

**South West Trillium
Annual General Meeting
Best Western Stoneridge Inn
London, ON
January 22, 2017**

In Attendance: Andrea Young, Julie Claus, Terry Hersey, Carole Minhinnik, Lisa Hodgins, Dino Brooks, Jen Sweet, Debbie VanWalraven, Kira VanWalraven, Kansas McNicol, Desiree Hallman, Crista Ribey, Laura Moffett, Candice Fraser, Jordan Schmitt, Jennifer Octosnork, Sydney Schmitt, Emily MacLeod, Karissa Dawdy, AnneMarie Thompson, Melody McKinnon, Emma Williams, Ayla Webb, Julie Ciz, Stefan Ciz, Kathryn Beauchamp, Nathalie, Beauchamp, Chloe Beauchamp, Heather Jury, Sarah Firth, Kate Fowler, Yvonne Busby, Cindy Ballantyne, Kim Crawford, Rachel Baresich, Dave Longo, Alston Warwick, Janet Dwyer (chair), Susan Evans (recorder).

Call to Order: Janet Dwyer called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm

Approval of the Agenda: Cindy Ballantyne approved the agenda, Yvonne Busby 2nd it.

Discussion of Amendment of Quorum By-Law: As it stands right now we only need 6 for a quorum, that is the number of directors we have. We need to increase this number to 10. Sarah Firth made a motion to make an amendment to 3.9 in the by-laws. Alison Warwick made a motion to remove the previous statement and motion to make 10 the number to make a quorum, Sarah Firth 2nd the motion. All in favour

Establishment of Quorum: This has been done with the previous discussion.

Appointment of Scrutineers: The appointed scrutineers are Jordon Schmitt and Dino Brooks

Declaration of any Conflict of Interest: There where no conflicts of interest noted

Adoption of Minutes of last AGM January 24, 2016: Yvonne Busby adopted the minutes and Sarah Firth 2nd them.

Board and Committee Reports:

Banquet and Fundraising Committee: Fundraising was done this year with selling of saddle pads, clothing, omnibus ads, and sponsorship. The ads generated more revenue and the revenue from the saddle pads and clothing was not great in 2016.

In 2017 there will be a venue change for the banquet. The Western Fair has increased their prices, the committee met last weekend to research different venues as the competitors have expressed wanting a fancier big event to attend for their banquet along with having rooms available to spend the night for anyone travelling any distance. The Sheridan has offered an excellent deal. They have an award winning chef, rooms at a preferred rate and a live band. The ticket prices will increase for the banquet this year, adults will be \$60 and children will be \$40. The awards for the year will be coolers and skirms.

Julie Claus stated that with the prices going up you might lose people as they will not want to pay the increased prices. Rachel Baresich suggested that perhaps people could budget through the year. Jen Sweet suggested that we get rid of the silent auction at the banquet. There were concerns for costs for the banquet and a suggestion was made that perhaps a family rate would be possible. Another suggestion to cut the cost of the ticket price is to get sponsors. Laura Moffett stated that everyone needs to help.

Show Standards Committee: Andrea Young will stay as chair, and she stated the 2016 show season went well. Judging and Course designing will be added to the show standards check list. Suggestions were made to have a suggestion box at the shows that the trainers, coaches, and riders can make notes to the show managers. Yvonne Busby stated that the member liason should be handling all complaints.

By-Law Committee: The by-laws have already been discussed.

Report of Accountant: Melody McKinnon gave the financial reports and comparative reports for the last 4 years. Our revenues were down and the major expense this year were by Showmate. The expenses for Showmate are domumented in the financial report. Our bank account is showing at approximately \$5,000. The bank charges are approximately \$10 per month.

Social Media Policy: The social media policy is being revised by the THJA and the by-law committee. There are different channels to voice your opinions and we asked please do not post anything detrimental. These are the THJA policies and the Zone Policies

Scratch Fees: There have been issues at the shows with scratch fees. The scratch fee is stated very clearly in the omnibus, it is listed under show rules # 11 and the cost of the scratch fee is stated with the entry fees. A competitor needs a medical and the horse needs a vet note. There were many concerns around cancelling shows and the costs.

Omnibus: Omnibus ads bring in revenue and they need to be in no later than February 10, 2017. The rates are posted on the web-site. Yvonne fees that the price to print the omnibus are way too much and will give a name to Rachel for printing.

New Business (must be received by January 8, 2017): There is no new business

Election of Directors: The elections for 2017 are the president and 2 directors

Everyone agreed that Melody McKinnon will stay as treasurer, and Susan Evans will stay as secretary.

President: Janet Dwyer nominated Rachel Baresich as president and Rachel accepted the position. **The new President for 2017 is Rachel Baresich** and Janet will stay on as past-president.

Vice-President: Melissa Hillis nominated Sarah Firth and Terry Hersey 2nd, Heather Jury nominated Chloe Beauchamp and Katheryn Beauchamp 2nd. Both nominees were asked why they wanted to be vice-president. They both gave their reasons. A written vote was taken and Sarah Firth was declared Vice-President. **The new Vice-President for 2017 is Sarah Firth.**

The following people were nominated for Directors: Larua Moffett, Kansas McNicol, Chloe Beauchamp and Andrea Young. A written vote was taken and the following were declared

2017 Directors: Andrea Young and Laura Moffett

A note about the Championship Show in 2017. It is the turn of the South West region to host champs. We do not have a lot of information yet the we do need to work on a theme. Some suggestions were: The Maple Leaf Forever, Happy 150th Birthday, History, Pioneers. We need people to give it some thought. We need someone on a committee for a year, volunteers, and 4 members of the host zone to plan activities and social events. Chloe Beauchamp volunteered to head the committee. Champs will start on Wednesday in 2017.

A posting to facebook for volunteers will be made.

There is a limit to how much the give-away packages can be worth.

The meeting was adjourned by Janet Dwyer at 4:00 pm and was 2nd by Sarah Firth.