

**SWTHJA AGM
Stoneridge Inn
November 27, 2011**

In attendance: Melissa Hillis, Dave Longo, Candice Campbell, Katie Rodgers, Sarah Firth, Patricia Conrad, Julie Claus, Janet Dwyer, Debbie Recoskie, Jen Fleming, Susan Evans, Shelby Geiger, Andrea Young, Kim Crawford, Alison Warwick, Melody McKinnon, Martha Worts, Marion Rutledge.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

1. **Approval of agenda**
With a correction of the numbers the agenda was approved by Candy Campbell and seconded by Susan Evans
2. **Minutes of last AGM**
The minutes of the AGM in 2010 were approved by Candy Campbell and approved by Susan Evans
3. **Business arising from minutes of 2010**
The online petition for the Championship show proved to be unsuccessful with only 24 signatures to take to the March AGM held in Toronto. At the March AGM for all Trillium members a proposal to lessen classes over 2 days went no where and won't.
4. **Financial report for 2011**
Melody McKinnon gave the interim financial report up to the date of the meeting. The bank account will be approximately \$14,000 after all 2011 income is received and expenses paid. The banquet expenses were higher this year, but the perks were well received – a complimentary drink was provided and it was reported that everyone had a great time. The \$1,000.00 bursary was presented at the banquet.
5. **2011 Championships**
At the executive meeting in Toronto (Royal) a vote was taken to have Championships moved to the last weekend of August but there was not enough support from all the regions to move the date. Some regions still have shows during that time and would have to forfeit their shows. 2 other facilities are up and coming to host the Championship show but room enough for 600-700 horses is needed. A concern was raised regarding the expense of the Championship show and a suggestion was made that competitors budget for Championships during the year.
6. **Election of new executive (President, Directors)**
Janet Dwyer made a motion to allow the Vice-President to move up to president for a term of 1 year. As Vice-President you will be serving a 2-year term automatically going from Vice-President to President. Susan Evans seconded the motion and all in attendance approved the motion. Every year an election for Vice-President will be held. Andrea Young moved to split the position of Secretary/Treasurer and the motion was seconded by Patricia Conrad with the motion carried.

Martha Worts will be the President for 2012

Nominations for the Vice-President were Debbie Recoskie – she declined, Susan Evans – she declined, Katie Rodgers, acclaimed.

Treasurer – Melody McKinnon – acclaimed

Secretary – Susan Evans – acclaimed

Directors – Debbie Recowski – accepted – elected

Sarah Firth – accepted

Andrea Young – accepted - elected

All directors are elected for a 1 year term

The 2012 executive is as follows

President – Martha Worts

Vice-President – Katie Rodgers

Treasurer – Melody McKinnon

Secretary – Susan Evans

Directors – Debbie Recowski, Andrea Young

7. **New Business**

a) THJA Updates – The 2012 Championship core program will remain the same. The omnibus was incorrect it should have read .90 jumper for ponies & horses and juniors and adults can ride large ponies. The THJA needs to send ruling updates to their membership – in 2011 the THJA website was not updated until August. Martha informed us that the webmaster is up for tender and the website should improve for 2012.

Martha informed the meeting that in other regions a requirement to run a class there must be 3 in it, and these regions run with the graduated prize money. The graduated prize money is a payout when there are 6 in the class with only 1st prize being paid. If there are 7 in the class then 1st and 2nd are paid, 8 in the class then 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Etc.

b) Banquet – Vimy is unable to do as much in 2012 for the banquet and would appreciate some help. Janet Dwyer made a motion that a banquet committee be formed to help ease the burden for 1 person, with the possibility of a representative from each barn be on the committee. Julie Claus seconded the motion. Katie Rodgers, Janet Dwyer, Marion Rutledge and Jen Fleming volunteered to be on the committee to help Vimy in 2012. The banquet will be held October 13, 2012, the weekend after Thanksgiving. The baskets will be part of the silent auction at the banquet.

c) Prelude/Trillium Combination – not interested, keep the banquets separate.

d) THJA AGM Issues needing to be brought forward in March – nothing raised

9. **Open Floor**

Andrea Young made a motion that the Children's medal class has a different course than the "A" equitation class. The motion was seconded by Janet Dwyer. This change will be written in the Omnibus

Conflicts with the Schooling pony division and large ponies held up rings last year. Large ponies will run at the end of the day with the Schooling pony starting the day at 8 a.m. A suggestion to combine small and medium ponies was brought up, with the consensus being to leave as 2 separate divisions.

Kim Crawford made the motion to pay show managers \$150 per show to help defer the costs of bringing officials in from out of the region. Alison Warwick seconded the motion. The official needs to travel 150 km from their home to the show grounds for the show manager to apply to get their travel compensation. This proposal will be reassessed next year.

10. **Adjournment** – Alison Warwick proposed the meeting be adjourned and Kim Crawford seconded the proposal