

THJA - Central East Zone

2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2018 – 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, 2018. 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, Samantha Murray, Emily Yaghdjian.

Absent – Linda Gibson

I. Welcome and Call to order

Ken Denouden, CE Zone Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

II. Quorum

Quorum requires 11 voting members; per the official sign in sheet and confirmation of membership, 13 eligible members in attendance at the 2018 CE Zone Annual General Meeting. A list of attending members is available from the CE Zone Secretary upon request.

III. Agenda

A MOTION to accept the agenda was made by Gary Yaghdjian, seconded by Karen Medd and APPROVED by all.

IV. Scrutineers

Sean McLaughlin and Moira Harvey were 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 2017 CE Zone AGM Minutes

A MOTION to approve the 2017 AGM Minutes was made by Gary Yaghdjian, seconded by Carolyn Stark and APPROVED by all.

A draft copy of the minutes from this 2018 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 2019 AGM on February 10, 2019.

VII. President's Report

THJA Championships – similar format as last year, indoor ring will be used for 2'9" ,horses, .modified adults and childrens divisions

- Three rings will be open on the first day, with five for the remainder of the competition.
- Goal is to increase participation in the jumpers, Antares will be donating a saddle for the Jumper Medal.
- Concern regarding the availability of shuttle bus drivers, it is the responsibility of the host zone to provide these volunteers.
- Campers will be able to move in on the Monday, with ship in starting Tuesday.
- Security will start Tuesday evening.
- Parking passes will be issued by the Show office.
- Director Linda Gibson will continue to record and post the Zone points.

THJA – suggestions for changes in points attached to Trillium divisions must be submitted to THJA Executive Director Martha Worts by August 31, 2018, so that they can be presented at the THJA AGM in November 2018.

- THJA proxy votes now permitted
- Reminder that THJA sets Zone show specifications, therefore, division changes such as splitting the jumper classes over two days will require a change to the THJA Constitution (which currently requires that the jumpers start and stop on the same day). It was agreed by the attendees that this matter continue to be pursued by the CE Zone Board.
- THJA Board made a change to the modified pony C over jumps specifications with a minimum of 5 strides for large, 6 strides for medium and 7 for small etc.
- Trillium ABC equitation only group left with Equine Canada rule adherence requirement.

Banquet – this year’s Banquet will be held on October 20, 2018, at the same location in Ajax. Banquet Committee member Laura Smart noted that there were still a couple of sponsorships from the 2017 Banquet still outstanding, but Director Linda Gibson will be following up on these. Sponsors for the 2018 Banquet still being sought.

VIII. Financial Report and Appointment of Auditors

Copies of the Zone’s Financial Report were circulated by the Treasurer, Carolyn Stark. Given the level of complexity of the Zone financial practices, she recommended that engaging an auditor would not be necessary.

Carolyn reviewed the financial report, noting that the Banquet income loss between 2016 and 2017 was impacted by fewer ticket sales and the outstanding 2017 Banquet sponsorships that are still to be collected. However, the overall Zone finances reflect a net profit of \$655.98 in 2017.

The Treasurer stated that once the outstanding Banquet sponsorships were received, the Zone could use the 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 overall CE revenue.

A copy of the 2017 Financial Report will be posted with the Minutes on the website.

A MOTION to accept the 2017 Financial Report as presented and without an audit, was made by Gary Yaghdjian, seconded by Emily Yaghdjian, and APPROVED by all.

IX. Elections

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

- a) President – Ken Denouden
- b) Secretary – Jane Wilcox
- c) Director – Dakota Mills
- d) Director – Belinda La Belle-Logan

Vice President Karen Medd, Treasurer Carolyn Stark and Director Samantha Murray-Nosworthy retain their positions until the 2019 AGM.

X. New Business

A general discussion was held regarding show specification changes, the end result

being that show specification changes recommended by Central East Zone will have to be submitted to the THJA Board for consideration

XI. Adjournment

Ken Denouden, CE Zone Board President, adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm..

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Jane Wilcox

Minutes to be approved at 2019 AGM – February 10, 2019.