

Manitoba Horse Council
2024 Annual General Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Thursday April 25, 2024
 By Zoom video-conference

<p>Present: Clubs represented: Tanis Jones, Brandon Light Horse & Pony Society Caitlin Muir, Canadian Western Horse Association Shannon McKenzie, Crocus Cow Horse Association Kelli Hayhurst, Distance Riders of Manitoba Kristen Fogg, Dressage Winnipeg Garry Gerbrandt, Manitoba Cutting Horse Don Downs, Manitoba Driving Society Karla Iverson, Manitoba Horse Trials Jennifer Perron, Manitoba Hunter Jumper Association Lynne Miller, Manitoba Pony Club Madison Leonard, Manitoba Quarter Horse Association Theresa Barylski, Manitoba Team Penning Association Ashley Fudge, Manitoba Trail Riding Club Chris Dolinski, Prairie Strides Natalie Nordin, Southern Manitoba Working Equitation Tracy Procter, Southern Manitoba Working Equitation Bruce King, Springfield Polo Club Hayley Edwards, Urban Stable</p> <p>Not present: Ashern Horse Association – Amanda Mantik Central Canada Reining Horse Association – Bob Ward Manitoba Mounted Shooting Association Manitoba Welsh Pony & Cob Association – Marcia Carter Westman Dressage – Mona Koroscil</p>	<p>Present: Board of Directors: Lana Stevenson, President Angela Janz – Vice President Geri Sweet – Past President Eryn Butterfield – Equestrian Facility Sarah Read – Officials Katie Webb – Coaching Jack Boughen – Director at Large Tanis Jones – Director at Large</p> <p>Members present: Wanda McFadyen Robert ‘Bobby’ Wuskynyk</p> <p>Special Guests: Wayne Butterfield Tristan Caswell Wendy Elcomb Jonathan Elcomb Annika Kriening Pat Napier Deborah Shepherd</p> <p>Staff: Diane David- Executive Director Kylee Tonita – Technical Coordinator Linda Hazelwood – Bookkeeper</p>
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Item	Discussion
Welcome	Quorum is no less than 50% of the eligible voting Club representatives – quorum confirmed with 18 Clubs represented and 38 members in attendance.
Call to Order Approval of the Agenda	Lana Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm Approval of the Agenda was moved by Geri Sweet seconded by Wanda McFadyen. Carried
Approval of AGM Minutes April 20, 2023	It was moved by Kelli Hayhurst and seconded by Geri Sweet that the minutes of the April 20, 2023 AGM be approved as amended. Carried Polls were held and both motions received majority acceptance from the floor. There was no business arising.

Special Resolution	<p>Lana Stevenson advised those present that one of the initiatives from the strategic planning session was to review and amend the MHC bylaws to provide the flexibility to better govern the organization and to engage in succession planning for the Board. The amendments address the composition, eligibility, selection, terms of office, meetings, voting, conflict of interest, and duties of the Board of Directors. Amendments also allow for electronic meetings and email notice of meetings.</p> <p>It was then moved by Angela Janz and seconded by Geri Sweet that the Members confirm the amendments to the bylaws as proposed by the Directors. Carried</p> <p>With the special resolution approved, the rest of the meeting was conducted in accordance with the amended bylaws. Appreciation was expressed for the support received from Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries for this project.</p>
Financial Report	<p>Financial Report Diane David</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 Financial Statements were audited by Scarrow & Donald in accordance with MHC Bylaws. Encouraging to see growth in membership numbers and sponsorship which indicate our initiatives to attract and retain members and partners are successful. MHC has begun rebuilding our cash reserves which were depleted with the barn asphalt floor project in 2022. Before the addition of amortization, our revenue/expense statement for 2023 was break-even. Sport Manitoba core funding remained stable for 2023. Program support grants were reallocated to athlete development. MHC has been successful in accessing funding from sources in addition to Sport Manitoba grants including: \$25,000 small capital grant and \$11,000 special initiative grant from Arts, Culture, Sports and Community fund plus \$5290 from Canada Summer Games Legacy Grant for online learning system. <p>Acceptance of Financial Statements/Report Angela Janz moved to accept the financial statements, seconded by Jack Boughen. Carried.</p> <p>Appointment of Auditors It was moved by Angela Janz and seconded by Geri Sweet that Scarrow & Donald be re-appointed as Auditors, at a compensation to be set by the Board. Carried. Polls were held and both motions received majority acceptance from the floor.</p>
Election of Board members	<p>Katie Webb moved and Angela Janz seconded the motion that the membership elect the slate of candidates to the MHC Board of Directors for the term as presented by the Nominations Committee. Carried Poll was held and received majority acceptance from the floor. The following people were elected as directors to the board for these terms:</p> <p>1-year term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lana Stevenson Wanda McFadyen <p>2-year term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tanis Jones Jack Boughen <p>3-year term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eryn Butterfield Sarah Read Bobby Wuskynyk

2023 MHC Awards	<p>Geri Sweet reported that the committee had some difficult decisions to make due to the number of nominations received. Geri then announced the Award winners for 2023:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sport Horse of the Year: Chanel IV 'Elle', owned by Maura Leahy 2. Non-Sport Horse of the Year: May, owned by Urban Stable 3. Adult Athlete of the Year: Pat Napier 4. Youth Athlete of the Year: Annika Kriening 5. Provincial Coach of the Year: Deborah Shepherd 6. EC Licensed Coach of the Year: Tristan Caswell 7. Volunteer of the Year: Wendy Elcomb, Prairie Strides 8. Stable of the Year: Stonehurst Stable <p><i>Geri then discussed the Legacy Award – which is only awarded in extraordinary occasions. This year, the Legacy Award is being given to Wayne, Patricia, Ryan, and Eryn Butterfield Nominated by Wanda McFadyen and Heather Hein.</i></p> <p><i>Awards will be presented to the winners in person in the coming weeks.</i></p>
2023 in Review	<p>A slide show was presented reviewing the achievements of 2023. Notably, a 22% increase in membership to 1930. The popular Cover Your Costs program awarded \$100 to 45 individual members to help with show fees. Grants allowed for continued improvements to the equestrian facility in BHP.</p>
Closing Remarks	<p>Lana Stevenson acknowledged the contributions and dedication of board members and staff. She thanked the club representatives for their work to promote their sport. Then she expressed appreciation for everyone attending the AGM and supporting MHC. Congratulations were extended to the award winners and their nominators on behalf of MHC and the Board.</p>
(Motion to Adjourn)	<p>Motion to adjourn by Jack Boughen at 7:53 pm.</p>