently serving:

| Province/<br>Region   | Horse<br>Population<br>2007 | AQHA Members<br>2007 |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Alberta</i>  | 105,146                     | 7,483                |
| <b>AQHA Directors:</b> Ross Brigden, Shannon Burwash (CQHA Treasurer), and Cal Loree (Director Emeritus)                              |                             |                      |
| <i>British Columbia</i>   | 26,198                      | 2,952                |
| <b>AQHA Directors:</b> Genevieve Matheson (Director Emeritus), and Gayle Pawley-Wilson (CQHA Secretary and CQHA member Haidee Landry) |                             |                      |
| <i>Manitoba</i>   | 21,644                      | 979                  |
| <b>AQHA Director:</b> Marnie Somers (CQHA President) and CQHA member Greg Little  |                             |                      |
| <i>Ontario</i>  | 24,695                      | 3,998                |
| <b>AQHA Directors:</b> Patti Carter & Joe Carter (AQHA Director At Large)/(CQHA Vice-President)                                       |                             |                      |
| <i>Quebec + Maritime provinces</i>  | 13,058                      | 1,636                |
| <b>AQHA Directors:</b> Christian Beauchemin, Dr. Carole Joubert-Gaboury (AQHA Director At Large),                                     |                             |                      |
| <i>Saskatchewan</i>   | 41,609                      | 2,163                |
| <b>AQHA Director:</b> Milt Rigetti  |                             |                      |
| <i>New Brunswick</i>  | 1,592                       | 304                  |
| <i>Newfoundland &amp; Labrador</i>  | 58                          | 15                   |
| <i>Nova Scotia</i>  | 2,111                       | 381                  |
| <i>NW Territories</i>   | 10                          | 0                    |
| <i>Prince Edward Island</i>   | 491                         | 62                   |
| <i>Yukon</i>  | 78                          | 18                   |
| <b>Totals:</b>  | <b>236,690</b>              | <b>19,991</b>        |

Other CQHA Directors who served and contributed generously of their time and effort between 2001 and 2008 are: Michelle Desjarlais (AB); Chris Pedersen (SK); Sheldon Soderberg (AB); William Holliday (SK); Glen Gabel (SK); Dean Ross (AB); and Dean Thomson (AB)

### **#3. Order of Business:**

#### **i) Appointment of meeting Chair & Secretary**

Call for a resolution from the floor to approve

#### **ii) Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Call for a resolution from the floor to approve

#### **iii) Adoption of the Minutes of the 2007 AGM (as per Appendix I at the end of this agenda)**

Call for a resolution from the floor to adopt

#### **iv) President's Report:**

I am honoured to have served the interim CQHA Board of Directors and the membership as President from 2001 to 2008 inclusive. Together we have accomplished many significant achievements including:

- entering into an annual marketing partnership agreement with AQHA and MBNA since 2001;
- establishing CQHA's own membership database by registering interested Canadian AQHA members through mail-in and on-line membership application forms;
- issuing press releases to the media and CQHA membership regarding significant CQHA issues and events;
- fielding and funding Team Canada to compete at the 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006 & 2008 AQHA Youth World Cup events;
- becoming affiliated members of Equine Canada's Breeds & Industry Division since 2000, to ensure CQHA members have a voice in national issues and proposed Canadian legislation affecting horse ownership
- representing CQHA through Equine Canada's marketing pavilion during the 2002 World Equestrian Games in Jerez de Frontenac, Spain;
- establishing the CQHA web site in 2002 to primarily promote and market "Canadian-bred & Canadian-owned American Quarter Horses" and outstanding Canadians' achievements;
- addressing significant Canadian Public Policy issues, such as the National Equine Identification program and addressing proposed US legislation (where it affects Canadians) in support of AQHA public policy;
- incorporating the CQHA as a non-profit organization which also permits the appointment of a representative to the CQHA's Board of Directors by any duly constituted provincial/regional AQHA affiliate and/or other organization with common objectives;
- registering the CQHA's logos (English & French) as our official trademark for marketing purposes;
- taking the incentive to prepare a submission for the nomination and subsequent induction of Alberta's Bill Collins into the AQHA Hall of Fame in 2007 (the first non-American to ever be inducted).
- production and distribution of the inaugural CQHA Breeders Directory in 2008;
- and last, but certainly not least, being appointed by AQHA as the host country for the 2008 AQHA Youth World Cup event.

**Call for a resolution from the floor to accept report**

#### **v) Treasurer's Report:**

**(as per Balance Sheet & Receipts/Disbursements pages at the end of this agenda)**

Call for a resolution from the floor to accept report

#### **vi) Appointment of Auditor:**

**Advise that 2006-07 audit is currently underway by Rob Stephanson, CGA of Cogent Business Consulting, Weyburn, SK, but not completed at this date**

Call for a resolution from the floor to appoint Rob Stephanson, as auditor for 2007-08

### vii) Nominations Committee's Report outlining election procedures

The approved CQHA Constitution provides for a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of thirty-six (36) elected and appointed directors. It also states:

***"The number of directors shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the directors at a meeting of the board of directors and sanctioned by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members at a meeting duly called for the purpose determining the number of directors to be elected to the board of directors."***

- That prior to the annual AGM, CQHA membership applications (and fees, if applicable) be offered and accepted, so that persons in attendance at this meeting may be eligible to vote, if they so choose. Before the AGM begins, eligible voters will be confirmed to the CQHA membership electronic data base and issued a "voting delegate" card to be displayed when votes are called, to ensure accurate counts.
- The constitution indicates that the terms of elected directors shall be three years. ***For the inaugural year of elections only***, the new Board of Directors met following the AGM, and agreed that one-third (1/3) of the total number of board directors would serve three year terms, one-third (1/3) would serve two year terms and one-third (1/3) would serve one year terms, in order to provide continuity and to stagger vacancies to ensure elections may go forward at each subsequent AGM. Currently there are eight CQHA Directors with terms remaining: with ***two years*** left to serve are: Joe Carter, Christian Beauchemin, Greg Little, and Genevieve Matheson; with ***one year*** left to serve are: Shannon Burwash, Patti Carter, Gayle Pawley Wilson, and Marnie Somers; ***terms expired***: Ross Brigden, Carole Joubert Gaboury, Haidee Landry, Cal Loree, and Milt Rigetti.
- The 2008-2009 CQHA Board of Directors shall be comprised of up to 15 elected members; therefore **seven vacancies** are eligible to be filled.

The CQHA Nominations Committee places the following five names for election as CQHA Directors: Ross Brigden (AB); Carole Joubert-Gaboury (QC); Haidee Landry (BC); Cal Loree (AB); and Milt Rigetti (SK)

### viii) Call for other nominations from the floor as Directors

Call for a resolution from the floor for other nominations to cease

### ix) Conduct election of CQHA Board of Directors (if required)

Call for a resolution from the floor to close elections and destroy ballots

### x) Call for a resolution from the floor to accept the Board of Directors as duly nominated and elected

## **#4. Other Business:**

### **i) 2008 Youth World Cup Status Report:**

### **ii) 2008 Team Canada appointments:**

Team Canada members were selected by December 31, 2007. Funding for travel and other expenses for Team Canada is cost-shared by AQHA/CQHA, provincial/regional Quarter Horse Associations, corporate and/or individual sponsors, and team members' families. The team consists of:

Team Coach: Della Cryderman, Murillo, ON and Team Manager: Karen Westerback, Thunder Bay, ON  
 Riders: Sarah Clasen-Byce, Kakabeka Falls, ON; MacKenzie Harvey, Toronto, ON; Mallory McKewen, Prescott, ON; Danielle Olafson, Edmonton, AB; and Kelly Truesdell, Bright's Grove, ON  
 Alternate Riders: Miranda Cummings, Frederickton, NB; and Yelaina May, Roberts Creek, BC  
 Leadership Members: Lindsay Allen, London, ON; Sarah Hill, Langley, BC and Anne-Charlie Riviere, Point LEbel, QC

**ii) BCQHA report on AQHA Rule #448 (c) (1)  
(as per Appendix III at the end of this agenda)**

**iii) Notice of 2008 CQHA Annual General Meeting:**

The CQHA Board of Directors is open to suggestions for locations in within Canada for the 2009 Annual General Meeting, with the objective of holding it in conjunction with some significant Quarter Horse Event.

Call for a resolution from the floor to delegate the choice of date, time and venue for the 2009 AGM to the CQHA Board of Directors to decide at a subsequent Board meeting.

**iv) Membership meeting closes**

Call for a resolution from the floor to adjourn the meeting



## APPENDIX I

### MINUTES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Agri-Center, Westerner Park, Red Deer, Alberta Saturday, August 25, 2007.

The following 25 CQHA members were recorded as present at this inaugural membership meeting:

**Alberta:** Dean Ross, Shannon Burwash, Wayne Burwash, Cal Loree, Dean Thomson, Pat Thomson, Kim Beaton, Cyril Desjarlais, Bonnie Graft, Anthony Hankins, Sandy Kirtzinger, Chuck Manness, Walter Reti, Katrina Schumacher, Steve Schiestel, Susan Walsh, Judith Webb.

**British Columbia:** Gayle Pawley-Wilson, Genevieve Matheson, and Carolyn Farris

**Manitoba:** Greg Little, Faye Little, Christine Little, Wilf Davis, Marnie Somers

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**#1. CALL TO ORDER:** Marnie Somers, CQHA President, welcomed members, noted a quorum of the membership had been reached, and called the meeting to order at 3:20 PM.

**#2. INTRODUCTION:**

The President:

i) provided a brief history of the CQHA, beginning with the reactivation of the association during the 2001 AQHA Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA.

ii) identified the provisional CQHA Directors for Incorporation purposes: as William Holliday, lawyer, Weyburn, SK; Genevieve Matheson, retired, Langley, BC; Marnie Somers, Consultant, Carberry, MB; and Gayle Pawley-Wilson, CEO, Langley, BC.

iii) read the Objectives of the Corporation

iv) identified the Interim CQHA Board of Directors, current Executive Officers, and past CQHA directors.

**#3. ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

i) Resolution to appoint the Chair and Secretary for this AGM meeting.

**Motion** by Carolyn Farris, that Marnie Somers be appointed as Chair and Gayle Pawley-Wilson be appointed as Secretary.  
**Seconded** by Shannon Burwash Carried

ii) The President's Report outlining the historical accomplishments of the Association was presented by Marnie Somers.

**Motion** by Shannon Burwash to accept the President's Report.  
**Seconded** by Genevieve Matheson Carried

iii) Treasurer's Report – was presented by Marnie Somers, on behalf of Glen Gabel

The reports were reviewed and discrepancies in the figures submitted on the reports were identified, i.e. the Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>/07 cheque written for \$1,000 facilities deposit to Western Fair for the Youth World Cup was included in the Youth World Cup Summary page, but not carried forward into the overall CQHA Financial Statement, which called into question the figures given for column totals and closing balances on the overall statement. As the treasurer was not present to respond, these issues were not immediately resolvable.

**Motion** by Carolyn Farris to receive the Treasurer's Report and that the Board of Directors investigate the discrepancies identified and revise these reports accordingly.  
**Seconded** by Shannon Burwash Carried

iv) Appointment of Auditor:

**Motion** by Carolyn Farris, that the Board of Directors be given the authority to appoint an Auditor for 2006-07, as required by the CQHA Constitution and By-Laws.  
**Seconded** by Genevieve Matheson Carried

v) Constitution Committee's report outlining the election procedures was presented by Marnie Somers

**Motion** by Genevieve Matheson that the report be accepted as presented.  
**Seconded** by Katrina Schumacher Carried

vi) Nomination Committee's report was presented by Shannon Burwash on behalf of Joe Carter.

**The following existing CQHA Directors had been appointed by their provincial/regional AQHA affiliates:**

Patti Carter by the Ontario Quarter Horse Association  
Glen Gabel by the Saskatchewan Quarter Horse Association  
Milt Rigetti by the SASK Speed Horse Inc.  
Ross Brigden by the Alberta Quarter Horse Racing Association  
Dean Ross by the Quarter Horse Association of Alberta  
Gayle Pawley-Wilson by the British Columbia Quarter Horse Association  
Marnie Somers by the Manitoba Quarter Horse Association

**The following existing CQHA Directors were being submitted by the CQHA's Nominating Committee as Directors-At-Large:**

Shannon Burwash, Joe Carter, Cal Loree, Carole Joubert-Gaboury, Genevieve Matheson and Christian Beauchemin.

vii) As the optimum CQHA Board for 2007 has been approved at 15 Directors, and only 13 nominations had been received so far – further nominations from the floor were requested.

viii) Nominations for Director-At-Large were made and accepted by:  
Greg Little, Manitoba and Dean Thomson, Alberta.

The Chair called for the second and third times for further nominations - none were received.

**Motion** by Dean Ross that nominations cease.  
**Seconded** by Cal Loree Carried

ix) Election of CQHA Board of Directors

**Motion** by Carolyn Farris to accept the Board of Directors as duly nominated and elected.  
**Seconded** by Wayne Burwash Carried.

**#4. OTHER BUSINESS:**

i) 2008 AQHA Youth World Cup Report was presented by Marnie Somers on behalf of Patti Carter.

ii) Notice was given that the CQHA's 2008 AGM is to be held in London, Ontario during the 2008 AQHA Youth World Cup.

The Chair indicated that all AGM agenda business was now concluded and thanked the members for attending.

The Chair also thanked the Quarter Horse Association of Alberta for actively promoting, advertising and hosting the CQHA's inaugural AGM and for the provision of complimentary refreshments during the meeting.

**Motion** by Carolyn Farris, that the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 p.m.  
**Seconded** by Wayne Burwash Carried

Minutes recorded by: Gayle Pawley-Wilson

**APPENDIX III**  
**BCQHA 2008**  
**AQHA RULE #448 (c) (1)**

In January 2008 several members reported to BCQHA that they were very upset with the 2008 AQHA Rule Book change to #448 (c) (1). Several Breeders and Owners were affected by this change and requests were brought to the BCQHA to address this change with AQHA.

The members were aware of the Rule #205 (d) excessive white as an undesirable trait and uncharacteristic of the breed.

Since these eligible horses have been allowed into the AQHA registry in 2004, many have been showing AQHA Halter classes and also placing.

The members did not object to the excessive white rule and this notation placed on the horse's papers, but they are negatively affected by these horses not being allowed to show in AQHA Halter classes and also AQHA Performance Halter classes as of 2008. They also objected to the rule change being implemented on short notice and not implemented as a "phase in" program to prepare the breeders and those members showing and earning points in AQHA Halter.

**BCQHA Action for Members:**

The BCQHA Board of Directors discussed the changing eligibility of excessive white annotated horses for AQHA Halter Classes. BCQHA is sending a letter to the AQHA Executive Committee asking that the change be rescinded. As well a draft letter will be provided on the web site and at events for members to use to send into AQHA. Individual letters, particularly if they are personalized with comments and direct questions requiring an answer will be more effective than an online petition. All concerned persons are encouraged to write a letter to the AQHA Show Committee, Bill Brewer, AQHA Executive Director and/or Mr. Ken Mummy, AQHA President.

Form Letter at [www.bcqha.com](http://www.bcqha.com)

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