

Canadian Quarter Horse Association
2024 Annual General Meeting
January 9, 2025
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

- The 2024 AGM of the Canadian Quarter Horse Association was called to order by President Gilles Seguin at 7:05 EST with 28 members in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda as presented (C Farris/B. Bowie). Motion carried

Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous AGM

- Motion to adopt the minutes from the 2023 CQHA Annual General Meeting (B. Bowie/P. Petersen). Motion carried

President's Report

- President Gilles Seguin spoke of the activities of the past year and that this is his last year as CQHA President
- Canadian bred Sumac Gunnabeflashy had a very successful show season
- CNATT program provided an opportunity to share information with other international affiliates
- Attended the Hall of Fame Induction in Amarillo which was a very nice event and something to see
- Strategic Planning session held in Calgary in conjunction with the Calgary Stampede. This was an opportunity to have discussions and collaborate with other associations and organizations. Lyle Jackson also presented a Ranch Riding demonstration
- Calgary Stampede interested in working together and recognize top Quarter Horse
- Spoke of the importance of volunteers and because of volunteers the activities of CQHA are made possible
- Motion to accept the President's Report (S. Kirtzinger/B. Bowie) Motion carried

Finance Report

- Treasurer Mary Ellen Robinson presented the Finance Report. See attached report
- Currently bank account balances are \$68,152.23 Canadian account and \$36,696.85 US account after the transfer of \$25,000 from the US account to the Canadian account
- Youth World Cup account remains the same
- Acera Insurance remains our insurance provider as well as an on-going sponsor. Mike King is very supportive of the horse industry
- CQHA trademark remains functional and valid
- Important to recognize the hard work of our accountant Dawna
- Motion to accept the Finance Report (L. Haughton/W.Burwash) Motion carried

Committee Reports

Awards Committee (L. Haughton)

- Committee was without a chair until late in the year when Laurie Haughton stepped in
- Applications which were nominated from the previous years were combined with membership polling to determine this year's award recipients. This was submitted to the Board of Directors and accepted.

Breeders Committee (S. Kirtzinger)

- Breeders Committee will present 10 awards this year to be awarded to the breeder of the top Canadian bred quarter in each category
- Breeders Committee had AQHA develop a point based program to determine the top Canadian performance horse. This program can be used each year and can be modified to determine high point earning Canadian bred horses.
- Motion to accept Breeders Committee report (L Haughton/L James) Motion carried

Grants Committee (G Pawley-Wilson)

- Gayle thanked everyone for their efforts to submit applications and follow up documentation on time
- Approved funding applications remained within budget
- Motion to approve Grants Committee report (G Pawley-Wilson/G Seguin) Motion carried

Media, Marketing and Communications (L Haughton)

- This committee supports all of CQHA committees with information distribution
- Laurie attended the AQHA Professional Horseman's Academy as well as Pro Horse Academy
- Motion to accept Media, Marketing and Communications committee report (D Haughton/M Robinson) Motion carried

Nominations and Credentials Committee (W Burwash)

- This year there were 10 positions to fill based on terms expiring and resignation of directors
- At the end of the nomination period, 8 applications had been received - all of which were incumbent
- Committee recommends all to elected by acclamation
 - 3 year term: Laurie Haughton, Mary Robinson, Lindy McMurchy, Pia Petersen, Sharon Forbes-Hanks, Wanda McFayden
 - 2 year term: Kathy Patterson
 - 1 year term: Wayne Burwash
- Incoming Board of Directors is able to appoint 2 directors for the current year
- Motion to accept Nominations Committee report (W. Burwash/S. Kirtzinger) Motion carried

Youth Committee (G. Pawley-Wilson)

- Applications were received from affiliates for youth events
- Groups were very energetic and if an event fell through, they came back with questions for something else.
- Pleased to see the groups collaborating with each other and providing youth based events
- Motion to accept Youth Committee report (G. Pawley-Wilson/M. Robinson). Motion carried

New Business

- AQHA funding for relationship officer to help Canada. Business Plan Funding was initially considered as seed funding however it is important to the ongoing operations of CQHA

Correspondence

- CQHA will submit a rule change to AQHA for the creation of an AQHA director position for the Maritimes

Next CQHA Board of Directors Meeting

- Wednesday January 15, 2025

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm EST