

# BC Therapeutic Riding Association

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## AGM November 26, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm

### **In attendance:**

Kelly Parry – used to be with NFTRA, moved to Vernon, BC

Stella French – used to be with VRDA, now with Manestream, Victoria BC

Liz Anderson- Founder of Salt Spring Island TRA, SSI, BC

Kim Scott- Assistant Instructor at Manestream, Victoria BC

Ann Muir – Executive Director of Cowichan TRA, Duncan BC

Fionna Christiansen – Retiring from North Fraser TRA. Coaching privately and Heading up Para at the Summer Games, Maple Ridge, BC

Liz Gagel – Coach at Victoria TRA, Victoria BC.

**Regrets:** Candice Millar, Dani Goldenthal, Sharolyn (NFTRA), Gay, Christine Ross (CanTRA Rep)

No recorded minutes from the previous AGM

**President Report:** None

**Financial Report:** as attached from Liz Anderson

Kelly: motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Fionna. Carried

### **Coach's and Directors reports:**

Fionna: has agreed to act as Head Coach for Para at the BC Summer Games. Being held in Langley, July 2015. Riders do not need to be classified to attend. Interested parties should contact her for more information.

NFTRA: major changes in teaching staff. Fionna retiring. Expanding program into mental health. 10 horses and 100 students.

Liz (SSTRA)

Jane James is the new head coach. New ideas, new energy. 2 vaulting clinics so far. Hoping to move from 3 to 4 days a week starting in February. 15 riders 2.5horses.

Kim (Manestream)

Riders participating in the sea-to-sea and coast-to-coast video competitions. 5 horses, 20 riders, 5 days a week. Stella French Head Coach, Kim Scott Assistant.

**Ann (CTRA)**

Hosted a meeting with Vancouver Island Therapeutic Riding Professionals. Meeting to talk and brainstorm with Admin staff found it very useful.

CTRA lost a couple of instructors (moved on or retired). Narrow down focus. Interested in starting vaulting program. Maintenance concerns in the aging facility. Hosted a technical for CanTRA instructors. Prepping their own candidates to complete their Exam in the spring. Hoping to host the exam as well. 110 Riders/session, 14 horses.

#### Liz (VTRA)

Reiterated importance of admin staff meeting with Ann Muir. They have started a FB page to stay connected.

New exec Director; Audrey Cooper. Liz Brown and Jess Game hired as admin staff. They have started an Early Intervention program with QA. PT's and students 4-5 years old coming from QA for this Hippotherapy program. Operating 5 days a week. 12 horses, 156 riders, rotating through 4 semesters (so about 80 riders at a time).

#### **Election of Directors:**

Re-Election:

Dani Goldenthal has stepped down

Candice Miller: Past President

Stella French: Vice President

Kelly Parry: President

Liz Anderson: Treasurer

Fionna moved to re-elect , Seconded by Ann. Carried.

Sharolyn (NFTRA)

Ann (CTRA)

Karen (PRDA)

Stella moved to elect these new board members, Seconded by Fionna. Carried.

#### **Outstanding Business:**

Discussion on a request for travel assistance that was not finalized from 2014 for Krysia Van Arem (Nickers). A finance committee will be struck from the elected board members. They will deal with the travel assistance program. Develop a policy with maximum payouts. Then the application from Nickers will be paid out.

Financial Committee

-Jane James

-Liz Anderson

-Kelly Parry

Strategic Planning Committee

(needs to look at the Constitution and By-laws with the Society's Act changes)

-Kim Scott

-Fionna

-Stella French

-Kelly Parry

-Ann Muir

Executive Committee

AGM Adjourned at 8:13pm

## **Directors meeting:**

### **BCTRA discussion:**

Fionna: formed in the first place for to administrate the BC disability Games. HCBC was the only existing PSO in that time and didn't want to rep therapeutic riding. BCTRA was given a seat on the HCBC board. Also started networking with CanTRA centers. Mandate to support CanTRA instructor programs. Now there is no Disability Games. Important to still have a Provincial body to network. HCBC started in 1980. BCTRA was formed in 1986. 2009 in Maple Ridge was the last Disability Games.

Liz: reported on we thought about dissolving BCTRA as there is no more DG. Candice has announced that BCTRA has been bequeathed approximately \$1,000,000. We are currently dealing with receiving funds and how to move forward. We need people involved on committees to decide how to deal with the funds. Funds will be parked for 3 months in a GIC. Talked with Vancouver Foundation as a possibility . Also referred to Victoria Foundation. 1.15% of the market value. 5 year term, can be withdrawn after that.

Ann: careful to have a lawyer look at the very fine print. Make sure to be able to have access to your funds.

Benefit of Vancouver foundation is that they will administrate the fund so as not to create more work for the BCTRA board. Kelly had worked with another group that ended up setting up a foundation on their own and found it too much work. Looking at this as a long term legacy for BCTRA.

We have 5 million\$ director's liability insurance.

Liz: Motion to update authorized signing at the bank:

To approve Kelly Parry for signing Authority, and remove Candice Millar effective by the end of November, 2015. Stella Seconded. Carried.

### **Website:**

Kelly working on rebuilding the old website.

We also have a FB page!!

Liz motion to adjourn at 8:38