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**The 2011 CQHA
Annual General Meeting**



Friday, January 28th

at 6:30 p.m.

**Ontario Room
Lord Elgin 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:



Cindy Schonholtz, Colorado Springs, Colorado

i) **Keynote Speaker** – presentation,
“Mobilizing Grassroots Members to Support the Horse Industry”
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Cindy serves as the Director of Industry Outreach for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). In this position she handles all livestock welfare and related government relations for the association. Additionally, she oversees the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund and the youth outreach efforts. She is the President of the Animal Welfare Council, Vice President of the National Animal Interest Alliance, serves on the Animal Welfare Committee of the American Horse Council and is a **member of the Public Policy Committee of the American Quarter Horse Association**. She served as the Executive Director for the American Youth Horse Council for four years and was on the Colorado Horse Council Board of Directors for 10 years. Cindy has been involved with horses since she got her first pony at age 10. She has shown American Quarter Horses in many disciplines and competed in rodeos in barrel racing in High School and professionally.

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 2010 membership years. An annual payment of \$6,600 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 2010 membership year. The current membership fee structure for joining the Breeds & Industry Division of Equine Canada is up to a maximum of \$6,600 per breed association (as of 2010). The AQHA records database indicates there were 19,603 Canadian AQHA members, including youth, in 2009.

The enrolment of 19,603 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 240,184 affiliated with the national equine body, Equine Canada. Membership benefits included 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, to the end of 2010.

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 (16 members) serving in 2010:

Province/ Region	Horse Population 2008	AQHA Members 2008
<i>Alberta</i>	106,639	7,404
AQHA Directors: Ross Brigden, Shannon Burwash (CQHA Treasurer), and Cal Loree (Director Emeritus)		
<i>British Columbia</i>	25,811	2,716
AQHA Director: Gayle Pawley-Wilson (CQHA Secretary); and CQHA member : Haidee Landry (CQHA Vice-President)		
<i>Manitoba</i>	22,621	962
AQHA Director: Marnie Somers (CQHA President); and CQHA member: Greg Little		
<i>Ontario</i>	24,748	3,887
AQHA Directors: Patti Carter-Pratt and Joe Carter; and CQHA members: Laurie Haughton and Gilles Seguin		
<i>Quebec</i>	12,771	1,585
AQHA Directors: Christian Beauchemin, and Dr. Carole Joubert-Gaboury		
<i>Saskatchewan</i>	43,252	2,276
AQHA Director: Milt Rigetti; and CQHA member: , William Holliday		
<i>New Brunswick</i>	1,530	310
<i>Newfoundland & Labrador</i>	62	16
<i>Nova Scotia</i>	2,156	369
<i>NW Territories</i>	8	0
<i>Prince Edward Island</i>	498	62
CQHA member: Stephen Maltby		
<i>Yukon</i>	88	16
Totals:	240,184	19,603

Other CQHA Directors who served and contributed generously of their time and effort between 2001 and 2009 are: Michelle Desjarlais (AB); Chris Pedersen (SK); Sheldon Soderberg (AB); Jim Fleming (AB); Joanne Perlich (AB); Glen Gabel (SK); Dean Ross (AB); Dean Thomson (AB); and Genevieve Matheson (BC).

#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 2010 AGM (as per Appendix I at the end of this agenda)

Call for a resolution from the floor to adopt

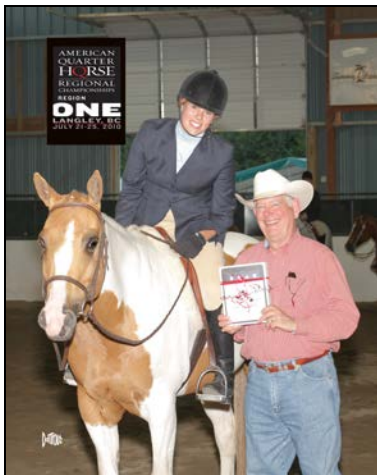
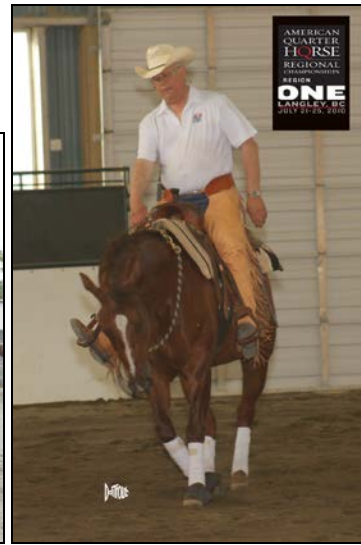
iv) President's Report:

I am honoured to have served the CQHA Board of Directors and the membership as President from 2001 to 2010 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 & 2010 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 & 2008 World Equestrian Games in Jerez de Frontenac, Spain; and Lexington, Kentucky, respectively
- 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 reprint in 2010
- being appointed by AQHA as the host country for the 2008 AQHA Youth World Cup event, which was a huge success according to all established standards;
- In 2010 the British Columbia Quarter Horse Association, hosted the AQHA Region One Championships, the first regional championship show to be held in Canada.



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- The BCQHA can boast that AQHA Region One was the only Region to increase numbers from 2009 in:
 - Total number of AQHA entries: Increase from 498 to 625
 - Total number of AQHA exhibitors: Increase of 135 to 175
 - Total number of AQHA horses: Increase from 155 to 185
 - Total number of first time AQHA Exhibitors: Increase from 5 to 37 (highest number for any Region, in any year, over the history of AQHA Regional Championships)
 - Total number of first time horses exhibited in AQHA: Increase from 11 to 45 (highest number for any Region, in any year, over the history of AQHA Regional Championships)



- In 2010 Team Canada competed at the AQHA Youth World Cup , in Oklahoma City, OK, finishing 5th overall out of 16 team from countries around the world, earning one silver and two bronze medals.



Danielle Olafson and Almosta Boom of Team Canada won the Gold Medal in the Horsemanship showcase, a featured event held in the "Battle in the Saddle" show, held in conjunction with the 2010 AQHA Youth World Cup



- Canadian-bred **Apache Blue Boy**, won his fifth AQHA World Championship at the 2010 AQHA World Championship Show in Amateur Heading, adding to his three Reserve World Championships in Open and Amateur Heading and/or Heeling, between 2003-10. The 1995, gray stallion is sired by **Blue Boy Doc**, out of **Apache King Miss**, bred by Greg Frick of Whitewood, Saskatchewan

Call for a resolution from the floor to accept President's report

v) Treasurer's Report:

as per 2010 Financial Statements (unaudited) attached

Call for a resolution from the floor to accept report as information.

vi) Appointment of Auditor:

2006 and 2007 audits have been completed, and are available for viewing in printed form at this meeting. The 2008 audit is currently underway by Rob Stephanson, CGA of Cogent Business Consulting, Weyburn, SK, but not completed as of this date

Call for a resolution from the floor to appoint Cogent Business Consulting (SK) as 2010 auditor

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 **ten** CQHA Directors with terms remaining: with **two years** left to serve are: Ross Brigden (AB); Joe Carter (ON); Christian Beauchemin (QC); Greg Little (MB); Marnie Somers (MB); and Stephen Maltby (MT); with **one year** left to serve are: Shannon Burwash (AB); Gayle Pawley-Wilson (BC); Bill Holliday (SK); and Gilles Seguin (ON); and **five** Directors whose terms have expired: Carole Joubert-Gaboury (QC); Haidee Landry (BC); Cal Loree (AB); Laurie Haughton (ON); and Milt Rigetti (SK):

- The 2011 CQHA Board of Directors shall be comprised of at least 16 elected members; therefore **five vacancies** are eligible to be filled.

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

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 2012 CQHA Annual General Meeting:

The CQHA Board of Directors is open to suggestions for locations within Canada for the 2012 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 a date/event, or delegate the choice of date, time and venue for the 2012 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

Canadian Quarter Horse Association MINUTES OF THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in Salons 4 & 5, Le Centre Sheraton Hotel, Montreal, Quebec
Friday, February 5, 2010

#1. CALL TO ORDER:

Marnie Somers, President, welcomed members and guests at 7:00 PM and identified that a quorum of the CQHA membership was present.

#2. INTRODUCTION:

- 1) The President introduced Sue Wallis, rancher, writer and legislator from Wyoming as the Keynote speaker. Ms Wallis presented the topic "Ethical Consideration Around Horses, Domestic and Feral, & the Morality of Horse Meat". The speaker's appearance was generously sponsored by the North American Equine Ranching Information Council (NAERIC).
- 2) The President provided a brief overview of the history of CQHA and the CQHA mandate.
- 3) The President introduced the CQHA Directors in attendance with apologies to Gilles Seguin, Ontario, who had been inadvertently omitted from the list of 2009 directors serving, and welcomed new Director Stephen Maltby, Nova Scotia, who was recently appointed to represent the Maritime Quarter Horse AQHA Affiliate.

#3. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1) **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 Chair
Seconded by Gilles Seguin.

Carried

Motion by Haidee Landry that Gayle Pawley-Wilson be appointed Secretary.
Seconded by Ed Kendall

Carried

- 2) **The Chair called for a resolution to accept the Agenda for the meeting.**

Motion by Haidee Landry to accept the Agenda as circulated
Seconded by Gilles Seguin

Carried

- 3) **The Chair called for the adoption of the 2009 AGM Minutes** with the amendment to the list of CQHA Directors serving in 2009, as circulated with the agenda.

Motion by Haidee Landry to accept the minutes, as amended.
Seconded by Gilles Seguin

Carried

- 4) **President's Report:**

Marnie Somers presented a report on the objectives met in 2009, as per the written report, printed in the agenda.

Motion by Laurie Houghton to accept the President's report as presented.
Seconded By Carole Joubert-Gaboury

Carried

5) Treasurer's Report:

The Chair presented the unaudited Financial Reports, attached as Appendix II, on behalf of Shannon Burwash, CQHA Treasurer.

Motion by Ed Kendall to accept the Financial Reports, as information

Seconded by Carole Joubert-Gaboury

Carried

Appointment of Auditor:

Motion by Laurie Haughton to appoint Rob Stephenson, CGA of Cogent Business Consulting, Weyburn, SK as the corporation's auditor for 2009.

Seconded by Bill desBarres

Carried

6) Nominations Committee report:

The Chair read the report of the CQHA Nominations Committee, noting that there are currently eleven directors with terms remaining and five directors whose terms have expired: Ross Brigden (AB), Joe Carter (ON), Christian Beauchemin (QC), Greg Little (MB) and Marnie Somers (MB) whose names were put forward in nomination for Directors in 2010.

The Chair called (three times) for nominations from the floor: no further nominations were received. The Chair noted that a total of five directors had been nominated for five vacancies.

Motion by Ed Kendall to close the nominations for CQHA Directors.

Seconded by Gilles Seguin

Carried

Motion by Gilles Seguin to accept the Board of Directors as duly nominated and elected.

Seconded by Shirley Klassen

Carried

#4. OTHER BUSINESS:**i) The Chair called for a resolution to designate a date/event to hold the 2011 CQHA AGM.**

Motion by Laurie Haughton to hold the CQHA AGM in conjunction with the 2011 Equine Canada Conference, to be held in early February in Ottawa, Ontario.

Seconded by Carole Joubert Gaboury

Carried

ii) The Chair called for any New Business – none received

#5. ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn:

Motion by Greg Little to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Gayle Pawley-Wilson

APPENDIX II – Financial Statements (unaudited)

i) Receipts & Disbursements – Jan 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

ii) Balance Sheet – as at December, 31, 2010