

**THE HORSEMEN'S BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE GEORGE ROYAL ROOM, HASTINGS RACECOURSE,
VANCOUVER, BC on October 22, 2019**

HBPA of BC President David Milburn, serving as the Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and invited all to stay for the buffet dinner provided by the HBPA after the meeting.

Item 1

a) Officers of the Association

David Milburn---President
Steve Henson---Vice-President
Gary Johnson---Vice-President
Neil Stajkowski---Secretary-Treasurer

b) Directors of the Association

Philip Hall	Linda Lytle
Nancy Betts	Mary Anne Baumgartner
Michael Bye	Warren Wilson
Ed Claggett	

c) More than a quorum (25 required) of HBPA members were present.

After calling the meeting to order the President Milburn advised that proper Notice had been placed in the as required by the HBPA constitution and bylaws and observed that since there were more than enough members present for a quorum (25), the meeting was properly constituted.

The Chair then introduced the invited guests and speakers, namely Industry Management Committee Member Glen Todd, TBC General Manager Matthew Ruhlman and Hastings Racecourse General Manager Darren MacDonald. He introduced the HBPA Board of Directors who were in attendance and Neil Stajkowski, the new Secretary-Treasurer.

President Milburn then made a series of announcements relating to the agenda, and the documents attached to it, that the membership had been provided. He then noted that the minutes for the 2018 Annual General Meeting have been made available to the members present and asked that they be reviewed. He then called for errors and omissions, and none came forth. The following motion was then passed by the membership:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held on November 18, 2018, as circulated.

Item 2

The Chair then introduced Neil Stajkowski to speak to the financial statements in Paul Beauchamp's absence. Mr. Beauchamp conducts the annual review of the Associations books. Neil reviewed the Annual Financials for those in attendance. A call for questions resulted in none. The Chair called for a motion to approve the annual financials as presented and one was made and seconded, and without dissent the following was passed:

MOTION: To approve the 2017-2018 Annual Financial Statement as presented.

Following a call by the Chair for discussion of the appointment of the reviewer for the next year, the following motion was made, seconded, and passed without dissent:

MOTION: To appoint Beauchamp & Company LLP to conduct the review of the HBPA financials for the next fiscal year running from April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020.

Item 3

The Chair then introduced Horse Racing Industry Management Committee member Glen Todd who discussed the industry in general and the role of the Committee, working with GCGC and the BC Lottery Corp. He stated that cooperation between the associations and Hastings management continues to be good however, financing of some initiatives is urgently needed. He raised the issue of a new inside rail and the hopes that a replacement can be financed by the track operator and installed by February in time for training. He added that other projects are being discussed and will be announced when agreement on funding has been related. He advised that cooperation with Washington on stakes and allowance scheduling would continue. After some general observations about the upcoming 2020 season and the ongoing efforts to stabilize the industry, Todd advised that there would be changes in the way marketing money is spent with the HRIMC setting the direction and there is a joint industry group meeting being organized by TBC to be held in November at the CTHS offices in Surrey to discuss marketing and other joint concerns and considerations.

Item 4

The Chair then introduced Hastings General Manager Darren MacDonald who advised the meeting of plans for the 2020 racing season. He answered questions relating to repair and maintenance of the backstretch while stating that he would do as much as budgets would permit. He reported on efforts to market the track through social media, and he commented on the success of "event days" notably the Deighton Cup and Dog racing days. There were many comments about the current backstretch conditions and concern for horse safety. He added that the inside rail is going to be replaced prior to the 2020 meet, subject to some final negotiations with suppliers and installers.

Item 5

The Chair then introduced the Teletheatre BC General Manager, Matthew Ruhlman who briefed the meeting on TBC operations. He reported on TBC results and that TBC contributed over \$9 million to the industry. He updated site plans and challenges facing Teletheatre in getting approvals in both new and replacement sites. He said that Woodbine is planning on some new app-based product that will provide a game like experience to those wishing to bet on horseracing.

Item 6

President Milburn then advised the meeting as to revenue splits between the industry Participants. He stated that the situation had been managed and that purse levels for 2020 will be similar to 2019 with a planned 51 race dates opening on April 26, 2020.

President Milburn then reviewed the programs and incentives offered for 2019-2020. A full description of the programs was attached to each agenda and provided to members. There were some general questions related to the reduced wintering allowance and the reason why but in general the membership approved of the HBPA stance on programs.

Item 7

The Chair introduced Secretary-Treasurer Stajkowski who reviewed the various programs conducted by the HBPA and some of the associated expenditures and their importance and impact. There were some general questions however no concerns were raised by members.

Item 8

President Milburn the conducted a “Members’ Forum” during which those in attendance were provided the opportunity to express their views and concerns. The primary issues raised and discussed were backstretch repairs, purse sizes, nomination fees and condition book timing. President Milburn said that Neil will be more involved with the race office next season to aid the Racing Secretary and Lorne will have a backstretch role to help bring matters to the track operator’s attention as soon as possible. Funding remains the issue

When all members had been given an opportunity to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

President and meeting Chair: David Milburn

Secretary-Treasurer: Neil Stajkowski