

**Annual General Meeting 2010 Minutes  
Welsh Pony and Cob Society 1999 Alberta**

The meeting opened at 2:25 p.m January 24<sup>th</sup>, in Strathmore with Monty Gwynne in the chair. Members present were: Monty Gwynne, Vanessa Quartly, Rick and Lea Kroll, Pat and Jim Clay, Tim Aiton and Annie, Brenda Harder, Mary James, Dorothy McAleesa, Lesley Rhys-Williams, Suzanne Bryson, Barb Bryson, Robyn and Claire Ziff, Justine Light, Shelley Snyder. Regrets received from Brenda Podolski, Tracy Dopko, David and Grace Langford, Sheila McLellan.

Guests: Beth Cameron, Ross Liddell,

- Moved by Suzanne, seconded by Tim that the minutes of the 2008 meeting be approved. Carried.

**Old Business:**

- Our 2010 invitation to host the WP&CS of C was not accepted for this year.

**Financial Reports:**

*Welsh Pony & Cob Society 1999 Alberta* financial statement for 2009

Opening Bank Balance January 1, 2009	\$ 541.24
Income \$ 1,887.53	Expenses \$ 1,402.92
Closing Bank Balance December 31, 2009	\$ 1,100.85

Moved by Tim, seconded by Dorothy that the financial report be adopted as presented. Carried.

*All Breed Pony Show* Financial Statement for 2008/2009

Opening Bank Balance October 1, 2008	\$ 6,691.81
Income \$ 12,787.37	Expenses \$ 9,968.07
Closing Bank Balance September 30, 2009	\$ 9,511.11

Moved by Dorothy, seconded by Tim that the financial report be adopted as presented. Carried.

**President's Report: 2009:**

2009 was a banner year for the club, several new members joined and many more ponies were showing. As usual the affairs of the club ran smoothly, thanks to our efficient secretary who keeps us up to date on everything.

Having the web site maintained by Carolyn Orton has also helped as members and others can go there and keep up with what we are doing. Carolyn has kindly offered to set up the Mane Thing, once Pat has it put together, so that it is in a more magazine format which will be cheaper to mail and look more professional. It also will have more photos in it if members send some.

My thanks go to Tracy who works very hard on the high point awards it is a very time consuming venture, something I doubt many of us would be willing to undertake.

And thanks to Vanessa who has so generously sponsored the ribbons and certificates for the awards. Also thanks to Tim and Sheila for their awards.

I must compliment the volunteers and staff at the pony show, without their help it would not run as smoothly as it does. We are so lucky to have Natalie Robertson as our secretary, she seems to always have everything well organized and with Janet Storey's help the office runs smoothly. This year show fees will have to be paid in advance which will help speed up the

getting of numbers in the morning. Also the Sunday classes will be held down at the outdoor ring by the barn which will help avoid the crowding in the arena holding area.

We were disappointed that some of our 2009 plans didn't happen. We had offered to host the National AGM for April 2010 but understand that it was a solid vote for Quebec.

Perhaps we should consider hosting the 2011 Welsh AGM if there is enough interest and help from our members.

Our judges had offered to do a judges clinic but no one stepped forward to offer to take it on or help. We did host a "Meet & Greet Day" with Suellen and Anthony and invited people to bring their ponies, only a few members took advantage of this but those that did come had a great time.

We are open to doing more club activities but would expect the members to work on their suggested proposals.

### **Web Site Report – Carolyn Orton**

The site was visited 5,839 times by 3,568 different visitors. Visitors visited from (in order of most visits): Canada, US, GB and Germany

Visitors viewed pages (in order of most visited): Classified Ads, Breeders, Shows, Members and Picture Gallery.

### **High Point Awards Report – Tracy Dopko**

Membership numbers were up from 2008 with far more ponies competing this year. 2008 saw 57 eligible ponies competing for High Point Awards. 2009 saw 78 ponies competing - an increase of 20% over the last year. Changes were made to the High Point program at the end of 2008, requiring a pony to not only attend at least one qualifying Alberta show but that they must also have a minimum of 3 points to be eligible for an award. This change was done so a pony had to earn an award, rather than receive an award by default, often due to lack of entries in a particular division.

### **Pony Show Report – Monty Gwynne**

The 2009 pony show was well attended with over 100 ponies competing over the 2 days. Many of the classes were very large, including the western ones which was great! Thanks to all our great show volunteers and organizers who made sure everything went very smoothly. Janice Gagnon made sure everyone knew the rules for the classes and helped out to make sure everyone was safe and having fun at the same time. We hope to have her back next year. I know the competitors and some of the show staff etc struggled a bit with the new way that the hunter classes were run. Because the classes were so large and we wanted to make it better for the kids and ponies, so they didn't have to wait around for the 2 - 3 hours it would take to run the classes one at a time, we decided to run the classes the way they do at the hunter shows, in groups. This is a bit confusing but once you figure it out it is really nice as you can do your classes and put your pony away, no need to hang around. We will be running them this way this year but hope to have the show on the Sunday in the bottom big ring. I'd like to thank everyone who came with their positive attitudes and tried to remain positive and happy for the show. I feel it definitely made for a more relaxed and fun show...just what we want.

### **Election for Directors:**

Judy Owad, Suzanne Bryson, Monty Gwynne, Tim Aiton, Lee Kroll, Brenda Harder, Pat Clay, Sheila McLellan. All went in by acclamation.

### **New Business**

- 2010 membership fees. Moved by Brenda, seconded by Dorothy that the family/individual membership fee be \$30.00. Carried.
- 2009 AEF club membership of \$75.00 has been paid.
- 2009 Club insurance of \$625.00 has been paid.
- CLRC 2010 membership of \$42.00. Moved by Suzanne, seconded by Tim that we join this year. Carried.
- 2010 Stampede, July 9<sup>rd</sup> to 18th – Committee to be Sheila (403 852-8878), Frank Anderson and Tim Aiton.
- 2009 All Breed Pony Show, August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9th –Monty and Pat – co-managers, Sheila and Leslie Berenbaum.

The 2010 All Breed Pony Show will be held August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at Cochrane with Heather Cormie as our judge. Heather has judged our show twice many years ago and is very knowledgeable about ponies and performance.

There will be no increase in entry, office or stabling fees this year, something I'm sure our exhibitors will appreciate. The main difference is while we will still accept faxed or e-mailed entries, the entry fees must be paid by July 26<sup>th</sup>, if not, they will be charged Post Entry fees. This will help cut down office work at the show and enable everyone to get their numbers quicker. We have added a Hunter Pony over Poles class for riders 10 and under and revamped the Pony Hunter Division. Also the lower age limit has been removed on some of the classes.

- Moved by Suzanne, seconded by Robyn Ziff that we add senior gymkhana classes, Carried
- Moved by Julie Foot, seconded by Lea that there be a stallion classes for A's, B's and C/D's Carried.

Rick Kroll offered to be the barn manager to make sure all stalls were cleaned before the show started.

Lea suggested we see about St .John's Ambulance for show medical coverage.

Lesley said she would look into having her 4H club members help with the pony show.

Tim mentioned that it was time some of the other members stepped forward to help on the show days. It was decided that people would be asked to volunteer 2 hours each towards helping.

Suzanne offered to manage the gymkhana classes again.

- 2009 High Point Awards –Committee – Tracy and Pat. Moved by Tracy, seconded by Vanessa that the deadline for the High Point Awards be November 15<sup>th</sup> and that will also be the deadline for registering foals in order to be eligible for the High Point. Carried. Suzanne, Stonecountry Welsh offered to sponsor the High Point Awards for 2010
  - Moved by Tim, seconded by Lea that the High Point scoring chart be published on the web site as a draft prior to November 15<sup>th</sup>. Carried.
  - Moved by Vanessa, seconded by Lea that our High Point Awards be limited to Canadian shows. Carried.
- 2010 AEF representative Vanessa,
- 2010 Aggi-Days, March 17 -21<sup>st</sup>. Mary offered to help Sheila with this.
- Moved by Tim, seconded by Suzanne that we extend an invitation to host the 2011 WP&CSC providing there is a member willing to be the committee chair. Carried. Chair –

- Pat, National liaison - Lea Kroll, Suzanne Bryson, Brenda Harder and Tim Aiton so far have volunteered. Conesus was the meeting was to be held in NE Calgary.
- Moved by Tim, seconded by Jim that the club allots \$750.00 towards costs of hosting the 2011 AGM. Carried.
  - Moved by Brenda, seconded by Dorothy that we donate \$50.00 as sponsor to each pony show held in Alberta. Carried.
  - Lea reported for WR&CSC. CLRC meeting will be held in Calgary April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Further information will be sent out.

Moved by Tim that we adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

The Directors held a meeting and the following were appointed. President Monty Gwynne, Vice-President – Tim Aiton, Secretary – Pat Clay, Treasurer – Sheila McLellan, directors at large – Judy Owad, Suzanne Bryson, Lea Kroll (CP&CSC liaison)

Prior to start of the meeting, High Point Awards were handed out by Vanessa who was the 2009 sponsor. Photos should soon be on the club web site.

Door Prizes donated by Sheila and Pat, winners were Suzanne and Vanessa.

\$43.00 was raised for Raffle, drawings were donated by Vanessa.

Jim was the caterer for lunch.