

MINUTES of the **Annual Meeting of Members** of Standardbred Canada, held in the Hazel McCallion C & D Room of the Delta Meadowvale Hotel, Mississauga, Ontario on **Saturday, January 30th, 2010 at 1:00 PM.**

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair, Jackson Wittup called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

2. **Notice of Meeting & Identification of Members**

Mr. Wittup advised that Notice of Meeting had been properly sent by first class mail via the December 2009 issue of TROT Magazine, and whereas there was a quorum present, declared the meeting duly constituted for the transaction of business.

3. **Introduction of Directors**

Mr. Wittup introduced the current Standardbred Canada Directors in attendance at the meeting.

4. **Introduction of Officers**

Mr. Smith introduced the officers of the Board as follows:

Chair – Jackson Wittup

Vice-Chair – Tammy McNiven

Corporate Secretary – Caren Brown

Chief Financial Officer – Rosenna So

President & Chief Executive Officer – Ted Smith

5. **Introduction of Staff**

Mr. Smith introduced the members of staff present at the meeting.

6. **Minutes of Annual Meeting of Members of January 31, 2009**

MOVED by Bob Carss **SECONDED** by Dr. Maurice Stewart that the minutes of January 31, 2009 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

7. **Business arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. **Approval of 2009 Audited Financial Statement**

The 2009 Audited Financial Statement for Standardbred Canada was presented by Ted Smith. (Attached)

MOVED by Doug McIntosh, **SECONDED** by Bill Pambrun that the 2009 Audited Financial Statement be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

9. **Appointment of Auditor for fiscal 2010**

MOVED by Carmen Maturo Perzow, **SECONDED** by Ross Galbraith that the firm of Grant Thornton be approved as Auditors for Standardbred Canada for fiscal 2010. **CARRIED.**

10. **Report of the Chair of the Breeders Committee**

Tammy McNiven, Vice-Chair of SC provided the Report of the Breeders Committee in the absence of Chuck Ibey, Chair of the Breeders Committee. She advised that the Committee had dealt with 5 petitions for late registration and breeding statistics had been reviewed.

11. **Report of the Chair of the Board**

Mr. Wittup thanked the Executive Committee for their support during 2009. He noted that 2009 had been a difficult year and the industry needed to be led as a group. He explained that the Board of Directors held a session titled "Where is SC Going?" which led to some healthy discussion.

He thanked President & CEO Ted Smith, who is retiring in May, for his years of dedication to the industry.

Mr. Wittup advised that the Selection Committee, charged with finding a replacement for Mr. Smith, was nearing the end of the process to hire a new President & CEO. Six candidates will be interviewed at the end of February, with the successful candidate to start on May 1st.

Finally, Mr. Wittup congratulated all 2009 O'Brien Award winners, including Ross Galbraith, winner of the Cam Fella Award.

12. **Report of the President & CEO**

Ted Smith presented the report of the President & Chief Executive Officer, giving an overview of the activities of the Association in 2009.

He advised that he started at Canadian Trotting Association 34 years ago and spent 11 years with them, 11 at Canadian Standardbred Horse Society and 12 with Standardbred Canada.

He added that he had enjoyed the challenges over the years and taken pride in the fact that he treated everyone equally.

He thanked everyone for having him as President and Chief Executive Officer of Standardbred Canada.

13. **New Business**

MOVED by Eric Johnston, **SECONDED** by John Zahara that the matter of lowering the age for drivers from 18 to 16 be referred to the Board of Directors for consideration. **CARRIED.**

Caroline Thornton spoke to the meeting about SC's role in making moving semen in and out of Canada easier.

She advised that breeding farms are losing opportunities because of customs requirements and the government needs to understand the importance of the shipping time etc. She added there is a great lack of knowledge at borders.

MOVED by Caroline Thornton, **SECONDED** by Ken Morden, that Standardbred Canada investigate improving the experience for breeders of shipping semen into and out of Canada. **CARRIED.**

Mr. Smith advised he would write another letter on breeders' behalf.

14. **Termination**

Whereas there was no further business, the meeting terminated on a motion by Bob Carss.

Respectfully submitted,



Jackson Wittup (Chair)



Anne McNeil (Recording Secretary)

ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

JANUARY 30, 2010

PERSON	#	ACTION	DATE TO BE COMPLETED BY	✓
Ted Smith	13.	Examine the possibility of lowering the age of Drivers from 18 to 16. To be reviewed by the By-Laws Committee for research and brought back to the Board of Directors.	November, 2010	
Ted Smith	13.	Investigate improving the experience for breeders shipping semen into and out of Canada.	ASAP	