1. Call to Order.
President Les Oakes brought the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. with 23 AEF eligible voting members present.

In addition, staff members Sonia Dantu, Norma Cnudde, and Rita Bernard.

2. Establish Quorum.
It was confirmed that a quorum of the membership was in attendance. A meeting package was distributed to each attendee that included the AGM 2014 Agenda, AGM 2013 Minutes, colored voting cards, the 2013 Annual Report & Financial statements, and written biographies of each of the nominees to the board of directors.

3. Agenda.
MOTION: NICOLAS BROWN MOVED THAT THE MARCH 23, 2014 MEETING AGENDA BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. DON SCOTT 2ND. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Minutes.
Errors/Omissions of the March 23, 2013 AEF AGM Minutes:
Correction noted - 5.b) Breeds & Industry Report statement: “The CFIA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) vets have the power to euthanize a stable/farm of horses with only one animal giving a positive test.” – the word “euthanize” should be replaced with “quarantine”.
MOTION: BRIAN IRVING MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 23, 2013 AEF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES WITH THE ABOVE NOTED CORRECTION. LEW HAND 2ND. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

5. President’s Welcome & Report.
Les Oakes reported on the events and accomplishments of the AEF for 2013. Thank you to the staff for the great job on the 2013 Annual Report. The positive outcome of extreme weather and flooding throughout the province brought many organizations together, including the AEF, to assist in rescue efforts. The AEF staff spent a large amount of time on organizing and hosting the 2013 CIEC games held at Anderson Ranch; as well as many volunteers and some board members. The AEF hosted another successful annual Trail Ride at Rafter Six Ranch resulting in three donations of $910 presented to three AEF therapeutic member riding groups. AEF Membership has increased but we would like to see more growth for 2014. A contentious issue at this time is Bill C571 which is being presented to parliament for a second reading – this is legislation to cease cross-border transportation (international or provincial) of equines for meat processing. The free-roaming horse management issue in Alberta has also been controversial with a recently implemented controlled-capture program. The AEF endeavors to educate its members as well as the public on these very important issues that impact all horse/equine owners.

Les presented 2013 financial information from the Treasurer’s Report in Sabrina Oakes absence. There is discussion as to the need to consider more professional fundraising initiatives. The AEF goal for the future is to not rely solely on provincial grants, casino and other government funding; casino funding has decreased over the last few years. It is important to always have a succession plan in place for funding as government funding can change at any time.
7. **2013 Annual Report.**

The 2013 annual report was circulated to all members in attendance. Les Oakes touched on many of the successes and some areas for improvement, all these were contained within this report.

**MOTION:** DON SCOTT MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2013 AEF ANNUAL REPORT. KIPPY MAITLAND-SMITH 2ND. UNANIMOUS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

8. **Accountant Appointment for 2014.**

**MOTION:** TARA GAMBLE MOVED TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF JIM LAWTON, CMA, AS ACCOUNTANT FOR THE AEF FOR 2014. DENA SQUAREBRIGGS 2ND. UNANIMOUS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

9. **New Business – Open Floor.**

Question regarding what types of memberships are available from the AEF: there are four types – individual, family, club and business membership; a limited temporary membership is not promoted, however, it is implemented occasionally at an event. It was noted to the membership that the temporary membership only allows for one specific event. For example, if someone wanted to take part in a trail ride one time only, they could purchase the temporary membership and it would only be valid for that date. If someone wanted to participate more than twice a year in an ‘equine’ activity, it would be more beneficial, and cost less for them to have an annual membership.

The Board of Directors’ nominees were given an opportunity to speak. Each nominee had a complete biography contained within the meeting package.

- **Les Oakes** – present President - would like to see improved representation throughout the province, especially the north.
- **Bill desBarres** – present Chair of Breeds & Industry - Biosecurity education is expanding with 600 people attending provincial seminars so far for 2014 with a potential of 4,000; interesting note that 1/3 of the livestock herds of Canada are in Alberta and also 1/3 of Canada’s horses. The Alberta biosecurity program has been adopted by University of Guelph, Colorado State University, and Washington State University.
- **Dena Squarebriggs** – present Chair of Public Relations – wants to promote the AEF to all equine provincial clubs/organizations and communicate the many member benefits.
- **Nicolas Brown** – Edmonton – U of A student – wants to encourage youth and university age members.
- **Alison Douglas** – absent – however, noted that she has done tremendous work towards past fundraising.
- **Barb Easthom** – past involvement with Pony Club - endeavour to eliminate false stereotyping of the AEF as well as Jump Alberta and increase membership of young riders.
- **Camilla Gerner** – absent.
- **Lew Hand** – present VP as well as part of finance, bylaws, and nominations committee.
- **Kippy Maitland-Smith** – present Chair of Education - encourage AEF to communicate with each member group on their needs and wants.
- **Jay Mills** – Water Valley – experience in digital mapping, etc. - interest in recreational users – would like to enhance member benefits.
- **Trish Mrakawa** – absent – present Chair of Sport – very involved in EC coaching programs and clinics.
- **Sabrina Oakes** – absent - present Treasurer.
- **Lauren Parker** – Olds College graduate – would like to target younger membership.
Don Scott - ATRA rep – interest in recreational trail riding.

THANK YOU’S were offered to members who served on the board in past year: Elise Petitjean, Juliet Franke, Brian Irving and Laura Stenhouse. Recognition of 2007 Past President, Ken Zelt who was in attendance.

10. 2014 Election of Officers.
Executive Director Sonia Dantu chaired the elections. Bylaws state a maximum of 15 directors; 14 members were nominated prior to meeting. There were no nominations from the floor. The 14 names put forward are accepted to the board by acclamation. Newly elected directors to meet briefly at adjournment to elect the Executive Committee.

11. Adjournment.
MOTION: TARA GAMBLE MOVED THAT THE AEF AGM BE ADJOURNED AT 12:10 P.M.