

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
December 12, 2020 2:00 pm via Zoom
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lorne Bodell at 2:05 pm

Directors present: Bart Holowath, Clint Swales, Jonathan Morrison, Kent Williamson, Tyler Albrecht, Bev MacMillan, Randi McCook

Directors absent: none

Members present (via web): Terri Holowath, Bart Holowath, Randi McCook, Clint Swales, Jonathan Morrison, Robyn Morrison, Bev MacMillan, Claire MacMillan, Krystal Meade, Tom Sawatzky, Mel Mabbot, Kayleigh Albrecht, Floa Clark, Jo-Ann Miller, Samantha Walker, Dixie Vancak, Julie Parsonage, Cathy Spencer, Farrah Roberts, Cody McArthur, Shelley Miller, Lisa Fillatrault, Sara Kalke, Arley Elliott, Brenda Eisbrenner

Minutes: *MOTION made by Kent Williamson that the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting held December 7, 2018 be adopted as circulated, Bev MacMillan seconded it. Carried*

2020 PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to the first ARCHA Online Annual Meeting. This is very new to me as possibly more of you also. Technology is not my strong point of any level of expertise to say the least. We will try our best within our limitations to present the operations of the ARCHA in the past fiscal year as completely as we are able.

Needless to say that 2020 became quite challenging as events evolved and changed very frequently throughout the year. All the early planning was either scrapped or put on hold as this covid pandemic caught most of us by surprise. The entire world seemed to tip sideways and is taking all of us for quite a ride into unknown territory. The directors made the decision to minimize office activities and expense. The office has not been reinstated due to financial constraints. Directors have stepped up and shared most of the duties of operating the association and learning is ongoing. The spring shows and events were cancelled and uncertainty was the mood for sure at the time. Would restrictions ever be relaxed and on what schedule? We could only wait and hope.

Finally in mid June Canada started into economic re-entry into the area of more normal activities and living our lives with many restrictions still in place. Fortunately our cowhorse events could be held within the phase two guidelines and our first weekend show was held in Ponoka in July. The participation was large as competitors were ready to get away from home and start showing again. This set the stage for other weekend shows at Claresholm. We also were very excited to take part in the Coast Cowhorse Futurity and Show in later July.

The ABSB Futurity and Dave Robson Derby was held on schedule at Claresholm. David Hansma worked overtime with his staff to make the new building available to us. We were able to use it for practice works and warm up. It is a great facility and we look forward to using it more extensively in the future. The participation at this major show proved to be the largest that I have seen in my eleven years of cowhorse participation.

David Hansma held an extra weekend show for us in mid September in the new arena . It was well received as a venue to keep horses ready for the rescheduled Cowtown Derby.

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Cowtown Derby was held at the Silver Slate Arena in early October. Again the entries were large with a strong contingent from B.C. and Saskatchewan contributing to another large and successful show.

Needless to say 2020 has been a very challenging year for our cow horse community, but we were allowed to host shows and compete. Some other equine disciplines did not get to enjoy the same opportunities.

Even with a delayed and compressed show season, the ARCHA was able to host almost a normal number of events and we sincerely thank all of our membership for the support that they put forward.

Now with the second wave of covid, we find ourselves with renewed restrictions from Alberta Health and are having a first ever virtual AGM. I encourage members to participate in the meeting as able and ask questions if clarification is needed.

Thank you to all our members, volunteers and hosting facilities. In a most challenging and difficult situation, you have all been outstanding! Hoping for a more normal 2021 and looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

Lorne Bodell

MOTION – *Lorne Bodell made a motion to accept the Presidents report as presented, seconded by Randi McCook*

Carried

FINANCE – The financial statements prepared by Catalyst LLP was reviewed and reported by treasurer Jonathan Morrison.

MOTION - *Jonathan Morrison made a motion that the draft financial report be accepted as presented, 2nd by Bart Holowath*

Carried

Old business
No discussion

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPONSORSHIP & PROMOTION

The combined financial sponsorship for 2020 was \$40,415, which includes general sponsorship as well as monetary prize sponsors for Alberta Snaffle Bit and Cowtown Derby. If we include the in-kind donations of product and/or tack, our sponsorship exceeds \$50,000. On behalf of the board and members, we thank all the sponsors for your commitment to ARCHA. Sponsorship is always an enormous task, and we ask that all our members look to your network to help us find new sponsors for the club. Also in 2020 we started a promotional campaign on social media called “We Support Our Sponsors”. We ask that you remember this commitment, especially during difficult economic times when many businesses are struggling. To help you *Support Our Sponsors* or just say “Thanks”, the following is the list of sponsors for ARCHA:

Alpha Omega	HB Leather - Heather Baumgardner
Bar TT Ranch	Janice & Kelly Cornforth
Bart & Terri Holowath	K&K Livestock
Bart T5 Agra Services	Katerberg & Associates - Marti Katerberg
Bonnie Youngs	Katie Harvie & Jerry Sawley
C5 Ranch	Laurel Scharien
Catalyst Accounting & Advisory	Legacy Dodge
Cats Picasso - Coast Performance Horses	Marshall Toner
Cattlemen's Corner	Myristol - Jennifer Soltys
Clayton Hines	Peter Swales
Cowboy Country Clothing Ltd.	Roseburn Ranches
Daryl Davis Bits	Shortgrass Ecosystems
Delaney Vet	Silver Slate Arena
Donna Smith & Family	Steve Hoar
Energy Equine Vet	TD Equine
Equistro	Tower Tack & Western Wear
Erskine Vet Clinic	Troy Fischer Buckles
Estate of Dave Robson	Western Specialties
Gary Carruthers Farrier	Wille Dodge - Monica Wille
	Willow Creek Ag Society

MOTION - *Bart Holowath made a motion that the sponsorship report be accepted as presented, 2nd by Jonathan*

Carried

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CASINO

In 2018 the ARCHA Became part of the charitable gaming fund and the available funding has been a game changer for the club. As a result of the enormous effort of volunteers to “work a casino shift” in December 2018, the club received \$67,790. These funds were used over a 2 year period, 2019 and 2020, to offset allowable costs at Alberta Snaffle Bit and Cowtown Derby. The benefit to our members is reduced fees and more importantly reduces the amount we are required to raise with fundraising and sponsorship to cover club costs.

At the beginning of 2020, The ARCHA had \$37,400 of Casino funds remaining that we were required to spend during the 2020 show season (funds have to be utilized over 2 year ends). It would have been a financially challenging year were it not for these funds.

ARCHA has been awarded a casino for February 20 – 21, 2021 at Pure Casino Calgary. Please watch for email updates as members will be needed to volunteer to cover all of our shifts. This is a very important event for the sustainability of the club.

MOTION - *Bev MacMillan made a motion that the Casino report be accepted as presented, 2nd by Mel Mabbott*

Carried

STALLION AUCTION

The ARCHA Stallion Auction has been the largest fundraising effort within the association for many years. Stallion owners have generously donated the breeding to their stallion to support the ARCHA Futurity program. Funds raised within this auction have been allocated towards added money at the Alberta Snaffle Bit Futurity. There is an incentive paid out to the highest earning offspring of a nominated stallion who sold through the auction, as well as the stallion owner of that winner.

In 2019, we had a total of 15 stallions sell through the auction, bringing in a total revenue of \$17,454.86, netting \$16,297 after expenses.

The 2020 Stallion Auction started on December 10, and will close on March 10, 2021. We have a fantastic lineup of stallions for this year’s auction, and we thank each and every stallion owner who has donated a breeding to our auction, in both 2019 and 2020. We would also like to thank each and every buyer for their support of our association.

If you have any questions about this year’s auction, please feel free to contact Randi McCook.

Interested parties can view the auction online at <https://archastallionauction.com/>

MOTION - *Randi McCook made a motion that the Stallion Auction report be accepted as presented, 2nd by Terri Holowath*

Carried

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FUNDRAISING, RAFFLES & AUCTIONS

The club had a “Beef Raffle” from the Beef Raffle donated by Roseburn Ranches that raised \$5,140. Silent auctions were held at the year-end banquet (December 2019), Alberta Snaffle Bit and Cowtown Derby. Thanks to both the donors of product/services and the buyers.

MOTION - *Bev MacMillan made a motion that the Fundraising, raffle & Auction report be accepted as presented, 2nd by Mel Mabbott* ***Carried***

CLINICS

As with everything else, our Clinic lineup looked very different in 2020 for the ARCHA.

John Murphy was kind enough to give up his day on July 3 to share his knowledge with 12 eager participants in Ponoka at the Calnash Ag Event Centre.

On July 31, Vance Kaglea was kind enough to spend the day with 12 more members and share his vast array of knowledge in Claresholm.

New in 2020, we did require all participants to hold a current ARCHA membership in order to ride in the clinic. This was due to insurance coverage.

The 2020 clinics earned a revenue of \$6,751 and incurred \$2,800 worth of expenses, for a total of \$3,951 raised for the ARCHA.

On behalf of the ARCHA, we would like to thank both John and Vance for giving up their time to share their knowledge with the public. We would also like to thank everyone who participated, volunteered and joined us for these two great clinics.

It is our hope that 2021 will bring less restrictions, and we will be able to host these great clinics throughout the year again. Please stay tuned for updates in the New Year.

MOTION - *Randi McCook made a motion that the Clinics report be accepted as presented, 2nd by Tyler Albrecht*

Carried

SHOWS

The show season typically runs from end of April to the end of October. April, May & June were lost due to Covid lock down, so if we were going to keep the same level of competitions it had to be scheduled within the remaining 4 months of the show season. The board hustled and within a week had the first show organized, July 4 & 5 in Ponoka, Alberta. They followed that up with a robust schedule to ensure there was opportunity for members to show as well as grow the organization at the grassroots level. The ARCHA schedule had a balance of practice shows and club shows, allowing trainers to work with non-pros and bring in new membership, as well as major NRCHA approved events with substantial payout.

See the attached summary for 2020 events.

MOTION - *Lorne Bodell made a motion that the Show report be accepted as presented, 2nd by Bev MacMillan* ***carried***

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JUDGES

2020 proved to be challenging as far as the booking of judges was concerned due to the border being closed to non-essential travel. Because of this we used Canadian judges exclusively which was good for the guys we have and especially up and coming judges. As far as the big shows were concerned though it caused us to have to use the same guys repeatedly which was less than ideal.

Moving forward we need to encourage more Canadians to get their cards to broaden our pool of Canucks to pick from in the event that we have to deal with a border closure again. Looking to next year we hope to be open to hire American judges again to ease the burden on our home team guys.

MOTION - Clint Swales made a motion that the Judges report be accepted as presented, 2nd by Bart Holowath
carried YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Laura MacMillan won the \$500 scholarship for 2020 show year. Laura is an avid cow horse competitor and attends the University of Saskatchewan.

MOTION - Terri Holowath made a motion that the Youth Scholarship report be accepted as presented, 2nd by Bev MacMillan

Carried

YEAR END AWARDS

Due to the extraordinary year and uncertainty on the number of shows the club would be able to have, the board decided to track the year end points and recognize the year end champions but not make the financial commitment for year-end prizes. As a result, entry fees at weekend events were reduced by \$10.00 per run. To compensate, the committees worked hard to have great prizes at the major events, Alberta Snaffle Bit and Cowtown. A sponsor covered the cost of coats for the horse show champions at Alberta Snaffle Bit and reserve received Cinch tack bags, there were buckles for non-pro horse show classes at Cowtown and reserve received vests.

Cats Picasso, Coast Performance Horses have donated the buckles purchased for the Cats Picasso non pro series to be used for yearend awards.

MOTION - Cody McArthur made a motion that the Year- end Awards report be accepted as presented, 2nd by Jo-Ann Miller

Carried

SOCIAL

Our year was quite social events deficient due to covid restrictions. We did host our banquet and awards presentations at the Heritage Inn in High River in early December before the covid pandemic. It was a great event and many competitors received their first ever year end award buckle! Congratulations to the recipients and also to the organizing committee for a job well done!

Since then every show was a social gathering as they were the only interface we had with other cow horse

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members. Social distancing considerations in effect, we were able to visit and get caught up on what was happening with others and let them know how our lives were progressing. We can be very grateful that our chosen equine sport allowed for us to have gatherings within the phase two guidelines and partake in competition. Many were not as fortunate.

Hoping and fingers crossed that the current guidelines will be relaxed and we can conduct activities in a more normal format by spring 2021!

MOTION - *Lorne Bodell made a motion that the sponsorship report be accepted as presented, 2nd by Bev MAcMillan*

Carried

2020 Nomination Report

This year the ARCHA members will be electing 8 (eight) directors - 6 for a two year term and 2 for a one year term.

The terms that are completed this year are:

- Jonathon Morrison
- Clint Swales
- Randi Mc Cook
- Bev Mc Millan
- Geoff Hoar
- Kelly Ribling

Two directors resigning for personal commitments are:

- Bev O Dwyer
- Jolene Jones

We sincerely thank these directors for their time and commitment.

The nominating committee respectfully presents the following for your consideration for directors :

- Mel Mabbott
- Keaton Meyer
- Krystal Meade
- Clint Swales
- Jonathon Morrison
- Randi Mc Cook - One year term

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

In the event that an election is required, ballots cast shall contain 8 (eight) names only. Any other number shall

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be considered a spoiled ballot and shall not be counted.

Nominations from the floor:

MOTION: Motion by Randi McCook that nominations cease, 2nd by Bart Holowath, Carried

Bart made a motion to allow the directors to appoint 2 more directors of their choosing, 2nd by Mel Mabbott

Carried

MOTION: Lorne made a motion to accept the nomination report as presented, 2nd by Terri Holowath, Carried

New Business:

Youth Ranch Hand Class – under 13, increase the money limit, once you win money you are out. Keep no lead changes. Have a \$ limit

**Mel Mabbott Motion to ratify the actions of the directors for 2020, 2nd by Cathy Spencer Carried
Adjourned at 3:37**