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The 2017 CQHA Annual General Meeting



Saturday, January 21st

at 4:00 p.m.

**or immediately following the AQHA's
AGM (whichever is the earliest)**

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Meeting Agenda

#1. Call meeting to order

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

#2. Introductions:

AGM Guests of Honour

AQHA First Vice President Ralph Seekins and his wife, Connie Seekins



Ralph Seekins of Fairbanks, Alaska, has been an AQHA director since 2006 for Washington/Alaska and was elevated to director emeritus in 2016. Seekins has served on the AQHA Marketing and Membership Committee, the Foundation Council and the AQHA Public Policy Committee.

Seekins has owned American Quarter Horses since 1995 when his daughters convinced him and his wife, Connie, that they really needed horses. His early horse years were spent in Wyoming and Montana and included ranch work and sprint racing. The family's first two American Quarter Horses were home-trained and went on to earn AQHA Open Champion titles, Youth Champion titles, Youth Supreme Champion titles and one Youth Versatility award. Over the years, the Seekins family has raised and trained horses that have earned nine AQHA Champion titles, three AQHA Supreme Champion titles and two versatility awards.

For more than 14 years, the Seekins family has used their American Quarter Horses in the Helping Hooves therapeutic riding program for riders with disabilities.

and



**Eva Havaris, Chief Executive Officer/Secretary General
of Equestrian Canada**

Motivated by the passion and enthusiasm that exists within the Canadian equestrian community, Eva Havaris took on the role of EC Chief Executive Officer with the goal of turning the organization into a leading equestrian federation. She is responsible for the overall management of day-to-day activities, as well as the development of strategies for long-term success and growth. It is her job to ensure EC accurately

represents the voice of equestrians in Canada by building and enhancing strong relationships with primary stakeholders.

Eva came to EC with substantial sport experience under her belt. Her previous role was as the Chief Executive Officer for Taekwondo Canada. She has a Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, a Certificate in Community Development, and a Master of Arts, Sports Management, from the University of Western Ontario.

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). The head office of the corporation is situated in the City of Weyburn, in the province of Saskatchewan. The operations of the Corporation may be carried on throughout Canada and elsewhere.

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

In keeping with this mandate, the CQHA joined the Industry Division of Equine Canada, formerly known as the Canadian Equestrian Federation (CEF) and now called Equestrian Canada. . Membership in Equestrian 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 Equestrian 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 National Equestrian Organizations committee of Equestrian Canada for the 2001 to 2017 membership years. An annual payment of has been made by AQHA to the CQHA to enable the enrolment of CQHA as an Equestrian Canada Affiliate. The current membership fee structure for joining the National Equestrian Organizations committee of Equestrian Canada is up to a maximum of \$2,000 per breed association (as of 2014). The AQHA records database indicates there were 16,724 Canadian AQHA members, including youth, in 2015.

The enrolment of 16,724 members in CQHA establishes the Canadian Quarter Horse Association as the largest equine breed association in Canada. Also, the CQHA represented 246,337 horses in 2015, again, the largest number of any breed affiliated with Equestrian Canada. Membership benefits included the right to participate and vote in the affairs of the National Equestrian Organizations committee, and present a representative to the committee for the right to nominate candidates and vote in elections for Equestrian Canada's Board of Directors, to the end of 2016.

Together the CQHA Board of Directors has accomplished many significant achievements since reactivating 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 Equestrian Canada's National Equestrian Organizations committee 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 Health Requirements for Horses entering Canada; the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Equine; diseases in horses of national concern; the National Equine Identification program; and addressing proposed US legislation (where it affects Canadians) in support of AQHA public policy;
- Incorporating the CQHA, in 2006, 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 to host 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;
- Established a Canadian Quarter Horse association Facebook page;
- Acquired the 1965 CQHA Stud book, had it digitized, and posted on our website;
- Fielded and funded Team Canada to compete at the 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 & 2016 AQHA Youth World Cup events.
- Helped the Burwash family establish the Shannon Burwash Memorial Scholarship for Canadian resident students in any field of study with emphasis on the horse, agriculture, agri-business, or equine veterinary medicine and who is enrolled at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution;
- With the support of AQHA and MBNA Canada, we've been able to support our Provincial Affiliates goals for growth and also sponsor numerous AQHA activities and AQHA dual approved Alliance Events, CRI Reining and Para Reining, Versatility Ranch Horse competitions, Trail Rides, and many other industry growth initiatives, competitions and Industry events.

iii) Objects of the CQHA Corporation are: (as stated in the CQHA By-Law)

- 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 (22 members) serving in 2016:

| Province/ Region | Horse Population 2015 | AQHA Members 2015 |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Alberta</i> | 110,425 | 6,637 |
| AQHA Directors: Wayne Burwash (CQHA President), Steve Schiestel (CQHA Treasurer), Ross Brigden, Lorne Winther, Marc Garner and CQHA members: Ryan Smith, Mary Ellen Robinson and Myrna Anderson. | | |
| <i>British Columbia</i> | 25,082 | 2,247 |
| AQHA Directors: Haidee Landry (CQHA Vice President), and Gayle Pawley-Wilson | | |
| <i>Manitoba</i> | 24,709 | 840 |
| AQHA Directors: Marnie Somers (CQHA Secretary), Larry Clifford and CQHA member: Greg Little | | |
| <i>Ontario</i> | 23,070 | 3,010 |
| AQHA Directors: Joe Carter, Kathy Patterson, and CQHA member: Gilles Seguin | | |
| <i>Quebec</i> | 12,512 | 1,323 |
| AQHA Directors: Christian Beauchemin and Dr. Carole Joubert-Gaboury | | |
| <i>Saskatchewan</i> | 46,355 | 2,039 |
| AQHA Directors: Melanie Burns and CQHA Members: Milt Rigetti, and William Holliday | | |
| <i>New Brunswick</i> | 1,364 | 242 |
| <i>Newfoundland & Labrador</i> | 60 | 14 |

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| <i>Nova Scotia</i> | 2,205 | 318 |
| <i>NW Territories and Yukon</i> | 95 | 12 |
| <i>Prince Edward Island</i> | 461 | 42 |
| CQHA members representing Maritimes: Susan Chestnut, and John Perkins | | |
| Totals: | 246,337 | 16,724 |

Other CQHA Directors who served and contributed generously of their time and effort between 2001 and 2015 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); Genevieve Matheson (BC); Cal Loree (AB); Shannon Burwash (AB), Laurie Houghton (ON) Sherry Clemens (SK) Marlene Monvoison (SK), Bonnie Quance (AB), Susan Walsh (AB), Patti Carter-Pratt (ON) and Stephen Maltby (NS).

#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 2016 AGM (as per Appendix I pg. at the end of this agenda)

Call for a resolution from the floor to adopt

iv) President's Report:

It was my honor to move up and serve as President of the CQHA this year. I had big shoes to fill when following Marnie Somers and Haidee Landry in this position, both of whom have been instrumental in revitalizing the CQHA and steering it to the leading role in the Quarter Horse industry in Canada. We now officially have 4085 members and truly represent the majority of industry. Thanks to all their support and the hard work of the entire Board of Directors, 2016 was a very busy and productive year. We have several new board members who have brought new initiatives forward and broadened our range of activities. The following is a list of the major events and activities in 2016.

- 1) The AQHA and the CQHA redrafted and updated their Affiliate Agreement.
- 2) The CQHA continued to be affiliated with the re-structured Equine Canada, now called Equestrian Canada (EC). Haidee Landry has continued to serve on the Industry Committee and I am serving as one of the newly created Voting Members on the National Equine Organization Board. EC continues to be the recognized national voice for the horse industry to the Government of Canada.
- 3) Through the AQHA Grant of \$47,000 USD to promote the American Quarter Horse in Canada, the CQHA continued to support the Provincial AQHA Affiliates in the production of AQHA sanctioned activities and the promoting of the breed. In addition to the mainstream AQHA activities, events such as promotional booths at trade fair, Novice horse shows, versatility ranch horse contests, mounted shooting, para-reining and trail rides were supported.
- 4) The Youth World Cup Team sponsored by the CQHA represented our country very well and had a life-time experience in Australia. Congratulations and a big thank you to the entire team including the coach and manager, the sponsors, the parents and the families of all the participants. The report on the YWC follows in the AGM package.
- 5) CQHA participated in a ground-breaking horse export trade mission to China. Haidee Landry went as our representative. This has led to a delegation of Chinese scheduled to visit Canada in May 2017 to negotiate purchase of Quarter Horses. The report on the trade mission follows in the AGM package.
- 6) The CQHA had a highly successful promotional booth at the Canadian Finals Rodeo and FarmFair in Edmonton in November, thanks to the work of Directors, Mary Ellen Robinson and Marc Garner and member, Brenda Belanger.

- 7) Discussions were initiated with the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame to have superior American Quarter Horses eligible to be inducted into the Hall of Fame along with Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds.
- 8) The CQHA Website, E-newsletter and Facebook page became much more active, expanding our recognition of superior Canadian Quarter Horses participating in disciplines and activities outside of AQHA sanctioned events. We sent out 51 CQHA E-newsletters in 2016 and have accumulated 4125 "likes" on Facebook as of the end of 2016.
- 9) The CQHA continued to support and promote the Shannon Burwash Memorial Scholarship Fund which now stands at \$108,744 and awarded \$4000 in scholarships in 2016. The report on the 2016 Scholarship recipients follows in the AGM package.
- 10) The CQHA participated in CFIA (the Federal health regulatory veterinarians) working groups, workshops and stakeholders meetings on regulations for the control of Equine Infectious Anemia and Equine Piroplasmiasis in Canada.
- 11) Several new initiatives were started to improve the administration and governance of the CQHA. They included updating the Application Guidelines for Provincial Affiliates applying for CQHA grants; updating CQHA Bylaws; publishing a Biosecurity brochure for horse shows; writing an orientation package for new directors; and writing Terms of Reference for committees and executive officers (to be continued and finished in 2017) .

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Burwash, DVM

China Export Trade Mission Report:



PHOTO - Equine Canada President, Al Patterson, and China Horse Industry Association President, Jia Youling, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on March 30, 2016 in Beijing, CHI to kick off a collaborative partnership that will provide the opportunity to strengthen both Canada and China's equestrian industry on a global scale. CQHA Vice-President, Haidee Landry appears in the back row at the left.

Beijing, China, March 31, 2016 - During a nationally-televised meeting in Beijing, CHI, delegates from Equine Canada (EC) industry associations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the China Horse Industry Association (CHIA) for the purposes of working together, and ultimately opening the borders for trading horses and knowledge, between the two countries.

"I am truly honoured to witness Canada and China forging this important relationship," said Al Patterson, President of Equine Canada. "I think it is great we made this big step to move forward. This future partnership provides a valuable opportunity to both Canada and China through our breeders and educators."

Patterson added, "The EC industry organization affiliates have joined forces with the federation to develop stronger partnerships to ensure a strengthened vision for international trade."

The Canadian delegation that travelled to China included Darryl Kaplan from Standardbred Canada, Haidee Landry from the Canadian Quarter Horse Association (CQHA), Grant Watson from the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society (CTHS) and industry liaison, Hao Zhang.

Professor Jia Youling, President of the CHIA, was optimistic about the collaboration, stating, "As one of the leading countries in the world for horses, Canada has produced many of the best horses. I am confident we can build a long relationship, built on mutual benefits."

Canadian Senator, Victor Oh, who was in Beijing for the historic meeting, spoke about the larger impacts of the signing. "Today, we are signing this MOU to grow the equine industries in both countries. I look forward to the role that equine will play in strengthening the trade relationship between Canada and China."

In addition to Senator Oh, Canada was represented by senior officials from the Canadian Embassy in China. Canadian and Chinese delegates, and government officials, will continue to meet and collaborate on the next steps to move this new relationship forward in the coming months.

Haidee Landry, Vice President of the Canadian Quarter Horse Association and EC Board member, summed up the importance of the significant day by saying, "I'm proud to be part of Equine Canada's initiatives to move our industry forward by forging a new partnership with the China Horse Industry Association. The Canadian Quarter Horse Association is pleased to be working with Equine Canada on this important trade mission."



Australia was the host country for the biennial American Quarter Horse Association's Youth World Cup held in Tamworth, New South Wales from June 23-July 3rd, 2016. This event, first held in Australia in 1986 as the International Youth Quarter Horse World Cup, has become one of the most prestigious equine competitions recognized worldwide. It is a major initiative of the AQHA to field a youth team for this competition, which is held every two years. The Youth World Cup Selection Committee selected nine qualified youth participants from applications received from all across Canada, for Team Canada 2016

The Competing Riders were:



Hannah Buijs, 15, from Lisle, ON, returned to Team Canada in 2016 as a rider bringing her positive attitude and confidence in multiple events. Showing Quarter Horses since she was four, Hannah has developed her horsemanship skills on a variety of horses, excelling in both English and Western events. Hannah has had the opportunity to ride several different horses to success in the show ring including top five placings at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress and a top 10 finish at the AQHA Novice East Championship in 2014. In addition to being a fierce competitor, Hannah also volunteers her time fundraising for community groups and helping other students at school as well as helping the Ontario Quarter Horse Youth Association at shows and events. Hannah was excited to join Team Canada and enjoyed learning from and having fun with all the team members!



Haley Franc, 18, from Prince Albert, SK, returned to Team Canada once again in 2016, this time as a rider. A top Non-Pro competitor in NRHA reining competitions, Haley joined the team, bringing with her strong horsemanship and leadership skills. Haley has represented Canada at several international equestrian competitions, including the North American Junior and Young Riders Championships, the 2014 Youth World Cup, along with the High Roller Reining Classic and Big Sky Reining Classic. Currently attending Texas A & M in College Station, Texas, Haley is competing on the NCAA equestrian team, while pursuing a degree in Animal Science. Haley contributed her competitive skills and positive attitude to Team Canada in Australia!



Madison Holmes, 14, from New Glasgow, NS, joined Team Canada as our youngest rider. Competing in the all-around events, Madison has already had a successful youth career, qualifying for the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show with two horses and with top 10 finishes in multiple events at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress and championships at the Region 6 Championship Show. Outside the show pen, Madison enjoys playing volleyball as well as participating in the Leadership Club at her school. A strong work ethic and experience riding several different horses in variety of classes, Madison was excited to join Team Canada and work alongside the other team members and learned from everyone!



Joining Team Canada's rider roster, from Roberts Creek, BC, was 15-year-old **Mackenzie Inksater**. Mackenzie's focus on the all-around events showcases her horsemanship skills in both English and Western classes, which will complement a strong Canadian team. In her show career, Mackenzie has had success both north and south of the border including Canadian National Championships and the top 10 finishes at the AQHA Novice West Championships in Las Vegas. Along with riding, Mackenzie also enjoys playing volleyball and is active in team fundraising and ensuring everyone has a positive and fun experience. Mackenzie appreciated the opportunity to meet all the other competitors and learn new skills in Australia!



Megan Komori Kennedy, 18, from Merville, BC, joined Team Canada riders as a strong all-around competitor with a focus on Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation classes. Megan has been showing for over 10 years, starting with 4-H and working her way up to the AQHA circuit where she has earned several National Championships to her credit. A highlight of Megan's riding career has been competing at the All American Quarter Horse Congress and being a finalist in all her events including Showmanship, Horsemanship and Hunt Seat Equitation. Outside of horses, Megan is an active soccer player and volunteers in her community as well as at school where she is a peer tutor for science courses. Megan enjoyed being part of Team Canada in this unique competition and brought a strong background in riding and showing young horses, team spirit, and dedication to Tamworth, Australia!

The Alternate Riders were:



Ruth Enns, 18, from Schanzenfeld, Manitoba, joined Team Canada as an alternate rider for the Youth World Cup 2016. Ruth has been showing competitively on the AQHA circuit including the Canadian National Championships and the All American Quarter Horse Congress. Ruth has been actively involved in the Manitoba Quarter Horse Youth Association, serving as secretary and most recently, as president, and always takes time to introduce herself to new competitors and make them feel welcome! Outside of the arena, Ruth is very involved in her 4-H club and church, lending a hand and volunteering where and when needed. We were pleased to have Ruth join Team Canada, and she brought her sportsmanship and dedication to all of Team Canada.



Hailing from Bancroft, ON, **Melanie Trolley**, 18, joined Team Canada as an Alternate Rider. Melanie grew up riding a variety of breeds but made the switch to showing Quarter Horses when she was 12. Having a background in English riding, Melanie has had a successful youth show career in the all-around events and a highlight was showing in the NYATT tournament at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress, making the semi-finals in a tough Hunter Under Saddle class. Melanie has managed to balance academics, horses and community involvement throughout her high school years and was recognized with scholarships highlighting this achievement. Currently attending the University of Western Ontario, Melanie looked forward to being part of Team Canada and using the skills she has learned and applied them to help create a successful team in Australia.

The Leadership Members were:



James Heitzner, 15, from St. Clements, ON, joined Team Canada as a leadership member for the Youth World Cup. Riding since he was two, James first started showing on the AQHA circuit in 2007 and has quickly garnered many youth awards. Outside of the show ring, James is actively involved in the Ontario Quarter Horse Youth Association, volunteering for events as well as participating in Kung Fu, Ultimate Frisbee and basketball. James brought a keen sense of sportsmanship, leadership and humor to the group and enjoyed being part of an equestrian team and helping his teammates succeed.



Cheyenne Izon, 14, from Acton, ON, has been involved with horses her entire life and actively involved in the Alberta Quarter Horse Youth Association since 2010. Cheyanne has had a very successful youth career to this point earning several Canadian National Championships as well as being a finalist in Western Horsemanship at the All American Quarter Horse Congress. Even with her horse injured for most of 2014, Cheyanne stayed active with her youth association through volunteering, ring stewarding and helping out wherever needed. Cheyanne was excited to be part of Team Canada as a leadership member and brought with her a strong work ethic and a positive attitude to encourage her team members throughout the competition.

The Team Coach & Manager were:



Coach **Christine Little**, of Brandon, MB, has been involved in AQHA her entire life - being raised on a successful AQHA breeding farm, Little Valley Quarter Horses - all the way to building her own successful training and coaching business of Christine Little Show Horses. An AQHA Specialized All Novice Judge, Christine has a thorough knowledge of AQHA event rules and judging standards and attends yearly Judges Seminars to stay up-to-date. She has coached clients to AQHA Regional Championships and many Affiliate year-end awards. Being a former Team Canada Youth World Cup youth member in Portogruaro, Italy in 2000, Christine has invaluable firsthand knowledge of this international event. Outside of horses, Christine has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, completing her thesis on Athlete Motivation. She currently works at the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba as a Community Addictions Counselor.



Manager, **Donna Sagin**, of Carberry, MB is an experienced and successful event manager with a proven background in administration, financial management, business strategy, and marketing with various organizations. An experienced executive member, she brings strong leadership skills and is recognized as a dedicated problem-solver. Her experience includes creating budgets, developing marketing and sponsorship plans, organizing special events and meeting deadlines. She has spent the majority of her career, to date, with non-profit organizations in Western Canada organizing small events of 200, to large events of over 100,000 visitors. An avid AQHA amateur exhibitor, Donna has shown for over 20 years in the all-around events. She currently volunteers as a director with the Manitoba Quarter Horse Association and is registered as an official AQHA Show Manager. The unique set of skills Donna has developed to date will be an incredible asset to the manager

position as organization, planning, problem solving, budgeting and meeting deadlines, are also essential for building a successful team.

Christine and Donna have worked together as Directors of the Manitoba Quarter Horse Association and bring an impressive combination of skills to CQHA and Team Canada. They are organized, motivated and enthusiastic about this opportunity to be part of the 2016 AQHA Youth World Cup and firmly believe that they, along with their nine talented youth members, developed a competitive Canadian team who were also be great ambassadors for Canada.

Recap of Results from 2016 Youth World Cup!



*Back row L:R - Christine Little, Cheyanne Izon, Madison Holmes, Hannah Buijs, Mackenzie Inksater, Melanie Trolley Donna Sagin
Front row L:R - James Heitzner, Ruth Enns, Megan Komori Kennedy, Haley Franc*

Congratulations to Team Canada 2016 which finished in fourth place overall at the Youth World Cup held in Tamworth, New South Wales, Australia. This international showdown, comprised of 13 teams from around the world, took place from June 23 to July 3, 2016.

Throughout the competition, each country rode for gold, silver and bronze medals in cutting, reining, western horsemanship, trail, ranch riding, hunt seat equitation, hunter under saddle and showmanship. The Youth World Cup is more than just a competition - it offered a chance for international American Quarter Horse enthusiasts to learn from the industry's leading riders and trainers.

Team Canada collectively earned 84 total points earning fourth place. Team USA was first with 200 points; Team Australia was second with 118 points; and Team Germany was third with 110 points.

2016 Team Canada Highlights:

The five 2016 Team Canada competing riders placed as follows:

- Haley Franc, Prince Albert, SK
 - Cutting - 5th place in Show A, 2nd place (Silver Medal) in Show B (Res. Champion overall); Reining - 2nd place (Silver Medal) in Show A
- Megan Komori Kennedy, Merville, BC
 - Western Horsemanship - 3rd place (Bronze Medal) in Show A; Hunt Seat Equitation - 9th place in Show A, 4th place in Show B; Hunter Under Saddle - 12th place in Show A, 3rd place in Show B; Showmanship - 6th place in Show A
- Hanna Buijs, Lisle, ON
 - Trail - 7th place in Show A; Showmanship - 7th place in Show B; Western Horsemanship - 2nd place in Show B
- Mackenzie Inksater, Roberts Creek, BC
 - Hunt Seat Equitation - 7th place in Show A, 6th place in Show B; Showmanship - 10th place in Show A; Trail - 10th place in Show B
- Madison Holmes, New Glasgow, NS
 - Hunt Seat Equitation - 10th place in Show A; Hunt Seat Equitation - 10th place in Show B

Representing Canada at international events such as this one, is a costly initiative and Team Canada members and their families are each responsible for fund-raising a portion of their travel expenses. Team Canada appreciates the many generous sponsors who have stepped up to the plate. To see the Team Canada members and these valuable team sponsors, [visit the Team Canada 2016 webpage](#) of the CQHA's website.

The CQHA Board of Directors congratulates the entire 2016 youth team, coach and manager and their support groups, both on site and back at home, for their cumulative efforts. You were great ambassadors for Canada and we are very proud of you!



In 2014, 2015 and 2016 through MBNA/AQHA funding, CQHA provided Affiliate grant funding to eight participating Provincial AQHA affiliates for industry growth initiatives.

We encourage our AQHA horse owners and members wanting to participate in, or help organize an industry growth initiative, to please connect with their provincial AQHA affiliate.

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

v) Treasurer's Report:

as per 2016 Financial Statements (unaudited) Appendix III,
Call for a resolution from the floor to accept report as information.

vi) Appointment of Auditor:

The 2015 financials have been reviewed by Michael Hunter, CA, of Regent St., Amherst, NS and are available for your review this evening.
Call for a resolution from the floor to appoint the 2016 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 2016, one new Canadian AQHA Director, Marc Garner, was elected through his Affiliate (QHAA). Marc was already serving on the CQHA Board of Directors.
- Currently there are **Eighteen** CQHA Directors with terms remaining:
Twelve directors with two years left to serve: Ross Brigden (AB), Marnie Somers (MB), Joe Carter (ON), Steve Schiestel (AB), Christian Beauchemin (QC), Greg Little (MB), Larry Clifford (MB), Myna Anderson (AB), Mary Ellen Robinson (AB), Susan Chestnut (NB), John Perkins (NB) and Wayne Burwash (AB).
Six Directors with one year left to serve: Gayle Pawley-Wilson (BC), Gilles Seguin (ON), Marc Garner (AB), Kathy Patterson (ON), Lorne Winther (AB) and Melanie Burns (SK).
Four Directors whose terms have expired: Carole Joubert-Gaboury (QC); Haidee Landry (BC); Milt Rigetti (SK) and Ryan Smith (AB).

William (Bill) Holliday of Saskatchewan will not be running for re-election at this time. He has served on our Board for several terms over the years, and crafted our Constitution and By-Laws in 2006. I'd like to extend our appreciation of his many years of service to CQHA.

The 2016 CQHA Board of Directors shall be comprised of at least **22** elected members; therefore **four vacancies** are eligible to be filled.

The CQHA Nominations Committee places the following **five** names for election as CQHA Directors for three year terms:
Carole Joubert-Gaboury (QC); Haidee Landry (BC); Milt Rigetti (SK), Ryan Smith (AB) and Bob Hawkins (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 2018 CQHA Annual General Meeting:

The CQHA Board of Directors suggests the location for the 2018 Annual General Meeting, in considering the objective of maximizing our reach to AQHA members across the country, should be west of Ontario with some significant Equine event occurring in the first 3 months of the year.

Call for a resolution from the floor to designate a date/event, or delegate the choice of date, time and venue for the 2018 AGM to the CQHA Board of Directors to decide at a subsequent Board meeting.

ii) New Business

iv) Shannon Burwash Scholarship Presentation – (See Appendix II)

v) Membership Meeting closes

Call for a resolution from the floor to adjourn the meeting

APPENDIX I

**Canadian Quarter Horse Association
2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sheraton Capri Centre in Red Deer Alberta
Saturday, January 16, 2016**

#1. CALL TO ORDER:

Haidee Landry, CQHA President, welcomed 26 members and 9 guests and called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM confirming that a quorum of the CQHA membership was present.

#2. INTRODUCTION:

- 1) The President introduced the nine CQHA Directors present and the 2016 YWC Team Canada Coach and Manager. Past President, Marnie Somers introduced special guests, AQHA Executive Committee member Stan Weaver and his wife Nancy and welcomed them to Canada and our AGM.
- 2) The President introduced the keynote speaker, AQHA Executive Vice President, Craig Huffhines, who provided an overview of the state of the Quarter Horse industry and, along with Stan Weaver, answered questions posed by the meeting attendees.

The President presented Craig Huffhines and Stan Weaver with tokens of our appreciation for participating in this year's AGM.

Craig Huffhines and Stan Weaver presented CQHA with a plaque in appreciation of our partnership on the occasion of the AQHA's 75th Anniversary year.

The President asked Craig Huffhines to pull the winning entry from our trade show booth draw for a CQHA Notepad. The winner was Brenda Mitchell.

- 3) The President provided a brief overview of the history of CQHA and the CQHA mandate.

#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 Bill Holliday: that Haidee Landry be appointed as Chair, and that Marnie Somers be appointed as Secretary.

Seconded by: Carolyn Farris

Carried

- 2) **Motion by Marnie Somers:** that the Agenda as printed and circulated be accepted for the meeting.

Seconded by: Ryan Smith

Carried

- 3) The Chair called for the adoption of the 2015 AGM draft Minutes.

Motion by Ryan Smith: that the draft AGM minutes be adopted as printed and circulated.
 Seconded by: Wayne Burwash Carried

4) President's Report:

Haidee Landry presented a report on the association's objectives met in 2015; a report on the advances made by Equine Canada; the makeup of the 2016 Canadian Youth World Cup Team; and acknowledged the passing of the late Sheldon Soderberg, a former CQHA/AQHA Director.

Motion by Wayne Burwash: that the President's report be accepted as presented.
 Seconded by: Bill Holliday Carried

5) Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Steve Schiestel, presented the unaudited 2015 financial statements for 2015 as printed and circulated. Steve advised that the association's 2014 Financial Review report was available at this meeting.

Motion by Ron Anderson: that the financial statements be received as information.
 Seconded by: Bill Holliday Carried

6) Appointment of Auditor:

Motion by Marnie Somers: to appoint Michael Hunter, CA, of Regent St., Amherst, NS as accountant to perform the 2015 financial review engagement.
 Seconded by: Steve Schiestel Carried

7) Nominations Committee report:

- a) The Chair advised that nine CQHA director's terms expired at the end of 2015 and presented two nominations from the Committee for the identified vacancies: for three year terms: Ross Brigden (AB); Marnie Somers (MB); Joe Carter (ON); Steve Schiestel (AB); Christian Beauchemin (QC); Greg Little (MB); Larry Clifford (MB); Wayne Burwash (AB); John Perkins (MT) and Susan Chestnut (MT) , the names of two new AQHA Directors that had accepted an appointment to the board for 2 year terms; Lorne Winther (AB) and Melanie Burns (SK) and that one former Director had decided not to stand for re-election.
- b) The Chair called for nominations from the floor.
- c) The Chair called twice more for nominations from the floor:
 Ryan Smith nominated Myrna Anderson of Rumsey, AB and Wayne Burwash nominated Mary Ellen Robinson of Calgary, AB.
- d) The Chair asked the two new nominees to provide a brief overview of their involvement in the Canadian horse industry.

Motion by Carolyn Farris: that nominations cease.
 Seconded by: Lorne Winther Carried

Motion by Ryan Smith: that all the above nominations for positions on the Board of Directors be accepted as duly nominated and elected.
 Seconded by: Wayne Burwash Carried

#4. OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chair called for a resolution regarding the date and venue for the 2017 CQHA AGM. It was suggested that the AGM should be held at a location east of Alberta.

Motion by Marnie Somers: that the CQHA Board of Directors determine the date and venue for the 2017 CQHA AGM at a subsequent Board meeting.
 Seconded by: Ryan Smith Carried

The Chair welcomed YWC Team Canada Coach, Christine Little, and YWC Team Canada Manager, Donna Sagin to the podium to speak about the Team, their plans and fundraising goals.

Wayne Burwash presented an update on the Shannon Burwash Memorial Scholarship Award for students pursuing post-secondary Equine and Agricultural studies, and identified the two inaugural 2015 recipients.

Motion by Greg Little: that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes recorded by: Marnie Somers

APPENDIX II



Shannon Burwash Memorial Fund selects three recipients for 2016

September 12, 2016 -- Calgary, AB -- The Calgary Foundation is very pleased to announce the following scholarships have been awarded from the 2016 Shannon Burwash Memorial Fund. Qualified students from across Canada applied for the three available scholarships this past June.

\$2,000 Awarded to Jenna Lambert



Jenna Lambert was born and raised in Calgary, AB, and is entering her third year of study in the Veterinary Medicine Program at the University of Calgary. Jenna started riding at a young age, and her love and passion for horses has carried forward into a passion for veterinary medicine. Over the past four years, Jenna has worked on a research project alongside veterinarians from UCVM, with a focus on predicting disease severity and outcome in critically ill horses in Alberta. Being part of this study allowed her to work alongside numerous equine specialists and truly solidified her decision to become an equine veterinarian. Jenna has a strong interest in equine surgery and upon completion of her DVM hopes to pursue the path of becoming an equine surgeon. In the future, Jenna plans to take the knowledge and skills she gains as an equine veterinarian abroad to help working equids in need.

In the past, Jenna has enjoyed the opportunity to become involved in her local horse community. One notable experience was spending one year as the Calgary Stampede Queen. She was able to participate in numerous community based charity and fund-raising events, and meet people from various horse communities. Jenna is actively involved in the UCVM Equine club, which hosts annual community events focused on horse health and educating members of the public, specifically 4-H and pony club. In addition to this, Jenna is also a team-lead on the equine committee for Vet-U-Can, an open house for UCVM which is hosted every two years.

Growing up riding Quarter Horses has left a particular soft spot for the breed. Currently, Jenna enjoys training her young Quarter Horse mare, *Stella*, during study breaks. In the past couple of years she began competing in the Extreme Cowboy Racing circuit, and hopes to continue this sport which promotes trust and partnership between horse and rider.

\$1,000 Awarded to Brooklyn Collard

Brooklyn Collard is a 17-year-old honours student from Calgary, Alberta. She will be attending the University of Calgary Honours Zoology program in the fall. After her undergraduate degree, she plans to attend veterinary school working towards becoming an equine vet.

Brooklyn has been in 4-H for eight years, completing the horsemanship and English jumping projects. Her passion lies in jumping horses, and she has attended weekly jumping lessons, as well as Pony Club for eight years. Brooklyn has been training her 14-year-old smoky buckskin mare, *Zorra*, for the last seven years. She competes with *Zorra* in English, western, trail, gymkhana and jumping events. She is an active volunteer for both 4-H and Pony Club and in the community, including flood clean-up at the Millarville Racetrack, cleaning tack for the Therapeutic Riding Association, and baking for families in need through the Made by Mama's organization.

\$1,000 Awarded to Alisa Brace

Alisa Brace was raised on a small farm east of Sundre, Alberta and spent much of her childhood either doing chores on a small beef operation or riding horses. Her first time on a horse was when she was three months old and even just as an infant she knew that her place in life was in the saddle. Alisa started small with just pleasure riding at home and around her property then branched out to competing in local Light Horse shows in both English and Western, and most recently she has begun to take part in the drill team for her hometown pro rodeo running sponsor flags between events.

As well as various horse activities Alisa was also an avid dancer at her dance club in Sundre where she danced for eleven years and got the opportunity to compete in various competitions as well as take leadership roles as both an assistant dance teacher in her younger years and a role model to the younger dancers in her last few years. She also played on both the Eagles and Scorpions basketball teams in middle and high school. Alisa is currently a student at Lakeland College and having completed her certificate as a Veterinary Medical Assistant she will be heading back in the fall to complete her diploma in Animal Health Technology. She looks forward to finishing school and starting her career in a clinic with a main focus on equine and bovine herd health and reproduction, as well as equine performance.

"We were extremely impressed with all of the scholarship applicants this year," said Dr. Wayne Burwash. "This is the second year that The Calgary Foundation has awarded the scholarships since Shannon's passing in 2013. We realized that there are differences in academic achievement, leadership and volunteer activities depending on the number of years a student has been involved in their studies. The changes we made in the qualification criteria have addressed these aspects and I am very pleased to say that the awards this year more clearly achieve the goals of the fund."

In 2016, there were **two different categories of scholarships**. One going to first or second year students (2 - \$1,000 awards). Visit: <http://calgaryfoundation.org/grants-awards/student-awards/high-school-students>. The other goes to students advancing past their second year of studies (\$2,000 award). Visit: <http://calgaryfoundation.org/grants-awards/student-awards/undergraduate-graduate-students>.

Shannon Burwash was a leader and a lover of the horse industry across Canada. The scholarships will be awarded to deserving students who are focused on getting a post-secondary education, and being involved in the horse industry in their future.