

Annual General DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 24, 2018, 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Lancaster Ballroom, Executive Royal Hotel & Conference Centre, Leduc, AB

1. Call to Order & Establish Quorum

AEF President, Les Oakes called the meeting to order 3:00 pm. Quorum was established.

AEF **board members** present at the meeting were: Les Oakes, President; Lauren Parker, President Elect; Sandy Bell, Treasurer; Dena Squarebriggs, Secretary; Nicolas Brown, Individual; Alison Douglas, Individual; Lew Hand, Individual; Sonia Dantu, Executive Director. AEF staff present: Rita Bernard, Norma Cnudde, Erin Lundteigen, Ashley Miller, and Hilary MacDonald.

Members Present: Michael King (CapriCMW), presenter and member; Jill Barron, Rhonda Bignell, Michael Carley, Patty Carley, Iris Davies, Ralph Davies, Vera de Jong, Sandra Donnelly, Jason Edworthy, Victoria Forbes, Naomi Kerr, Kristine Kinniburgh, Gabriele Klotz, Angie Knull, Erie Krautheim, David Lawrence, Vicki Lawrence, Cody Leroux, Janine Leroux, Sherry Menard, Jason Myszczyzyn, Melonie Myszczyzyn, Susanne Rauhut, Brenda Spanier, Sue-Anne Wearmouth, Shelene Williams, Kathleen Winfield, Wayne Burwash, Kathy Playdon, Brenda Rosadiuk, Michelle Shpakowsky.

Guests Present: There were five non-members in attendance.

2. Agenda - March 24, 2018 (available online and provided at the AGM).

Motion to approve the **March 24, 2018** AGM Agenda.

MOTION: DAVID LAWRENCE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 24, 2018 AGM AGENDA. NICOLAS BROWN 2nd. UNANIMOUS. CARRIED.

3. Minutes – March 18, 2017 AGM (available online and provided at AGM)

Motion to approve the **March 18, 2017** AGM Minutes.

MOTION: BRENDA SPANIER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 18, 2017 AGM MINUTES. DENA SQUAREBRIGGS 2ND. UNANIMOUS. CARRIED.

4. President's Welcome

Les Oakes welcomed members, guests and presenters to the AGM and provided a review of 2017 as outlined in the annual report provided to members.

5. 2017 Annual Report and 2017 Financial Statements (available online and provided at AGM).

Les Oakes provided an overview of the Annual Report.

Sandy Bell presented the financial statements and thanked AEF members, the Alberta Government (Alberta Sport Connection) for financial support, AEF accountants, and AEF Executive Director and Staff for their careful attention to financial accountability. Sandy pointed out various expenditures in Education and Sport and that there is a \$20,000 deficit as a result of the investment in members. 2018 will see reinvestment to the membership in various areas.

MOTION: ALISON DOUGLAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2017 ANNUAL REPORT. NICOLAS BROWN 2ND. Motion carried. One apposed via online voting.

MOTION: JANINE LEROUX MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. VICTORIA FORBES 2nd. Unanimous. Motion carried.

6. Motion to Appoint Accountant for 2018

MOTION: VICKI LAWRENCE MOVED TO APPOINT LAWTON & CO LPP AS THE 2018 AEF ACCOUNTANT. NICOLAS BROWN 2ND. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

7. 2018 Director Elections (online voting, ballots provided to eligible members at the AGM)

Les Oakes thanked the members who put their names forth for election. Six (6) positions were available; ten (10) nominations were received. The AEF Nominations Committee and Board had unanimously agreed to put forth the ten (10) candidates. As per the AEF bylaws, directors are voted in by the membership. Ninety (90) AEF members took advantage of the online voting. Members in attendance who had not already voted, took part in the voting process live.

Ballots were collected and tallied. These results were combined with results from online voting resulting in the AEF members voting in the following individuals to the AEF Board of Directors (listed alphabetically by last name):

Tiara Chambers
Jason Edworthy
Janine Leroux
Melonie Myszczyzyn
Brenda Spanier
Becky Taylor

MOTION to destroy the ballots.

MOTION: NICOLAS BROWN MOVED TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS. ALISON DOUGLAS 2nd. UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Open Floor

Les Oakes provided a brief mention with respect to his work in fostering a relationship with the Quarter Horse Association and welcomed Dr. Wayne Burwash to the floor. Dr. Burwash provided a very brief overview of his involvement with the Quarter Horse Association of Alberta (QHAA) as a Director and as President of the Canadian Quarter Horse Association (CQHA). Dr. Burwash indicated he was strongly in favour in becoming more involved with the PTSO's and EC, mainly because of the work Les Oakes has done. Dr. Burwash looks forward to his continued work with Les in growing this relationship.

Les Oakes introduced and thanked Rupert May, Vice President of Equestrian Canada (EC) for attending AEF's AGM. Rupert was invited to the floor. Rupert thanked the AEF's President, Les Oakes, and Executive Director, Sonia Dantu, for inviting both himself and Meg Krueger to the AGM. Meg had previous commitments and was unable to attend. Rupert provided a brief bio and background and explained he has a genuine commitment to EC. He further indicated he is very excited to be working on the Coach Development Plan (as presented by the Provincial/Territorial Organizations) over the next few years. Rupert mentioned Doug Orr's (AEF member and EC Director) contribution to the EC Health and Welfare committee. He further indicated that EC's focus will be on its financial status, membership fees and indicated that EC put a freeze on sport licence fees for 2018 with its goal to reduce sport licence fees in the future. Risk Management and Respect in Sport are further focuses.

10. Adjournment: Nicolas Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm.