

# BCQHA

BRITISH COLUMBIA QUARTER  
HORSE ASSOCIATION

## FORT LANGLEY LION'S SENIOR HALL, AGM MINUTES

2:30 PM, MARCH 16, 2019

1. Call to Order Pia Petersen called the meeting to order with 11 members and guest, CQHA President Dr Wayne Burwash.
2. Approval of Agenda  
Carolyn moved as circulated with the addition of Dr Burwash speaking.  
CARRIED
3. Approval of Minutes –2018 AGM (Nanaimo) meeting  
Carolyn Farris moved the minutes of the 2018 AGM be accepted as circulated and corrected. CARRIED
4. Guest – CQHA President – Dr Burwash shared his high points from the AQHA Convention. There appears to be a greater emphasis on the International members. Germany is close to half the members of Canada. It is important to remain International to continue to be eligible for grants. Memberships, transfers and registrations have become the measuring tool for the benefit of grants being given. They were down about 5% again for 2018. Micro chipping is very controversial within the US over too much government control. Canada will likely move much quicker with the CFIA rules. There were a lot of rule changes with many in the Ranch classes. For performance halter you must now compete in a performance class at that show. Horse welfare is a big issue that continues to be worked on. More focus will be put on youth programming.
5. Correspondence - none
6. Financial Statements

Carolyn reviewed the financial statements. One bank account was closed to simplify but for 2018 this resulted in a profit showing on what was actually a loss of \$1586.

Heidi moved to accept the financial reports as presented. CARRIED

## 7. Old Business

### a. None

8. Reports – President reported that her second year has gone quickly and thanks all the board for their support. 2018 has been a challenging year. Decreasing membership and in particular youth, increasing grassroots participation, lack of volunteers, difficulty attracting participants to activities, levelling implications are among the major areas the board is working on. Promoting BC trainers and educational opportunities are being tried. Travel assistance is being trialled and the sponsored membership is being offered again for 2019.

Zones – South Central is continuing to work on building up their funds and is hoping to put on an All Novice Show for 2020. The Fuzzy Show is continuing in a new venue in Kelowna with a \$10 per member and \$40 for non-member day rates.

Lower Mainland is offering their Novice show for free to BCQHA members. Bazaar, Stallion Incentive program and other fundraisers are continuing. Goal is to promote volunteers, increase membership and promote breed showing. A July show will also be run if sufficient sponsorship is found and then evaluated as to which is most successful.

Vancouver Island – no report

NBC – is currently inactive

CQHA/AQHA – Tara sent in a report attached that reiterated the points discussed by Dr Burwash.

HCBC has changed its affiliate requirements and BCQHA has joined as a club member. Discussions are ongoing on how affiliates will be decided in the future.

Membership for 2018 remained at 2 less than 2017 despite the promotion of sponsoring new members. The Board is seeking ways to increase membership.

Web site - Amberlee Ficcoello has voluntarily re-done the web site. Please let her know your thoughts and she is always looking for pictures, news and announcements.

## 8. New Business

### a. Presentation Of Life Memberships

Pia presented Honorary life memberships to Haidee Landry in person and Lynn Carter in absentia

## 9. INTRODUCTION OF THE 2019 BOARD

SC - Cherie Jardine, Laureen Guenther, Carolyn Farris,

VI - TBA

LM – Pia Petersen, Andy Hellquvist and Jenn Merriam

AQHA Director for BC – Tara Gamble

## 10. Next Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS following Sunday, March 17 at 8:00 AM.

AGM – Mar 14, 2020, South Central

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM. Presentation of 2018 awards followed.

Pia Petersen, President

Carolyn Farris, Secretary