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Ontario Reining Horse Association



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2008 Board of Directors

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Harvey Stevens
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Wendy Dyer
John Purdie
Mike Munroe



O.R.H.A. - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 15, 2009 - 1 p.m.
Grand Valley Golf & Country Club,
Cambridge

AGENDA

Call to Order
Attendance - as registered
Motion: To accept the Agenda.

President's Message

Minutes of Last meeting

Motion: To accept the minutes as circulated

Business arising from minutes

Financial Statements 2008
Motion: to appoint auditors for 2009

Members' Ratification: Resolved that all acts and proceedings of the Directors and Officers of the Corporation since the date of the last annual meeting of the Members of the Corporation, as such acts and proceedings are set out or referred to in the minute book are hereby ratified, approved

and confirmed.
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New Business - Election for 2009 Board of Directors
Next Meeting: February 14th 2010 (tentative)

Adjournment
**NB Discussion on each topic will be limited to 10 minutes

Report of the Nominations Committee For 2009 Election of the Board of Directors

Grand Valley Golf and Country Club, Cambridge
February 15, 2009

The election of officers and directors shall be held at the annual meeting of the association at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. So as to have continuity in the Officers of the Association:

- The First Vice-President and two (2) members shall be elected for a two (2) year term;
- The President, Second Vice-President and two (2) members shall be elected for a one (1) year term for the first term; and
- Thereafter the election shall be for those positions that have served their full term and persons so elected shall serve a two (2) year term.

Excerpted from Article 7 of the ORHA Rule Book

The business of the Association shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Second Vice-President, four (4) elected Directors, and up to a maximum of four (4) Directors appointed by the Officers, or as many as deemed necessary from the elected Board of Directors. The appointed Directors shall hold office for a period of (1) year. Excerpted from Article 9 of the ORHA Rule Book

Current ORHA Directors:

Position/ Name/ Status
President: John Thompson - Completing second year of two year term
Past-President: Gary Yaghdjian
First Vice-President: Ken Van Alstine - Completing first year of two year term
Second Vice-President: Lloyd Diehl - Finishing second year of two year term
Director: John Purdie - Finishing second year of two year term
Director: Mike Munroe - Completing first year of two year term
Director: Joanne Milton - Completing first year of two year term
Director: Brian Stewart - Finishing second year of two year term
Director: Wendy Dyer - Appointed
Director: Harvey Stevens - Appointed
Secretary: Rosemary Hilbert - Appointed
Membership Secretary: Mary Jo MacDonnell - Appointed

Election Procedure:

An election will take place for the Officers, followed by election of the Directors. Anyone listed as a nominee for a position as an Officer who is not elected as an Officer will automatically be added to the list of nominees for election as Directors.

Please note that the following positions will be vacant as of February 2009:

President	Two Year Term	Standing for Election
		John Thompson Carol Ivey
2nd Vice President	Two Year Term	Standing for Election
		Lloyd Diehl
Director	Two Year Term	Standing for Election
		John Purdie Brian Stewart Marcello Cruz

The Board of Directors are responsible for the daily operation of the association, and work together to ensure its continuity and growth. Our association needs interested and energetic members to volunteer and take a leadership role.

Nomination Bio: Marcelo Cruz.

Marcelo Cruz's reining career began at the age of 16 in Brazil. He attended his first reining clinic there and he was hooked at once! After working with several Brazilian trainers, Marcelo decided it was time to try to "get serious" about training reiners. He packed up everything and flew to the U.S.

Working with Casey Hinton and Pete Kyle, Marcelo had the chance to learn much about Reining, and how the industry works on a bigger scale. Recently, Marcelo made the move up to Canada from the United States, with his wife, Amie.

Marcelo's decision to become part of the ORHA board was made without hesitation. When he realized the association was going through some changes, Marcelo wished to be part of the process

to help the Ontario Reining Horse Association expand and improve.

Marcelo's main idea for the association is to bring in more incentives for the Non-pros and the youth. He believes that they are the back bone of the industry and that we need to encourage them as much as possible.

He also believes in introducing "new" and exciting breeds of horses to the ORHA.

"Just another way to encourage different people to be involved in reining," he says.

With a strong work ethic and enthusiasm about the sport of reining, Marcelo hopes to make his presence as part of the board of directors most beneficial to the association.

Nomination Bio: Carol Ivey

Carol Ivey is a Portfolio Manager, Vice President and Director with Canada's largest investment firm, RBC Dominion Securities, where she has built a very successful business managing individual client portfolios. The Ivey Group is made up of Carol and five Associate Advisors and Associates, and is a highly respected force within the investment industry and the Orillia area.

In 1991, Carol was awarded her firm's prestigious title of President of the President's Club - the first, and to date still the only, woman to ever receive this recognition.

Carol was also named one of the top five Investment Advisors in Ontario by the Investment Dealers Association in 1998.

In addition to running a high energy business, Carol is an active member of her community, and volunteers with a number of local groups and organizations.

She is a Director of the Kiwanis Club, is Chair of a Community Foundation, Treasurer of the Kiwanis Music Festival, Sponsorship Chair for the ORHA, and also chairs the Family Council of a local nursing home. One of her proudest accomplishments is the local Children's Safety Village, which she spearheaded and of which she is currently a Director.

Carol and her partner, Don Ratcliffe, are also volunteers with the St. John's Therapy Dog program and take their two small King Charles spaniels to the local hospital and nursing homes to visit residents.

Don and Carol have a hobby horse farm in Coldwater, where they trail-ride their Paso Finos and work their reining horses.

Between them, Don and Carol have three grown sons and one grandson.

Molly Wins with Clays Kid Olena

With Harvey Steven away at the Appaloosa World Show in Fort Worth, TX his wife Molly Stevens of Indian River, ON agreed to show Clays Kid Olena for owner Mary Jo MacDonnell of Chatsworth, ON in the ORHA/NRHA Sired Stakes Futurity. The Futurity was held in Newmarket at the Royal Canadian Riding Academy October 25, 2008. After working together for only a week their work was cut out for them or you might say the "pressure was on". Molly and Clays Kid Olena entered the show pen 9th in the draw and with the crowd behind them together they put in a good solid run, good enough to take the top honors in the Limited Open Class of the Futurity. I'm absolutely thrilled said Mary Jo. "Harvey and Molly are truly professionals and so is my horse, what more could an owner ask for." Congratulations Molly, Scrapy and Mary Jo!

OEF Presents Cheque to ORHA



Wendy Dyer of the Ontario Reining Horse Association receiving a cheque from Jack DeWitt President of the Ontario Equestrian Federation at the OEF Annual General Meeting in Mississauga November 28th. The ORHA is very grateful to the OEF who distributes government funding each year to qualifying associations that are members of the OEF's Associations Advisory Council. Photo by Riverbend Designs.

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May 30th 2009
Royal Canadian Riding Academy,
Newmarket
contact:- Brian Stewart 905-476-1319
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Followed by a one day reining show on 31st May.