

AGM
Sunday February 7, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm

Approval of the agenda: Kate Fowler approved the agenda, Dave Longo second

Establishment of Quorum: Yes

Appoointment of Scrutineer: Sarah and Riley Spence were appointed

Declaration of any Conflict of Interest: Yes

Adoption of Minuted of last AGM January 19, 2020: Christa adopted the minutes and Dave Longo seconded them with the corrections

Board and Committee Reports

Banquet and Fundraising Committee: We did not have a banquet last year due to COVID. The Sheraton is booked for October 2, 2021 which is the same weekend as the Angelstone playoffs, so we will look at re-booking. There is also the possibility that we may not be able to have an indoor banquet, so we are looking at the possibility of an outdoor venue as an option. Noted that we are happy to have new Banquet and Fundraising committee members.

We are doing an order of Ogilvy Saddle Pads this year. Orders will close at the end of February. Looking at Dreamers and Schemers socks and Phyllis Stein t-shirts.

Show Standards: Discussed that we may not have show standards this year as numbers are likely to be restricted and we might not be able to have extra bodies on site.

Report of Accountant: Treasurer was not able to be in attendance. With no show season in 2020, the income and expenses were very minimal. We took in some outstanding sponsorship money and some advertisement money.

Andrea motioned to accept the report and Erin seconded the motion.

Business as specified

Omnibus: Collecting advertisements for the Omnibus. Aisling Lavery is putting it together again and we are paying her \$500 for her work on the book. It was decided that we would not print the omnibus this year, but would only have a digital copy.

Dave Longo made a motion to have only a digital copy of the omnibus. All were in favour.

Perfect Attendance Award: Explained the concept that any competitor who competed in all the South West shows in 2021 would be entered in a draw for one person to win free entries to all South West Shows in 2022. There was appetite among the members in attendance to proceed with the award.

Show Dates and Schedules: Provided proposed show dates and advised that shows would likely require pre-entries. There was a question as to whether entry numbers would be restricted. We noted that we will have to look at this later in the year depending upon restrictions in place at the time.

There was a discussion on the possibility of live streaming the shows. There was some discussion on possible costs of doing this and permission from competitors. Also discussed the possibility of doing this as a fundraiser.

Additionally we discussed that there will likely be no post entries for the 2021 shows. We will look at the possibility of posting time updates.

There was a discussion on whether we should consider dropping one class from a division to assist with timing and making the day run quicker. We are not sure if we're able to run a hack class with the restrictions. The traditional jog may not happen, but there might be a 'jog' at the start of the class, which would also save time. Feedback was that competitors would not want to lose an over fences class. We will also reach out to the coaches to see if they can provide predicted numbers to assist with scheduling. There was some additional discussion about having an open warm up on the day before the show starts in order to help with timing on the show days.

Volunteers: Volunteers are always needed. Need a volunteer to look into the possibility of streaming.

Show Specs – Proposals: Changes are to be submitted before March 1st, the committee reviews the changes later in March and the changes are voted on in October the same year.

COVID Guidelines/Restrictions/Rule Changes: 50% rule amended for 2021 to allow movement of horse/rider combination between eligible divisions throughout the season. Additionally, shows will have the option of offering prize money or not. Entries must be reduced if prize money is not being offered.

New Business: none

Election of Directors: Rachel Baresich stayed on as President. Both Christa Chapman and Andrea Young stayed on as directors.

Motion to adjourn meeting provided by Jessica and seconded by Kate.