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**The 2013 CQHA
Annual General Meeting**



**Saturday, February 9th
at 5:00 p.m.**

**Delta Ottawa City Centre Hotel
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**

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Meeting Agenda

#1. Call meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

#2. Introductions:

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 affiliation fees to join the Industry Division of Equine Canada for the 2001 to 2012 membership years. An annual payment of has been made by AQHA to the CQHA to enable the enrolment of CQHA as an Equine Canada Affiliate. The current membership fee structure for joining the Industry Division of Equine Canada is up to a maximum of \$2,000 per breed association (as of 2012). The AQHA records database indicates there were 18,898 Canadian AQHA members, including youth, in 2011.

The enrolment of 18,898 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 242,795 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 2013.

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 15 members present in person at a meeting will constitute a quorum."

iv) Introduction of the CQHA Board of Directors (20 members) serving in 2012:

Province/ Region	Horse Population 2011	AQHA Members 2011
<i>Alberta</i>	107,645	7,096
AQHA Directors: Ross Brigden, Shannon Burwash (CQHA Treasurer), Cal Loree, Wayne Burwash and CQHA member: Marc Garner		
<i>British Columbia</i>	25,399	2,531
AQHA Director: Gayle Pawley-Wilson (CQHA Secretary); and CQHA member: Haidee Landry (CQHA President)		
<i>Manitoba</i>	23,772	950
AQHA Directors: Marnie Somers (CQHA President) and Larry Clifford; and CQHA member: Greg Little		
<i>Ontario</i>	24,701	3,811
AQHA Directors: Patti Carter-Pratt, Joe Carter, Kathy Patterson; and CQHA members: Laurie Haughton and Gilles Seguin		
<i>Quebec</i>	12,570	1,550
AQHA Directors: Christian Beauchemin, and Dr. Carole Joubert-Gaboury		
<i>Saskatchewan</i>	44,400	2,204
AQHA Directors: Milt Rigetti and Marlene Monvoisin and CQHA Member: Sherry Clemens (Secretary)		

<i>New Brunswick</i>	1,451	296
<i>Newfoundland & Labrador</i>	59	17
<i>Nova Scotia</i>	2,178	364
<i>NW Territories</i>	7	0
<i>Prince Edward Island</i>	514	66
CQHA member representing Maritimes: Stephen Maltby		
<i>Yukon</i>	92	13
Totals:	242,795	18,898

Other CQHA Directors who served and contributed generously of their time and effort between 2001 and 20011 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); William Holliday (SK)

#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 2012 AGM (as per Appendix I pg. 8 & 9 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 since 2008 and as Vice President for 2011. I was chosen by my peers, the CQHA Board of directors, to lead our association into the future and I have an incredibly tough act to follow, continuing the work of Past President Marnie Somers who has served as President from 2001 into March of 2012 inclusive.

Together the CQHA Board of Directors has 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;
- 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.
- incorporated the Canada Brand "Quality is in our Nature" logo into our marketing projects.

- fielding and funding Team Canada to compete at the 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010 & 2012 AQHA Youth World Cup events; following are pictures of team Canada from the 2012 AQHA Youth World Cup, held in Kreuth, Germany..



Haley Stradling winning 2 gold medals in Cutting.



Rianna Storey winning 2 gold medals in Hunt Seat Equitation



The Canadian Team

10 Youth members from across Canada represented CQHA and our country at the AQHA Youth World Cup 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 Stephanie Lepp MB; **Leadership Members:** Laura Anne Berencsi, ON; Megan Daly, BC; and Brittany Ruecker, SK

Our Canadian Team excelled at the Youth World Cup in Kreuth, Germany. Haley Stradling of Aldergrove, BC started Team Canada on the right foot by winning 2 Gold Medals in Cutting on the first day of competition. Haley also won the Cutting Championship trophy buckle.

HUS and 2 gold medals in Hunt Seat Eq! Rianna Storey of Carleton Place, Ontario placed 5th and Carley Epp of Caledon, Ontario placed 10th in Western Pleasure. We're pleased to announce that the 2012 YWC Team raised well over \$40,000 for their team expenses. We extend our sincerest appreciation for all the sponsors who supported our hard working team.

I took a European vacation to co--inside with the YWC and couldn't have been prouder of our team. We went on a fabulous tour of Regensburg and on another day we took a boat tour of the Danube River with all the teams. We all had a great time. Karen Westerback and Della Cryderman were awesome with the girls and their families. Our team had so much team spirit and a great following of supporters. The youth that were non-riding members were helpful, patient and positive. I was truly proud to be Canadian and connected to the Canadian Team at this event. All our youth were admirable Canadian ambassadors.



I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to our

Team Coach, Della Cryderman and
Team Manager, Karen Westerback.

These ladies volunteered months of their time to select our Canadian Team, prepare the Youth for travel and competition and organize months of very effective Fundraising.

They dedicated their time, taking care of hundreds of little details, to produce a truly competitive 2012 YWC team, finishing in a very respectable 4th place.

Well done ladies!

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

v) Treasurer's Report:

as per 2012 Financial Statements (unaudited) attached

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

vi) Appointment of Auditor:

The 2010 and 2011 audit is currently underway, but not completed as of this date by Rob Stephanson, CGA of Cogent Business Consulting, Weyburn, SK and will be presented at a future AGM.

Call for a resolution from the floor to appoint the 2012 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 2012, one new Canadian AQHA Director was elected by their Affiliate. She was invited to join the CQHA Board of Directors and has accepted this invitation. Appointed as Director: Marlene Monvoisin. This appointed Director now stands for election by the membership at the 2013 AGM
- Currently there are **twelve** CQHA Directors with terms remaining; **six Directors with two terms left to serve**: Shannon Burwash (AB); Gayle Pawley-Wilson (BC); Gilles Seguin (ON); Patti Carter-Pratt (ON); Marc Garner (AB); Kathy Patterson (ON); **six directors with one year left to serve**: Sherry Clemens (SK); Carole Joubert-Gaboury (QC); Haidee Landry (BC); Cal Loree (AB); Laurie Haughton (ON); and Milt Rigetti (SK); **8 Directors whose terms have expired**: Ross Bridgen (AB); Marnie Somers (MB); Joe Carter (ON); Christian Beauchemin (QC); Greg Little (MB); and Stephen Maltby (MT); Larry Clifford (MB); Wayne Burwash (AB).
- The 2012 CQHA Board of Directors shall be comprised of at least 21 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: Ross Bridgen (AB); Marnie Somers (MB); Joe Carter (ON); Christian Beauchemin (QC); Greg Little (MB); Stephen Maltby (MT), Larry Clifford (MB); Wayne Burwash (AB)

The CQHA Nominations Committee places the following name for election for a two year term, Marlene Monvoisin (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 2014 CQHA Annual General Meeting:

The CQHA Board of Director suggests the Alberta Breeders Conference in Red Deer Alberta in Jan 2014 as the location for the 2014 Annual General Meeting having considered 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 2014 AGM to the CQHA Board of Directors to decide at a subsequent Board meeting

ii) Any new business

iii) Presentation of a proposal to amend the CQHA Constitution & ByLaws:

– to change the scope of the required annual audit process from a complete corporate financial audit to a less formal audit review process.

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

Seconded by Wendy Wiebe
Carried

6) Nomination Committee report:

- a) The Chair advised that nine CQHA directors' terms expired at the end of 2011 and presented four nominations from the Committee for the following vacancies: for three year terms: Shannon Burwash, AB; Gayle Pawley-Wilson, BC; Gilles Seguin, ON; Patti Carter Pratt, ON;
- b) And nominations for four CQHA Directors who were appointed in March, 2011 following their elections as AQHA Directors for their provincial affiliates during the 2011 AQHA Convention: for two year terms: Sherry Clemens, SK; and Kathy Patterson, ON; and for one year terms: Larry Clifford, MB; and Wayne Burwash, AB
- c) The Chair called for nominations from the floor.
Haidee Landry nominated Marc Garner, AB Seconded by: Sherry Clemens
- d) The Chair called twice more for nominations from the floor. None received.
- e) **Motion** by Haidee Landry that the nominations close.
Seconded by Wayne Burwash
Carried
- f) **Motion** by Milt Rigetti to accept the nominations for the nine vacancies on the Board of Directors as duly nominated and elected. Seconded by Debbie Nelson
Carried

#4. OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chair called for a resolution regarding the date and venue for the 2013 CQHA AGM

Motion by Wendy Wiebe that the CQHA Board of Directors determine the date and venue for the 2013 CQHA AGM. .

Seconded by Wayne Burwash
Carried

The Chair asked if there was any new business to come from the membership – none was received

- 1) The Chair presented two proposals to amend the CQHA Constitution & By-Laws
Motion by Sheldon Soderberg to reduce the number of members required to be present at the AGM to constitute a quorum from 20 to 15 members.
Seconded by Shannon Burwash

Carried

Motion by Sherry Clemens to limit the number of years a Director may serve in any one executive position – President, Past-President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer to a maximum of six consecutive years.

Seconded by Wayne Burwash

Carried

- 2) The Chair called for a resolution to adjourn the 2012 Annual General Meeting.
Motion by Shannon Burwash to adjourn the meeting