

THJA - Central East Zone

2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2017 – Caledon Equestrian Park

It was noted that all in attendance and voting must be current adult members in good standing of the THJA and competing in or affiliated with the Central East Zone as of June 9, 2017. All attending must sign in to register as delegates of the AGM to verify quorum attendance. A sign in sheet was circulated for membership signatures and is confirmation, which is held on file with the Secretary.

Board in Attendance:

Ken Denouden, Karen Medd, Carolyn Stark, Jane Wilcox, Emily Yaghdjian.

I. Welcome and Call to order

Ken Denouden, CE Zone Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

II. Quorum

Quorum requires 11 voting members; per the official sign in sheet and confirmation of membership, 13 eligible members were in attendance at the 2017 CE Zone Annual General Meeting. A list of attending members is available from the CE Zone Secretary upon request.

III. Agenda

A MOTION to amend the agenda was made by Gary Yaghdjian, seconded by Christine Reupke and APPROVED by all, to include the new Zone By-Laws and the Trophy Program as additional items.

IV. Scrutineers

Martha Worts was appointed scrutineer for the purposes of the Board Position Elections.

V. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Declarations were presented, acknowledged and accepted.

VI. Approval of 2016 CE Zone AGM Minutes

A MOTION to approve the 2016, if necessary AGM Minutes was made by Gary Yaghdjian, seconded by Carolyn Stark and APPROVED by all.

A draft copy of the minutes from this 2017 AGM will be posted on the Central East Zone website for review and consideration by members. These minutes will be motioned for approval at the 2018 AGM (date to be confirmed).

VII. Zone By-Laws

Ken Denouden summarized the new By-Law template, along with the Zone requirements, as per THJA. The By-Law template is the result of more than a year's work and has already been adopted by other Zones. After discussion, it was moved by Gary Yaghdjian, seconded by Christine Reupke, and APPROVED by all, that the By-Law template be adopted by THJA Central East Zone.

VIII. Trophy Program

As per previous communications, the CE Zone Board was considering suspending the Trophy Program. After discussions and suggestions, it was proposed that the Trophy Program impose penalties for those holders that do not return a Trophy within a reasonable timeline. To this end, Gary Yaghdjian proposed the following MOTION:

That Christine Reupke co-ordinate the Trophy Program.

That effective July 1, 2017, if you received a Trophy from the previous year, that Trophy may be returned to the RCRA office during one of their August show but MUST be returned to the Show Office by the CE Zone Classic, otherwise a \$50.00 fine, payable to the THJA CE Zone, will be imposed.

That after Zone Classic, the fine will be increased to \$100.00 (payable to the THJA Central East Zone) if the Trophy is not returned by THJA Championships.

That should the Trophy not be returned by THJA Championships, in addition to the \$100.00 fine, the individual will not be eligible to collect points until the return of the Trophy

Christine Reupke accepted the role and the above MOTION was seconded by Karen Medd and APPROVED by all.

IX. Financial Report and Appointment of Auditors

Copies of the Zone's Financial Report were circulated by the Treasurer, Carolyn Stark. Carolyn reviewed the contents, noting that there was a significant reduction in income loss between 2015 and 2016, primarily due to the hard work of the Banquet Committee in reducing costs and improving income, as well as cancelling the 2016 clinic. The end result was a net profit of \$709.22 in 2016 (net loss for 2015 - \$7,558.68).

Ken Denouden commented that the new income available to Zones in 2017 from THJA membership dues was starting to be transferred to the Zones.

The Treasurer noted that the Zone could use the THJA funds to hold clinics but recommended that: first, the Zone accounts hold sufficient funds to seed the Annual Banquet costs before any clinics are planned; and second, the decision to hold a clinic be based on CE revenue.

A copy of the 2016 Financial Report will be posted with the Draft Minutes on the website.

A MOTION to accept the 2016 Financial Report as presented was made by Gary Yaghdjian, seconded by Christine Reupke, and APPROVED by all.

The Treasurer recommended that, given the level of complexity of CE Zone finances and the dollar amounts involved, there was no need for the Board to appoint an Auditor to review Zone finances.

A MOTION was made by Karen Medd, seconded by Jane Wilcox and APPROVED by all, to accept the Treasurer's recommendation not to appoint an Auditor.

X. President's Report

Championships – will be held over the Labour Day weekend, beginning on the Wednesday, with ship in starting on the Tuesday. A draft schedule will be published shortly.

Parking passes will again be issued for the barn area to trainers with consideration given to the number of staff associated with the trainer, as well as based on number of horses.

Security guards will patrol throughout the night during Championships.

XI. Banquet Committee

The 2017 Banquet will be held on October 21. A number of suggestions regarding the enhancement of Banquet operations, sponsorship and revenue were discussed and will be passed on to the Banquet Committee. All members are asked to support and encourage ticket purchases and sponsors to Linda Gibson, Banquet Chair.

XII. Elections

Positions elected (by acclamation) – all have a two year term ending in 2019:

- a) Vice President – Karen Medd
- b) Treasurer – Carolyn Stark
- c) Director – Samantha Murray-Nosworthy
- d) Director – Linda Gibson

President Ken Denouden, Secretary Jane Wilcox and Director Emily Yaghdjian retain their positions until the 2018 AGM.

XIII. New Business

Carolyn Stark updated the membership regarding the refreshed CE Zone website, designed for easier navigation and viewing by mobile phone.

Ongoing concern regarding welfare of horse and rider by continuing to schedule show jumper divisions on the same day. Ken Denouden advised that THJA Board is reflecting on the scheduling concerns brought forward by CE Zone in 2016. Gary Yaghdjian agreed to prepare a written statement for consideration and Ken Denouden will communicate with other Zones regarding their position on this matter.

A MOTION by Gary Yaghdjian, seconded by Emily Yaghdjian and APPROVED by all, that the CE Zone Board continue its efforts to gain the support of the THJA Board to adjust the show scheduling rules to permit splitting the jumper divisions over two days for the benefit of animal and rider welfare.

XIV. Adjournment

Ken Denouden, CE Zone Board President, adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm..

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Jane Wilcox

Minutes to be approved at 2018 AGM – date to be determined.