

**Canadian Cutting Horse Association
2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Dec 12th 2024 @ 7pm MST via Zoom**

Meeting Called to Order: Connie called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

Roll Call: Wayne Tribe, Heather Pedersen, Brad Pedersen, Connie Down-Cicoria, Carin Eggertson, Lynn Edge, Doug Wiens, Dennis Hall, Scott Brady, John Thomas, Jim Mann, Amanda Smith, Darcy Gerehman, Kim Brady, Sandy Price, Cody Smith, Matt Anderson, Valerie Detweiller, Kevin Baumann, Deb Anderson, Amanda Digness, Les Jack

Approval of 2023 AGM Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the last meeting minutes, Scott first, Sandy Price second, all in favour, none opposed. Approved.

Presidents Report: Connie Down-Cicoria

- Everything has been running fairly smoothly this year.
- A couple issues with NCHA; with Stampede, some contestants were told they could show, but then were told they couldn't. Connie and Julie Clarke worked on a proposal for a new class of show, with the accommodation of an aged event and weekend show. Les Jack has brought it to the EC. Waiting to hear back on a decision or next steps.
- Kim Krebs at ACHA received a letter from the NCHA; effective 2025, we will no longer be able to pay the 8% in CDN. They want it in USD now. Would like to know if other affiliates get the same letter. Connie is in discussions with the NCHA disputing the change.
- Financially we are in good shape. Have not received the NCHA subsidy yet, cheque must have been lost in the mail.
- Judges were not paid from Stampede Futurity (other than Rubin Pringle). It is possible that the paperwork was not filled out and/or submitted correctly. There is a concern that judges will not want to come up in the future. Connie has suggested that the CCHA pay the judges, and the Stampede pay CCHA. There were also a couple futurity winners that hadn't been paid until a week ago.

Financial Report: Connie Down-Cicoria - went over PNL and Balance Sheet. Motion to approve the financials as read, Darcy first, Dennis second, all in favour, none opposed. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Non-Pro: Sandy Reid – nothing to report

Hall of Fame: Connie Down-Cicoria –

- Put 2 members into the hall of fame this year and have a 2025 nomination.

Rules & Judges: Cody Smith-

- First year with new card, hopefully doesn't change again soon.
- Another judging clinic, possibly 2, in AB in 2025. There was a judging clinic in BC in November.

Finals Show Committee: Scott Brady-

- Year 4 for the CCHA/Aurora Finals show. 3rd year at the Stampede.
- Entries were 102 per day in 2021, 86 in 2022, 97 in 2023, 106 in 2024.
- Seeing an increase in the last 3 years.
- Seeing more SCHA and BCCHA members coming out.
- Show ran the same as last year, a few changes in the awards.
- Dance on Saturday night was well received.
- Haven't had the recap with the CS show committee yet.
- Went over the Award and Show Finances.

Sponsorship/Fundraising: Darcy Geherman

- Asked to raise 70K, raised just over that.
- Looking good for our Stallion Auction, plan to run it Feb 1-15. Have 17 stallion donors currently and also some cash donations.

Historical Committee: Matt Anderson

- An idea would be to do video interviews with some CCHA senior trainers and historical members; will get quotes on the pricing. Ask stampede if we can display the videos on the jumbotron during the cattle settles at the finals.
- We hired Lynn Graham from BC and had the rest of the historical data scanned and digitized.

National Communications: Amanda Smith/Les Jack –

- Les Jack is now our region 1 rep on the EC, first Canadian ever!
- NCHA wanted us to collect in CDN \$, but pay the 8% in USD. This has now been dealt with.
- Canada was very well represented in the world finals.
- Some positives that the NCHA is doing: Western Bloodstock set a record of 40 million in sales; which means that other events will have larger payouts.
- Circuit finals should be well attended, we expect Canada to be well represented.
- Will Rogers is supposed to get a major reno, which means Superstakes may be in a different arena.
- 40% (hauling) rule for the world standings may be enforced. EC will be having more meetings on the topic.

Disciplinary Committee: Connie Down-Cicoria

- One phone call – nothing came of it.

Annual Awards/Banquet: Lynn Edge/Micaela Thorlakson –

- We added a reserve buckle.
- 3rd place was a saddle rack.
- Had close to 100 people attend the banquet, only compliant: cash bar was a little expensive.

- Top 10 prizes were water bottles this year.

Membership: Ashley Smith

- 184 members in 2024, down from 197 in 2023

Insurance: Ashley Smith

- \$1553 in 2024

Public Relations: Sandy Price

- Canadian Cutting Horse Central has been really good, and Jim Mann's statistics page is outstanding.
- Sandy Price: Most of our public relations revolves around **the CCHA Canadian Cutting Horse Central Facebook page**. Currently we have just over 1750 members and most of our posts are seen daily by at least 1000 of these. so, people check this FB page often. We have currently stuck with the same scope of promotion of Canadian riders, owners, and horses. and those who come to compete in Canada. We do like to cheer for them as well. It keeps the US Trainers and Non-Pros. coming back to our shows.

We have had many of our Canadian Riders and owners at the World Championships in 2024

1. **Non Pro** - Brad Karl and A Shoot N Star ended their year in 12th spot, earning just over \$45,969 for the year and \$14,540 on the finals week.
2. **Unlimited Amateur** –
 - a. Brad Karl ended up 5th in the world with \$34,391 plus Finals of 6,318 winning Hot Sriracha the weekend Buckle.
 - b. Jocelyne Wolter was 10th on Wink and a Smile ;
3. **5000 Novice Non Pro**
 - a. Tory Correale and Lil Smooth Lu were 9th
 - b. Penelope Broad and Rubys Smart Rey ended up 15th in the World Standings.
4. **15000 AM** –
 - a. Megan duToit and CR Tuff Lightsaber are your 2025 World Champions ending her year with \$24,969 in earning (unheard of in jackpot classes)
 - b. Jill Rennie and Peppys Cashin Checks were 5th and the Weekend Winner with earning of just over \$3,290 at the finals and final total for the year \$14,179
 - c. Ayden Gagno --Sign and Chromium ended his year in 15th spot.w total of \$6,776
5. **35 Non Pro** –

- a. Leah Stewart and Footprints By Gypsy ended their year in 9th earning \$8163 for the year.
- b. Tory Correale and Lil Smooth Lu ended up 13th with total of \$7,089 and reserve Weekend Championships with \$3,23. for the show.

2024 Futurity this year

Trainers: Travis Rempel, Glen Beveridge, Tyler Darroch, Gregg Garvie, McCain Devillier,

Non Pros ; Les Jack, Robin Hay, Collette Benson, Wyatt Benson, Leslie Posein, Kaitlin Baher, Eric Van Boekel

Owners: Les Jack, Dennis Hall, Leslie Posein, Collette Benson, Eric Van Boekel, Kate and Dusin Rusnack, Scott Wardley

Youth Committee: Sandy Price-

We met at the Ponoka show to debrief from the kids that went to Texas, it was a great experience, and we did discuss that this is not a Canadian Cutting Horse facilitated event. We met again in Calgary at the finals to talk about the future needs and wants of the parents and riders. We will meet early in the year to determine who is showing and seeing if we can get a clinic together in at least one of the provinces this year. Will be looking at sponsorship or donation of trainer's time, facility and cattle. parents that have volunteered their time to assist to date are Nicki Darroch and Mrs. Van Haastert from Saskatchewan. We had 6 senior youth participate last year, and 6 Junior Youth participate for a total of 12 who qualified for the finals. Quinn Beveridge and RH Purolator Cat owned by Sandy Reid won the Youth Saddle for the year with a total of 54 points, hot on her heels was her sister Brooklyn Beveridge riding RI Botty Boucher owned by Kris Lumby with 52 points.

Old Business:

Rewrite of Bylaws and Constitution - Jim and Connie will be working together to get this done in 2025.

New Business:

New point system(Notice of Motion)

Affiliate sponsorship program mentioned, more details to come as this progresses

Tentative 2025 Schedule – a few overlaps, ACHA May silver slate show overlaps moses lake show. Possibly overlaps national circuit championships, dates not released yet.

New Directors Meeting – January 23, 2025

Business arising from the floor:

Darcy – Where are the Canadian trainers? Why aren't they attending these meetings?

Could we initiate a trainers committee to get more engagement? We will discuss at the next BOD meeting

Meeting Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting, Darcy first, Heather second, all in favour, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm