

**THE HORSEMEN'S BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD via Zoom/Teleconference on November 3, 2021**

HBPA of BC President David Milburn, serving as the Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Items 1 and 2

- 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
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| Denise Prail | Don Danard | Nigel Reid |
| Richard Hamel | Mel Snow | Patty Leaney |
| Tara Neigel | | |
- c) More than a quorum (25 required) of HBPA members were online.

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 Ryan McCarthy and Racing Secretary Nichelle Milner. He introduced the newly elected HBPA Board of Directors who were in attendance and Neil Stajkowski, the Secretary-Treasurer.

Item 3

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 2019 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 2019 Annual General Meeting held on October 22, 2019, as circulated.

The motion was moved and seconded (Steve Henson/Gary Johnson) and approved.

Item 4

The Chair then introduced Paul Beauchamp to speak to the March 31, 2020, and March 31, 2021, Annual Financials for those in attendance and online. Warren Wilson, former Director was on hand to discuss any feed store matters. 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 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Annual Financial Statements as presented.

The motion was moved and seconded (Tara Neigel/Denise Prail) and approved.

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, 2021, to March 31, 2021.

The motion was moved and seconded (Steve Henson/Gary Johnson) and approved without dissent.

Item 5

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 began his discussion with purse structure. With the impact of Covid on funding our purses, the HRIMC is still committed to returning purses to pre-Covid levels as they understand the costs to race for owners. 2022 should see a return to at least 44 race days along with these purses.

The meet will likely start on Kentucky Derby day and will be managed to take into account our reduced horse population. As many stakes races as possible will be included, however the budget and horse population may limit these.

He then discussed various incentive programs planned, mostly focused on attracting horses to our track. These will be discussed over the next few months with horsepersons to see what else can be done with the limited resources available, as well as do some work to bring horses up for a spring sale.

Item 6

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 \$10 million to the industry and was key in providing money for purses with the growth in simulcast racing with racing books and casinos closed during the pandemic.

There is a new app called Dark Horse that was beta tested over the past year that Woodbine is making some changes to that will be a focus of new online betting signups once the new season begins.

David thanked Matthew and Gary for the work that TBC has done to ensure money continued to flow into the industry.

Item 7

President Milburn then introduced Ryan McCartney who just recently was hired as the General Manager replacing Michael Zabriskie.

David then advised the meeting on various strategic items, most notably the work done by Gary along with Strategies 360, a government lobby organization hired by the industry, to secure the funding that allowed the 2021 meet to be continued past August. He said there were many discussions and meetings as well as many hours of discussion with MLA's to educate and inform them as to the role racing has in the BC agriculture sector. He echoed Glen's comments about purse levels as he understands the pressure owners and trainers have been under with reduced race days and increasing costs.

President Milburn then reviewed the programs and incentives being offered and considered for 2021-2022. A full description of incentives available on the HBPA BC website. There were some general questions related to the wintering allowance and some suggestions to get more horses at Hastings.

Item 8

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

The Scholarship and Benevolence/Dental programs were discussed and noted that they were continued even with reduced revenue to the HBPA BC.

Item 9

President Milburn then conducted a "Members' Forum" during which those in attendance were provided the opportunity to express their views and concerns. The issues raised was consistent with previous years. With the restarting of a more regular meet and access to racing, David and Neil were making a more detailed list of issues to bring back to the members with a more fulsome spring meeting once new management has had an opportunity to settle in and the details of the calendar are known.

David also reported that the next years AGM is expected to be in person as has been done in the past.

When all members had been given an opportunity to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

President and meeting Chair: David Milburn

Secretary-Treasurer: Neil Stajkowski

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