

Minutes January 24, 2016
Stoneridge Inn
AGM

In Attendance: Michelle Carter, Julie Claus, Dave Longo, Melissa Hillis, Candice Fraser, Karissa Dawdy, Sarah Firth, Mallory McQueen, Kate Fowler, Robyn Buckler, Rachel Baresich, Jenn Burton, Andrea Young, Susan Evans (recorder), Melody McKinnon (treasurer), Jessica Ziltener, Whitney Moncrief, Kim Crawford, Janet Dwyer (chair)

1. The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m by Janet Dwyer
2. Establishment of Quorum: yes we only need 6 for a quorum
3. Approval of the agenda: the agenda was approved by Sarah Firth and seconded by Rachel Baresich
4. Appointment of Scrutineers: The scrutineers are Marion Rutledge and Candice Fraser
5. Declaration of any conflicts of interest: Marion Rutledge declared she has a conflict of interest
6. Adoption of the minutes of the previous annual meeting: Julie Claus adopted the minutes Kate Fowler seconded them
7. Championship report: Janet reported that the championship show topped out at 800 horses, the show is at the limit EMG can not accommodate any more horses on these grounds. Craig Collins attended the board meeting in Toronto stating that security will have to be tightened, a limit or restriction on the number of golf carts (even owning your own golf cart you might have to pay a fee to be on the property). There was some discussion about a possible shuttle service to limit the number of golf carts usage.
Some points he brought up regarding safety issues were: ponies being ponied by bikes or golf carts, very dangerous – there were some huge issues, parents and coaches need to pay attention to the kids. NO barbecues allowed in the shed row- if the fire marshall had been there the show could have been shut down. Some talk regarding scaling back the number of entries to go to the championship show was discussed at the board level possibly only allowing 6 entries per division instead of 7, this is not a final decision The championship show will be held on the Labour Day weekend from August 31 – September 4, 2016.
We will post on the website regarding the rules and edicate at horseshows. ie. Barbecues, tents, bikes. **Marion will to put a note in the passports regarding the edicate at horseshows**
The meter jumpers will now be combined and be one division.
Horses not showing at the championship show will no longer be allowed on the grounds as there is no room to accommodate them.
Julie wondered about the championship show not giving back money to the zones.....Janet stated that the zones don't support the championship show any more.

8. Board and Committee Reports: Janet reported that the governance committee has met 8 times and the THJA bilaws will be voted on at the March meeting. The template of zone policies needs the wording to be discussed.
The Trillium AGM will be held on the weekend of March 12. Sarah Firth and Yvonne Busby redid the bilaws and did a good job but now it needs to be done through the THJA and we need to wait as not all things can be changed.
The shows in 2015 were much better attended the entries were up.
All core divisions must be completed before any specialty classes are run.
A show standards committee was formed for 2015 and Susan Evans developed the show standards report and the show managers appreciated the feed back they got from the reports. Andrea Young read off the reports with a positive feed back and to let everyone know this was not developed to be a witch hunt. Jessica didn't feel that the show standards should be on social media, as some of the comments may get out of hand.
Karissa Dawdy said that it is rumoured that all the barns from outside of our area will be coming back to compete in our zone.
A plan needs to be developed and put it in place if a show is cancelled and it needs to be done and on the website before 5 am. The competitors need to be responsible and check the website for any cancellations before they make a 2 hour drive to a show grounds. We need to have multiple people to access the website who could post cancellations.
Kate Fowler and Rachel Baresch will continue to keep up the website and facebook, with Robyn Buckler assisting.
The protocol for the show manager regarding the weather and cancellations is to contact the zone president then either Rachel, Kate or Robyn and Marion to update showmate.
The banquet was very successful, Rachel did an excellent job with implementing a seating plan. She also got a lot of sponsors, and silent auction material. A suggestion was made to have the banquet on a Friday night so people attending the banquet can also enjoy the races, but some felt it might be too late on a Friday night getting home from work etc.
9. Report of Auditors, Accountant: Melody stated that the fund raising had helped increase our bank balance of about \$8,000. The banquet did well, good sponsorship and the bank balance is stable.
Janet asked Marion if there was a tab in the menu for the master list of competitors, since it already goes to the OEF and EC, it needs to come to Melody with a cheque for the Trillium Development fund, we need a detailed sheet of what has been paid.
Melody stated the Corporate Tax has been done this week.
10. Appointment of Auditors: Melody has agreed to stay
11. New Business: - None
12. Elections: Jessica Ziltener is stepping down, Marion made a motion that Janet stay for 1 more year and then put the elections back in the order of voting, Julie seconded the motion. The new bilaws will determine how the president and vice-president will be elected
Kim Crawford motioned for Rachel as vice-president, Robyn seconded the motion
Dave Longo motioned for Sarah Firth as vice-president, Melissa seconded the motion
Rachel Baresch was elected as vice-president for the Southwest Trillium Zone.
Janet made mention to everyone that Marthas hours for the THJA are Monday and Tuesday from 8 – 5.

Two directors will remain: Sarah Firth and Andrea Young

The show standards committee consists of: Andrea Young, Susan Evans, Lorien Patterson, Jen Lyons, Robyn Buckler, and Mallory McQueen

The Fund raising, banquet committee consists of Kate Fowler, Rachel Baresch, Emily McLeod, Robyn Buckler, Susan Evans.

A motion was made for the fund raising and banquet committee to be chaired by Kate and Rachel and to include Emily and Robyn, the was seconded by Andrea and all were in favor.

Karissa Dawdy had a concern regarding warm-ups, she feels that 2 warm-ups are too much and we waste too much time, but it is up to the show managers how many warm-ups they wish to have. The warm-ups are non-judged, the rider needs to be properly dressed and ride a posted course which to be followed. 2 refusals and the rider is excused. No card is necessary for the judge. No coaches are allowed in the ring with the exception of an indoor show.

The Southwest zone will have a printed omnibus in 2016.

Marion motioned the meeting be adjourned at 3 pm and Julie seconded the motion