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**The 2009 CQHA
Annual General Meeting**



**Friday, February 6th
at 6:30 p.m.**

**Panorama Room, Crowne Plaza Hotel
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**

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Meeting Agenda

#1. Call meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

i) Ascertain quorum of CQHA members in attendance to proceed with meeting

#2. Introductions:



Douglas G. Corey, DVM

i) **Keynote Speaker** - Dr. Corey's presentation, *"The Problem of the Unwanted Horse"*, is generously sponsored by:



Douglas G. Corey, DVM, of Adams, Ore., is a graduate of Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington and received his veterinary degree from Colorado State University in 1976. He is a partner at Associated Veterinary Medical Center, a six-person mixed animal practice. Dr. Corey served through 2007 as the 53rd president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP). Since joining the AAEP in 1976, he has taken on many responsibilities within the organization, including serving as chairman for the Research, Public Relations, Membership, Equine Welfare and 50th Anniversary committees. He previously served on the AAEP board of directors from 1995 to 1998. Dr. Corey also is a past president and board member of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association and was honored as the 1997 Oregon Veterinarian of the Year.

Within the equine community, Dr. Corey has devoted much of his attention to horse welfare issues, particularly through the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). Instrumental in the establishment of a full-time animal welfare position at the PRCA, Dr. Corey helped develop minimum care guidelines for rodeo livestock as well as other welfare rules and guidelines for the PRCA. He has served on the Advisory Council to the PRCA on Animal Welfare for 23 years and has chaired the organization's Veterinary Advisory Committee.

Dr. Corey has also served as the chairman of the American Veterinary Medical Association's Animal Welfare Committee and is a member of the American Horse Council's Equine Welfare Committee. He serves as the National Final Rodeo's "On Call" veterinarian for media relations each year.

ii) 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 the 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 Canada, formerly known as the Canadian Equestrian Federation (CEF). Membership in Equine 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 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 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 Canada is up to a maximum of \$6,500 per breed association (as of 2008). 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 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 Canada's Board of Directors.

iii) 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."

iv) Introduction of the CQHA Board of Directors (14 members) serving for 2008-09:

Province/ Region	Horse Population 2007	AQHA Members 2007
<i>Alberta</i>	105,146	7,483
AQHA Directors: Ross Brigden, Shannon Burwash (CQHA Treasurer), and Cal Loree (Director Emeritus)		
<i>British Columbia</i>	26,198	2,952
AQHA Directors: Genevieve Matheson (Director Emeritus), and Gayle Pawley-Wilson (CQHA Secretary) and CQHA member Haidee Landry		
<i>Manitoba</i>	21,644	979
AQHA Director: Marnie Somers (CQHA President) and CQHA member Greg Little		
<i>Ontario</i>	24,695	3,998
AQHA Directors: Patti Carter & Joe Carter (CQHA Vice-President) and CQHA member, Laurie Haughton		
<i>Quebec + Maritime provinces</i>	13,058	1,636
AQHA Directors: Christian Beauchemin, Dr. Carole Joubert-Gaboury		
<i>Saskatchewan</i>	41,609	2,163

AQHA Director: Milt Rigetti		
<i>New Brunswick</i>	1,592	304
<i>Newfoundland & 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
Totals:	236,690	19,991

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); Jim Fleming (AB); Joanne Perlich (AB); 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 2008 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 CQHA Board of Directors and the membership as President from 2001 to 2009 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 initiative 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 2008 Financial Statements attached)

Call for a resolution from the floor to accept report

vi) Appointment of Auditor:

Advise that 2006 and 2007 audits are 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 Cogent Business Consulting (SK) as 2008 auditor

vii) 2008 Youth World Cup Report:

Canada was the proud host country of the 2008 AQHA Youth World Cup. The Canadian Quarter Horse Association and provincial/regional AQHA affiliate associations were the co-hosts of this year's world class event, which took place July 6th to 13th, at the Western Fair Agriplex in London Ontario.

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, Sweden, The Netherlands, United Kingdom and the United States fielded youth teams. They competed on donated horses supplied by the host country; approximately 90 all-around horses, 16 cutting horses and 32 reining horses. The teams drew lots for their assigned group of horses, and competed in nine events, with each class being held twice over the four days of competition. The top ten exhibitors in each class earned individual medals along with points for their team from placing in the top ten of each class.

High point individual exhibitor awards were presented at Sunday's Awards Banquet:

Hi Pt Showmanship: Marissa Dalton, USA; Reserve: Katie Jo Jones, USA

Hi Pt Hunter Under Saddle: Ilke Poelman, Belgium; Reserve: Cara Walker, USA

Hi Pt Western Pleasure: T. Joe Jeane, USA; Reserve: Sara D'Imperio, Italy

Hi Pt Hunt Seat Equitation: Sara D'Imperio, Italy; Reserve: Dido Masi, Italy

Hi Pt Western Horsemanship: Cara Walker, USA; Reserve: Danielle Olafson, Canada

Hi Pt Western Riding: Vanessa Bauer, Austria; Reserve: Carolin Lenz, Germany

Hi Pt Trail: Carolin Lenz, Germany; Reserve: Jessica Vangenechten, Belgium

Hi Pt Cutting: T. Joe Jeane, USA; Reserve: Daniele Lelli, Italy

Hi Pt Reining: Felix Schnabel, Germany; Reserve: Kelly Truesdell, Canada

The top three teams were:

(photos courtesy of River Bend Designs)



First place: Team USA (185 points) **Second:** Team Germany (142 points) **Third:** Team Italy (129 points)

Additional awards were presented to: **High Point Horse:**



For *The General*, a Canadian-bred 1997 brown gelding owned by Sherry Newbigging of Cambridge, ON.

Best Team Horse Care: Team The Netherlands
Most Improved Team: Team Dominican Republic

The 2008 AQHA Youth World Cup provided the Canadian Quarter Horse industry with an outstanding opportunity to showcase some of the best Quarter Horses available anywhere in the world. A number of the Canadian-bred and/or Canadian-owned donated horses were featured as being for sale. And, by all reports, a significant number of horses donated for use at this event were sold as a result of participating, including some not advertised for sale.

Patti Carter, the 2008 AQHA Youth World Cup Chairperson, put together an unbelievable support team of committee members and AQHA Professional Horsemen. The co-hosts cannot adequately express our gratitude to the generous event sponsors, advertisers, trade show vendors, horse donors, suppliers, entertainers, media, AQHA staff, Youth World Cup staff and volunteers, participants and spectators. Without you, a venture of this magnitude would not have been feasible.

It was our primary objective to ensure that everyone involved would enjoy this event as “the best AQHA Youth World Cup ever” and that our foreign guests would favourably remember this trip to Canada. We have been assured by many, including 2008 AQHA President Ken Mummy, AQHA staff, and our international guests, that we achieved our goal.

On behalf of the CQHA Board of Directors and the provincial/regional AQHA Affiliates, the co-hosts of this prestigious world class event, we are very proud to see the fulfillment of our vision which began in 2006. It took a great deal of planning, effort, cooperation, and fund raising (including some blood, sweat and tears), and above all else – belief in a dream.

Call for a resolution from the floor to accept report

viii) 2008 Team Canada Report:

Team Canada members were selected by December 31, 2007. Funding for travel and other expenses for Team Canada was cost-shared by AQHA/CQHA, provincial/regional Quarter Horse Associations, corporate and/or individual sponsors, and team members' families. Team Canada finished a very respectable fifth place out of 16 teams, with 72 total points. The CQHA Board of Directors congratulates the entire youth team members, coach and manager for their efforts.



Team Canada during Opening Ceremonies – photo courtesy of River Bend Designs

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, Fredericton, NB; and Yelaina May, Roberts Creek, BC **Leadership Members:** Lindsay Allen, London, ON; Sarah Hill, Langley, BC and Anne-Charlie Riviere, Point Lebel, QC

Team Canada riders won one Gold & four Silver individual medals as follows:

- **Sarah Clasen-Byce, Kakabeka Falls, ON:**
Trail – **Silver Medal** on Day 1, Showmanship – 9th on Day 2
- **MacKenzie Harvey, Toronto ON:**
Western Riding – **Silver Medal** on Day 2, Western Pleasure – 10th on Day 2

• **Mallory McKewen, Prescott, ON:**

Showmanship – 6th on Day 1, Reining – 10th under Judge 2, Western Pleasure – 8th on Day 2

• **Danielle Olafson, Edmonton, AB:**

Western Horsemanship – **Gold Medal** on Day 1, Hunter Under Saddle – 8th on Day 2,

Hunt Seat Equitation – 6th on Day 1, Hunt Seat Equitation – 5th on Day 2

• **Kelly Truesdell, Brights Grove, ON:**

Reining – **Silver Medal** under Judge 1, Reining – **Silver Medal** under Judge 2

Call for a resolution from the floor to accept report

ix) 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 **nine** CQHA Directors with terms remaining: with **two years** left to serve are: Carole Joubert-Gaboury (QC); Haidee Landry (BC); Cal Loree (AB); Laurie Haughton (ON); and Milt Rigetti (SK) with **one year** left to serve are: Ross Brigden (AB); Joe Carter (ON), Christian Beauchemin (QC), Greg Little (MB), and **five** Directors whose terms have expired: Shannon Burwash (AB), Patti Carter (ON), Gayle Pawley Wilson (BC), Genevieve Matheson (BC); and Marnie Somers (MB).
- The 2009-2010 CQHA Board of Directors shall be comprised of up to 15 elected members; therefore **six vacancies** are eligible to be filled.

The CQHA Nominations Committee places the following five names for election as CQHA Directors: Shannon Burwash, Patti Carter, Gayle Pawley-Wilson, William Holliday, and Marnie Somers

Call for other nominations from the floor as Directors (call 3 times)

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

x) Conduct election of CQHA Board of Directors (if required)

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

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

#4. Other Business:

i) Notice of 2010 CQHA Annual General Meeting:

The CQHA Board of Directors is open to suggestions for locations within Canada for the 2010 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 designate an date/event, or delegate the choice of date, time and venue for the 2010 AGM to the CQHA Board of Directors to decide at a subsequent Board meeting

ii) Any new business

iii) Membership meeting closes - Call for a resolution from the floor to adjourn the meeting

APPENDIX I**MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held at the Western Fair Agriplex, London, Ontario
 Sunday, July 6, 2008

#1. CALL TO ORDER:

Marnie Somers, President, welcomed members and guests at 4:40 p.m. and stated that a quorum of the CQHA membership was present.

#2. INTRODUCTION:

The President provided an overview of CQHA including the reactivation of the CQHA in 2001 and outlined the Objectives of the Association, as printed in the agenda. The existing CQHA Directors were identified.

#3. ORDER OF BUSINESS:**i) The President called for a resolution from the floor to appoint the Chair and Secretary for this meeting.**

MOTION by Haidee Landry that Marnie Somers be appointed as chair and Gayle Pawley-Wilson be appointed as Secretary.
 Seconded by Laurie Haughton Carried

ii) The Chair called for a resolution from the floor to accept the Agenda.

MOTION by Lilieth Lorensen, to accept the Agenda as circulated for the meeting.
 Seconded by Carol Joubert-Gaboury Carried

iii) The Chair called for adoption of the 2007 AGM Minutes, printed as Appendix 1 in the agenda.

MOTION by Gayle to accept the 2007 AGM Minutes.
 Seconded by Wilf Davis Carried

iv) PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Verbal overview given by Marnie Somers to the membership, as printed in the agenda.

MOTION by Denise Hill to accept the President's Report.
 Seconded by Lilieth Lorensen Carried

v) TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Balance Sheet and Receipts & Disbursements reports by Shannon Burwash, CQHA Treasurer, as printed in the AGM agenda, were reviewed.

MOTION by Carole Joubert-Gaboury to receive the Treasurer's Reports as information.
 Seconded by Curtis Matheson Carried

vi) APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

MOTION by Haidee Landry to appoint Rob Stevenson, CGA of Cogent Business Consulting, Weyburn, SK as the corporation's auditor for 2007-08.
 Seconded by Laurie Haughton Carried

- vii) The Chair presented the Constitution Committee's report outlining the election procedures.
- viii) The Chair read the report of the CQHA Nominations Committee, on behalf of Joe Carter, Vice President, noting that there are currently seven vacancies on the CQHA Board of Directors. The Committee recommended the following names for election: Ross Brigden, (AB); Carole Joubert-Gaboury, (QC); Haidee Landry, (BC); Cal Loree, (AB); Milt Rigetti (SK).
- ix) The Chair called for Nominations from the floor: Debbie Haughton nominated Laurie Haughton (ON).

The Chair called for the second and third times for further nominations - none were received, noting that only six people had been nominated for the seven vacancies.

Motion by Judy Woodley to close the nominations for CQHA Directors.

Seconded by Jim Thomson

Carried

- xi) **Motion** by Claude Gaboury to accept the Board of Directors as duly nominated and elected.
Seconded by Lindsay Grice

Carried

#4. OTHER BUSINESS:

- i) 2008 Youth World Cup Status report:
Verbal report was given by Marnie Somers confirming the members of Team Canada, and an event update was given on behalf of Patti Carter, Youth World Cup Chairperson.

- ii) CQHA report on AQHA Rule #448(c) (1)
Gayle Pawley-Wilson discussed the request from BCQHA members for support from CQHA to oppose the above Rule change in the 2008 AQHA Rule Book.
Discussions followed.

Motion by Gayle Pawley-Wilson that CQHA send a letter to AQHA advising of member dissatisfaction regarding 2008 Rule change #448 (c) (1) and to request that the rule be rescinded in 2008 and placed on the appropriate Committee agenda(s) for review during the 2009 AQHA Convention.

Seconded by Haidee Landry

Carried

- iii) Notice of 2009 CQHA Annual General Meeting:
Discussion as to potentially suitable events/venues took place.

Motion by Carole Joubert-Gaboury that the 2009 CQHA AGM be held in conjunction with Equine Canada's Annual Convention to be held in Ottawa, Ontario in February 2009.

Seconded by Lindsay Grice

Carried

- iv) Adjournment:
Motion by Jim Thomson to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded by: Gayle Pawley-Wilson