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**The 2012 CQHA
Annual General Meeting**



**Saturday, January 14th
at 5:30 p.m.**

**Capri Conference Centre/Sheraton Hotel
Red Deer, Alberta, Canada**

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Meeting Agenda

#1. Call meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

#2. Introductions:



Richard Wilcke, Louisville, Kentucky

i) Keynote Speaker – presentation,
“Mobilizing Grassroots Members to Support the Horse Industry”
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Prof. Wilcke is the immediate past president of the Kentucky Quarter Horse Association and co-founded the KQHA's Public Policy Committee, the first state public policy committee of any AQHA affiliate. He has been a major force in the use of state lobbyists - planning legislative receptions, advising legislators on a number of issues and spending time in Washington, DC.

Prof Wilcke will speak on the topic of mobilizing grassroots members with regard to proposed legislation affecting horse ownership. The appearance of this engaging keynote speaker at our AGM, is being generously sponsored (for the fourth consecutive year) by the North American Equine Ranching Information Council

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 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 Industry Division of Equine Canada for the 2001 to 2011 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 Canada for the 2011 membership year. The current membership fee structure for joining the Industry Division of Equine Canada is up to a maximum of \$6,600 per breed association (as of 2011). The AQHA records database indicates there were 19,693 Canadian AQHA members, including youth, in 2010.

The enrolment of 19,693 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 241,346 affiliated with the national equine body, Equine Canada. Membership benefits included the right to participate and vote in the affairs of the Industry Division Assembly and the right to nominate candidates and vote in elections for Equine Canada's Board of Directors, to the end of 2011.

iii) Objects of the CQHA 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 (20 members) serving in 2011:

Province/ Region	Horse Population 2008	AQHA Members 2008
<i>Alberta</i>	106,803	7,382
AQHA Directors: Ross Brigden, Shannon Burwash (CQHA Treasurer), Cal Loree and Wayne Burwash		
<i>British Columbia</i>	25,564	2,746
AQHA Director: Gayle Pawley-Wilson (CQHA Secretary); and CQHA member : Haidee Landry (CQHA Vice-President)		
<i>Manitoba</i>	23,361	982
AQHA Directors: Marnie Somers (CQHA President) and Larry Clifford; and CQHA member: Greg Little		
<i>Ontario</i>	24,797	3,949
AQHA Directors: Patti Carter-Pratt, Joe Carter, Kathy Patterson; and CQHA members: Laurie Haughton and Gilles Seguin		
<i>Quebec</i>	12,667	1,588
AQHA Directors: Christian Beauchemin, and Dr. Carole Joubert-Gaboury		
<i>Saskatchewan</i>	43,828	2,251
AQHA Directors: Milt Rigetti and Sherry Clemens; and CQHA member: , William Holliday		
<i>New Brunswick</i>	1,530	316
<i>Newfoundland & Labrador</i>	59	18
<i>Nova Scotia</i>	2,174	383
<i>NW Territories</i>	7	0
<i>Prince Edward Island</i>	514	62
CQHA member representing Maritimes: Stephen Maltby		
<i>Yukon</i>	70	16
Totals:	241,346	19,693

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 2011 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 2011 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 & 2012 AQHA Youth World Cup events;
- becoming affiliated members of Equine Canada's 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 & 2010 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 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 and 2011 supporting the British Columbia Quarter Horse Association which hosted the AQHA Region One Championships, the first to be held in Canada. Following are Region 1 Champion Photos:



Open All Around: Katherine Hardcastle and Winken For Chocolate



Youth Champion 13 & under: Amanda Daly & Olena San Star



Novice Amateur Champion: Kimberly Servoss & A Little Two Deluxe



AQHA Executive Committee Member George Phillips & Jessica Grodzins



Champion All-Breed Youth 13 & Under: Jessica Grodzins & Dressed To Jet



Reserve Champion Youth 14-18: Katrina Mulford & Zippos Star Shuttle



Trail Challenge exhibitor



AQHA Executive Director of Competitions Tom Persechino & Jessica Grodzins

The AQHA Region 1 Championship was held at Thunderbird Show Park, Langley, BC from July 20-24, 2011. This event was hosted, for the second year, by the BCQHA as part of Region 1 made up of AQHA affiliates from Alaska, BC, Washington, Oregon & Idaho. The event was a huge success with well over 1,000 entries including the cattle classes and All-Breed Classes. Approved classes included AQHA, NSBA, WCHA, NRHA, BCRCHA and NRCHA. The 4-H horse group of 29 or more youth participated in the All-Breeds Youth classes and clinics.

Looking forward to the 2012 Year: 10 Youth members from across Canada have been selected to represent Canada at the AQHA Youth World Cup to be held in Kreuth, Germany from July 21-29, 2012. The 2012 Team Canada consists of: Team Coach: Della Cryderman, ON; Team Manager: Karen Westerback, ON; **Competing Riders:** Joannie Backes, ON; Quinn Brandt, MB; Carly Epp, ON; Rianna Storey, ON; and Haley Stradling, BC; **Alternate Riders:** Amanda Daly, BC; and Anika Hodgson, Stellarton, NS; **Leadership Members:** Laura Anne Berencsi, ON; Stefanie Lepp, MB; and Brittany Ruecker, SK

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

v) Treasurer's Report:

as per 2011 Financial Statements (unaudited) attached

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

vi) Appointment of Auditor:

2009 audit has been completed, and is available for viewing in printed form at this meeting.

The 2010 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 the 2011 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.
- At the AQHA Convention in March 2011, five new Canadian AQHA Directors were elected by their Affiliates. Each was invited to join the CQHA Board of Directors. Four accepted this invitation and were appointed as Directors: Kathy Patterson, ON; Larry Clifford, MB; Sherry Clemens, AB; and Wayne Burwash, AB. These four appointed Directors now stand for election by the membership at the 2012 AGM
- Currently there are **eleven** 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 Bridgen (AB); Marnie Somers (MB); Joe Carter (ON); Christian Beauchemin (QC); Greg Little (MB); and Stephen Maltby (MT); **nine Directors whose terms have expired**: Shannon Burwash (AB); Gayle Pawley-Wilson (BC); Gilles Seguin (ON); Patti Carter-Pratt (ON); Larry Clifford (MB); Sherry Clemens (SK); Kathy Patterson (ON); Wayne Burwash (AB); and William Holliday (SK):
- The 2012 CQHA Board of Directors shall be comprised of at least 20 elected members; therefore **nine vacancies** are eligible to be filled.

The CQHA Nominations Committee places the following eight names for election as CQHA Directors for 3 year terms: Shannon Burwash (AB); Gayle Pawley-Wilson (BC); Gilles Seguin (ON); and Patti Carter-Pratt (ON); for two year terms: Sherry Clemens (SK); and Kathy Patterson (ON) and for 1 year terms: Larry Clifford (MB); and Wayne Burwash (AB)

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 2013 CQHA Annual General Meeting:

The CQHA Board of Directors is open to suggestions for locations within Canada for the 2013 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 2013 AGM to the CQHA Board of Directors to decide at a subsequent Board meeting

ii) Any new business

iii) Presentation of two proposals to amend the CQHA Constitution & ByLaws:

- to reduce the number of members required to be present at the AGM to constitute a quorum from 20 members to 15 members

- to limit the number of years a Director may be serve in any one executive position - President, Past-President, Vice-President, Secretary and/or Treasurer to a maximum of six consecutive years.

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

APPENDIX I

Canadian Quarter Horse Association MINUTES OF THE 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held in the Ontario Room, Lord Elgin Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario Friday, January 28, 2011

#1. CALL TO ORDER:

Marnie Somers, President, welcomed members and guests at 6:30 PM and confirmed that a quorum of the CQHA membership was present.

#2. INTRODUCTION:

- 1) The President introduced keynote speaker Cindy Schonholtz, Colorado Springs, Colorado presenting "Mobilizing Grassroots Members to Support the Horse Industry". The speaker's appearance was generously sponsored by the North American Equine Ranching Information Council.
- 2) The President provided a brief overview of the history of CQHA and the CQHA mandate.
- 3) The President introduced the CQHA Directors present: Haidee Landry, BC; Gayle Pawley-Wilson, BC; Gilles Seguin, ON; Laurie Haughton, ON; Bill Holliday, SK.

#3. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1) **Motion** by Haidee Landry to accept the Agenda as circulated for the meeting.
Seconded by Laurie Haughton. Carried

- 2) 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 Laurie Haughton that Gayle Pawley-Wilson be appointed Secretary.
Seconded by Gilles Seguin Carried

- 3) The Chair called for a resolution to accept the Agenda for the meeting.
Motion by Haidee Landry to accept the Agenda.
Seconded by Gilles Seguin Carried

- 4) The Chair called for the adoption of the 2010 AGM Minutes as circulated.
Motion by Bill Holliday to accept the minutes as presented
Seconded by Edward Kendall Carried

- 5) **President's Report:**
Marnie Somers presented a report on the objectives met in 2010 and a report on the 2010 Canadian Youth World Cup Team.
Haidee Landry gave a report on the 2010 AQHA Region One Championship held in Langley, BC
Motion by Gilles Seguin to accept the President's report as presented.
Seconded by Haidee Landry Carried

6) Treasurer's Report:

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

Motion by Bill Holliday that the report be received as information

Seconded by Edward Kendall

Carried

7) Appointment of Auditor:

Motion by Edward Kendall to appoint Cogent Business Consulting (SK) as the 2010 auditor.

Seconded by Al Patterson

Carried

8) Nomination Committee report:

a) The Chair presented the nominations by the Committee for the five CQHA Directors whose three-year terms expired at the end of 2010: Carole Joubert Gaboury, ON; Haidee Landry, BC; Cal Loree, AB; Laurie Haughton, ON; and Milt Rigetti, SK. The Chair called three times for nominations from the floor. None were received for the five vacancies.

Motion by Edward Kendall that the nominations close.

Seconded by Al Patterson

Carried

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

Seconded by Al Patterson

Carried

#4. OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion by Haidee Landry to hold the 2012 CQHA AGM in conjunction with Equine Canada's 2012 Annual Conference.

Seconded by Laurie Haughton

Carried

Discussion from the floor stating that Equine Canada and the Industry Division should do more to actively promote the CQHA's AGM into their program, especially to take better advantage of the excellent keynote speakers CQHA brings in every year on relevant issues to the horse industry.

#5. NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Holliday described the proposed CQHA By-Law changes that will be presented at the 2012 CQHA AGM

Laurie Haughton gave a report on the status of AQHA's approving Dressage classes in Canada. Laurie indicated she is working on a proposal for 2012

Dressage in Canada. One issue raised was the accreditation of Canadian Dressage judges by AQHA.

#6. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Edward Kendall to adjourn the meeting.