



AGM 2023

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

MOUNTAINVIEW COMMUNITY HALL, DIDSBURY, ALBERTA

MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:27 PM by Carl Lapointe.

Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes

Loren Hyvonen made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2022 AGM as read. 2nd by Greg McAllister. Carried

Old Business

Business arising from 2022 minutes, discussion on Youth Director position added at the AGM in 2022. Carl stated that nothing came out of it and that there was no need for such a position at this time.

- **Motion** by Carl Lapointe to remove the youth director's position. 2nd by Guy Heintz. Carried

New business

President Report

Carl Lapointe said "Report well" 😊, we had a good year. The club had a lot of good sponsors. Thank you to Pernell Relitz who approached several sponsors for the club this year. We got a good chunk of cash at the beginning of the year. A good year does not mean we have to stop, we just need to keep going.

Financial Report

Laddie Hyvonen, Bookkeeper presented financials. This year CACHC had a better year than last year. The club had a \$9000 net income this year, with the exception of the banquet. Was better than the 2022 net income which was just over \$1000. Contributing to the \$9000, we had a couple of events that we did not pay for the arena. Currently approximately \$53,000 in the bank. This year we put \$25,000 into 2 GIC, and we have earned over 400 in interest and approx. The sponsorship money outweighed what was spent on awards for this year.



Members clapped at having such a great year financially.

- **Motion** to adopt the Financial Report by Dave Cummings seconded by Carl Lapointe Carried.

Special Resolution, Bylaw 13 Amendment

The special resolution will update Bylaw 13 to match how we have been running the club for 20 years. The 2 motions from the Annual General meetings in 2003 and 2004 were read and explained the need to update Bylaw 13 to reflect these 2 motions that have been in effect since they were moved. Suggestion to change the wording of the president's term from 2 to 1 year. As the bylaws state, a president must be a director for 1 year before becoming President. Then on a 2 year term, if they do not get reelected to the board, that poses a problem with a president holding office for 2 years.

Discussion – Lorne asked to clarify having a minimum of 8 directors. Explained that originally for 2023 we had 8 directors but 2 stepped down, the way the bylaw has been, we are not allowed to bring on a new director to replace anyone who steps down. This update to the bylaw will alleviate that.

- **Motion** by Maria Heintz to change that the president will hold office for 1 year instead of 2 years. ii. To read: “The President shall hold office for one (1) year or until a successor is elected. 2nd by Justin Jacobs. Carried
- **Motion** by Kathy Oblak to accept Bylaw 13 as presented with the above change to the president's term. 2nd by Rebecca Frederick. Carried

By law to read:

13. The society shall hold an annual meeting on or before November 30th of each year, of which the board must give 14 days' notice of the meeting in way of, an advertisement on the Society website, in writing to the last known address of each member, or by advertisement on the Society's social media accounts.
 - A. Ten (10) directors or a minimum of eight (8) directors shall be elected by the membership and those directors so elected shall serve for a period of two years from the date of their election. Each director shall be a member in good standing and shall be eligible for re-election if otherwise qualified. The election shall be a show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by any member.
 - i. The officers shall be elected by the Board from among their number at the first meeting of the Board after the annual election of such Board; provided that, in the default of such election, the then incumbents, being members of the Board, shall hold office until their successors are elected.



- ii. The President shall be a board member for no less than one (1) year prior to holding office. The President shall hold office for one (1) year or until a successor is elected.
- B. At this meeting, a Secretary shall be elected by the membership. The secretary shall be a member in good standing and will serve as the 11th board member for a 1-year term and shall be eligible for re-election.
 - C. If for any reason a vacancy on the Board remains for a period exceeding thirty (30) days, then upon expiration of the thirty-day period, the Board, so long as a quorum thereof remains in office, may, at their discretion, fill such vacancy or vacancies from among the members of the Society. If there is not a majority of the Board remaining in office, the remaining Directors shall forthwith call a meeting of the members of the Society to fill such vacancy. Any members of the Society selected to fill such vacancy shall be retired at the next annual meeting of the Society.

Youth

The discussion on the youth classes was extensive, lots of people weighed in.

Discussion from the floor, that the youth transition is a confusing class. Carl said it used to be a ranch and asked if the members would like to put it back to a ranch class. Guy recommended that it should be a ranch youth with any bit, 1 or 2-handed for youth ranch class only. For this reason, you could have a kid on a big horse and a snaffle just is not enough for that kid to use sometimes. And the 2nd youth class should stay the same and remain run under NCHA judging rules.

- **Motion** by Kent Pashko to change the Youth Transition to the Youth Ranch, allowing any legal bit and rider can ride 1 or 2-handed. 2nd by Dave Argent. Carried

Gary Coleman asked if there was some way to incorporate it for young kids. Guy suggested that we split by age and would run as 1 class. 2 awards, 1 class. Lots of discussion from the floor.

Discussion on having a class if only 1 entry in the youth. This was discussed in length and ended with leaving it the same as previous years, in the youth class only, 1 entry will be a class.

- **Motion** by Gary Coleman that the Youth classes be split into a class within a class based on age divisions; 13 & under, and 14 to 18 for both Youth NCHA rules and Youth Ranch rules. 2nd by Natalya Shewchuck. Carried



Gary and Guy offered lots of feedback on growing youth and cutting the fees, so it was more affordable for parents, especially for those that have 2 or more kids. We need to grow this class; the more kids involved the better.

The amount that club has been subsidizing the youth to have fresh cattle for years, in 2023 youth cattle cost the club \$ 2,576, and in 2022 the cost was \$4,300.00. Gary suggested that if the youth would like fresh cattle, ask the cattle supplier to be a donor, maybe they would donate the herd or even a few extra fresh to add to the youth with the used cows. People like to support kids, they would be sponsors and get advertisements.

- **Motion** by Guy Heintz that the Youth classes be used cattle, 3 ½ cows minimum per cutter, for a cost of \$25 jackpot. No other fees will be charged to the youth classes. 2nd by Rebecca Frederick. Carried

Class Discussion

Extensive discussion on classes for 2024.

- **Motion** by Justin Jacobs to remove the limit of \$500 on the horse for Open and Non-Pro Ranch classes, making them both non-limit classes. 2nd by Daryl Milne. Carried
- **Motion** by Guy Heintz to change the limit on the 2500 Novice Horse Transition to 1500 Novice Horse Transition. 2nd by Tara Petersen. Carried
- **Motion** by Tara Petersen that the 1500 Novice Horse Transition be the 3rd class of the day. 2nd by Robin McAllister. Carried
- **Motion** By Chantel Bushfield to add a Rookie Ranch with a rider earnings limit of \$500, the horse will have no limit. 2nd Cheyanne Pashko. Carried

Class not being filled.

Rebecca Frederick read the current rule for award distribution: A rider and/or horse must attend 50% of the shows that offer classes for them, in the same class, to be eligible for year-end awards.

The trouble was we had the 5NH where the class was offered but did not have 2 in the class. So those classes were canceled. That created issues with giving awards. The directors had a great discussion around that and went with the historical view and did not present an award for that class.



Rebecca explained that we would like to clarify this in the member handbook. Rebecca gave an example of how the wording may be presented. "For each class, a rider and/or horse must attend 50% of classes offered through the show season to be eligible for year-end awards. A class offered but later canceled because of insufficient entrants - further to the CACHC General Rules - will still be included in the number of classes offered when calculating the percentage of classes attended."

- **Motion** by Rebecca Frederick to change the wording in the member's handbook to clarify how members qualify for awards. 2nd by Guy Heintz. Carried

Adjourned for Lunch and Awards at 1:30 pm

Call to order after lunch.

Free Memberships & Free Entry draws during the Banquet.

Free Membership – \$45 value for the 2024 year only - Loren Hyvonen and Doug Grant

Free Entry for 1 class for the 2024 year only – Elaine Speight and Wayne Fehr

Cattle

Discussion on cattle – Carl Lapointe said he hoped that our cattle suppliers would not increase fees next year and that we did up our cattle charges on entry this year. Maria mentioned that the club did make a profit from cattle this year.

Guy Heintz said the cattle fee for used cattle classes should be lowered by at least \$5 or \$10 and that used cattle should be 3 ½ per cutter. Discussion, people agreed that the \$65 cattle charge for used cattle was high and left it to the new directors to calculate lowering the fee. Discussed the number of cattle for used classes and the size of the herd if more cattle are in the bunch.

- **Motion** by Guy Heintz that used cattle classes will have a minimum of 3 ½ head of cattle per cut and that used cattle class herd size is a maximum of 7 cuts per herd, splitting to 2 herds at 8 entries. 2nd by Kent Pashko. Carried

Lifetime Earnings

Discussion on people's concerns about figuring out who is and is not eligible for limited classes. Explained in the past it was on an honor system mostly, as we can only look up NCHA earnings. And that the CACHC earnings have not been tracked over the years, Maria has been compile stats for at least the past 10 years.

Questions on how we can monitor other clubs, or jackpots on earnings, Robin McAllister said there is no way to keep track of jackpots or winter series.



- **Motion** by Maria Heintz that when calculating members' earnings for class eligibility the CACHC base Lifetime earnings on CACHC and NCHA lifetime earnings only, no aged events money will count. 2nd by Lynne Harder. Carried

Entry Fees

Extensive discussion on entry fees. Members do not want fees to go any higher. Cattle fees are possibly going up and venues can be expensive. Members said then we needed to look at additional cattle suppliers and venues. We have so many extra fees on our entry. The add-back (jackpot) has been the same for several years, and the entry fees keep climbing without giving any back to the cutter.

Move \$5 from arena and cattle to admin fee to pay for overcharges.

Directors said they will try their best to keep the fees within what the total entry already was for 2023.

Guy Heintz told everyone that 2024 will be the 40th Anniversary of the club, and we should do something to honor that. It would look pretty good if we could add a little money, a few more shows, and get some more entries for the 40th. Giving back to the membership. Possibly adding money to the pot, take some money from our profit this year, maybe \$100 to 4 classes and \$50 to others, that would be \$700 to a show.

- **Motion** by Diane Fraser for the 2024 40th Anniversary to have added purse money. \$100 to the Open, Non-Pro, 5000NH, and 5000 NHNP. \$50 to the 1500 NH Transition, 2000 limit, 500 limit, Open Ranch, Non-Pro Ranch, and Rookie Ranch a total of \$700 at each show for 1 year. 2nd by Robin McAllister. Carried

Further Discussion on Money in Bank Accounts

Rebecca, we have almost \$50,000 in the bank account. What is the threshold that the club would need to run a year of shows, and how much do we need to always keep in the account?

People discussed how we utilize the clubs' money, and how much we need for a safety net in savings. Gary Coleman suggested that we should put more money into the GICs. Also, we are a nonprofit, we cannot keep adding to our savings.

Lynn Harder – Society Act of Alberta says that you have, 2 ½ times your liability budget in the bank at any time. For example, last year the clubs' liability was \$2100 you need 2 ½ times that. Lynn Harder has worked for Non-Profit for 40 years, she has offered to help clarify anything we may need.

Greg McAllister asked about GST – Lynn said you can choose if you make up to \$250,000 as to whether you want to collect GST.



Gary suggested that we table this discussion, and the 2024 Directors need to look at how much money the club would need to run the year.

Welland Muri said that we need to get rid of assets and depreciate them. Laddie will depreciate the time clock and old computer and update the financials for year-end.

Judges

Discussion from the floor, members concerned about using the same judge so many times. Judges need to be more professional. Carl said that next year we will get more variety of judges.

Kent Pashko said that in most events judges have rules to follow on how to conduct themselves. Can we propose that no one is hanging around the judge.

Guy clarified that if we follow NCHA rules, the judge is supposed to follow NCHA judging guidelines.

Directors will create Judges' guidelines to add to the member handbook.

Shows

Justin Jacobs said we should approach past arenas to host shows, we had a lot of good places with access to cattle. Someone said we need to approach some feedlots that we use to attend.

Concern about the ground at some arenas this year. Directors need to ensure the ground is good or we will not have people enter.

Lynn Hoff and Carl both said they have a couple of new places to look at. Carl said there is a place in Strathmore that he is going to look at, they are close to cattle and would like to have a couple of shows.

Show Schedule – Carl explained that we wait for the ACHA to post their dates, and we try not to overlap with them. Doug Grant suggested that we try to book our shows the weekend before an ACHA because we may get more entries, people come to work their horses before a big ACHA.

Carl explained that for the 2024 season, we are looking to have 1 to 3, 2 days shows, and see how it goes. Directors have been approached by many people who would like a couple of options for 2-day shows, we would look for a facility with stabling.

Members are encouraged to email the CACHC office if they have any arenas that would be a good fit for our club.



Logo

Carl asked, which logo do you guys like better A or B?

Two logos were shared with members, floor discussion on why there were 2 logos. Members show raised hands in favor or against.

- **Motion** by Dave Cumming that logo A 2018 should be the CACHC official logo. 2nd by Lynn Harder. (majority in favor, 2 against) Carried.

Other Business

Chantel asked about a turnback clinic. Carl and Maria said it is in the works for 2024.

- **Motion** by Maria Heintz to remove the late fee on late entries. 2nd by Greg McAllister. Carried
- **Motion** by Maria Heintz for the 2024 directors to update the Members Handbook. 2nd by Kent Pashko. Carried

Election of Directors

Directors, with 1 year left, will remain on the board.

- Rebecca Frederick
- Lynne Hoff
- Carl Lapointe

Current directors who would like to let their name stand for reelection.

- Daryl Milne

Nominations for directors:

- Daryl Milne nominated by Carl Lapointe – Accepted
- Natalya Shewchuk nominated by Rebecca Frederick – Accepted
- Welland Muri nominated by Lynne Hoff – Accepted
- Guy Heintz nominated by Gary Coleman – Accepted
- Bill Speight nominated by Tara Petersen - Declined
- Kent Pashko nominated by Guy Heintz – Accepted
- Justin Jacobs nominated by Cheyanne Pashko – Accepted
- Greg McAllister nominated by Chantel Bushfield – Declined
- Wayne Fehr nominated by Tara Petersen – Accepted
- Maria Heintz nominated by Rebecca Frederick for Club Secretary – Accepted



Dave Cumming advised that we do not need a 2nd for nominations.

Greg McAllister said he would decline but would like to help out.

Dave Cuming moved nominations to cease. 2nd by Gary Coleman. Carried

Motion to accept nominations by Dave Cuming. 2nd by Gary Coleman. Carried

All nominees accept.

2024 Directors

- Wayne Fehr (2)
- Rebecca Frederick (1)
- Guy Heintz (2)
- Maria Heintz (1)
- Lynne Hoff (1)
- Justin Jacobs (2)
- Carl Lapointe (1)
- Daryl Milne (2)
- Welland Muri (2)
- Kent Pashko (2)
- Natalya Shewchuk (2)

Adjourned by Gary Coleman, 2nd by Rebecca at 3:34 pm

President - Carl Lapointe

Recording Secretary – Maria Heintz