

**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 NOVEMBER 18, 2018**

HBPA of BC President David Milburn, serving as the Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM

a) Officers of the Association

David Milburn---President
Steve Henson---Vice-President
Gary Johnson---Vice-President
Richard Yates---Secretary-Treasurer

b) Directors of the Association

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

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

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, Paul Beauchamp of Beauchamp & CO., TBC Actng General Manager Matthew Ruhlman and Hastings Racecourse General Manager Darren MacDonald. He introduced the HBPA Board of Directors who were in attendance.

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 2017 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. A motion was then **UNANIMOUSLY** passed by the membership:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting held on October 20, 2017 as circulated.

The Chair then introduced Paul Beauchamp who conducts the annual review of the Associations books and turned the podium over to him. Beauchamp 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, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

The Chair then introduced Horse Racing Industry Management Committee member Glen Todd who discussed the difficulty of managing the industry's cash flow while attempting to stem the loss of horses. He stated that cooperation between the associations and Hastings management continues to be good. He advised that cooperation with Washington on stakes and allowance scheduling would continue. After some general observations about the upcoming 2019 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.

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 2019 should more or less mirror 2018 and race days would be essentially the same.

The Chair then introduced Hastings General Manager Darren MacDonald who advised the meeting of plans for the 2019 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.

The Chair then introduced the Teletheatre BC Acting 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

President Milburn then reviewed the programs and incentives offered for 2018-2019. A full description of the programs was attached to each Agenda.

The Chair introduced Secretary-Treasurer Yates who reviewed the programs conducted by the HBPA and some of the associated expenditures.

President Milburn then conducted a “Members’ Forum” during which those in attendance were given 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.

When all members had been given an opportunity to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

President and meeting Chair: David Milburn

Secretary-Treasurer: Richard Yates
