

## NOVA SCOTIA HAFLINGER CLUB AGM, March 28th, 2021

Members present: Gillian Allan, Tim Bowser, Scott Blakeney, Deanie Parks, Lisa Clements, Clifford Hatch, Ardith Hatch, Holly Stillwell, Janet Trimper, Budgie Trimper, Eric Ross, Jacquie Ross, & David Johnson.

The meeting was held online via Facebook room and was called to order at 1:00pm by President Holly Stillwell.

There was no 50/50 draw.

The 2021 AGM Agenda was approved by Scott, 2nd by Gillian.

The Presidents Message was sent out prior to be read.

The minutes of the 2020 AGM were approved by Gillian and 2nd by Ardith with no errors or omissions.

There were no matters of business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence:

There were two letters received. One from the IWK and one from 4-H Nova Scotia, both asking for donations. Discussion was held about who we should give donations this year to, options presented were: give \$50 to each IWK and 4-H, or skip this year for 4-H since that program isn't fully running due to covid, and give \$100 to the IWK.

Gillian moved to donate \$100 to the IWK as a NSHC 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott. Motion carried.

It was also mentioned that there would be no donations this year to AVEX or Queens county fair, due to them not running because of Covid.

Lisa had found an article published in the Lighthouse Now Progress Bulletin on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 about the Queens County Fair, with a picture of a haflinger team owned by Holly and Cyril, Budgie and Janet, in the four-in-hand competition. Lisa will reach out to the paper to see if we can get a copy of the photo for a possible calendar picture.

Janet gave the Treasurer's Report for 2020:

Income: \$970.00      Expenses: \$842.00      for a Net profit \$128

The closing balance is \$2268.39 + \$300 not yet put into the account.

Income included: membership, and sport NS lotto. Expenses included service charges, Club Insurance and NSEF Membership.

Gillian suggested to look into rebate on insurances since no events were held. Janet will look into it.

Tim moved the adoption of the treasurer's report, 2nd by Gillian.

Committee Reports:

Facebook: Tim reported that the Facebook page has 389 followers.

Web Site: The site had over 1700 visitors over the last year. The most popular page is still temperament – these pages have never been changed since being put on the site. If anyone wants to post pictures, articles, information, a classified, they can contact Tim.

Calendars: Discussion was held as to if we would like to do a calendar for the 2022 year. Ardith was asked if she would like to put it together again, which she decided she would. Ardith mentioned though that more pictures need to be sent in, and for members to send them in throughout the year, not just before pictures are due.

Show Committee: There is no show committee reports.

#### Other Activities:

CHA: Gillian reported that the CHA had it's AGM on March 20th. She reported that many people attended their Facebook room meeting, and lots offered to volunteer for the association.

Membership: Janet reported that the membership went down from last year, from 28 to 22 members. But the club did gain one junior member this year, bringing the total to 2 junior members. Members are encouraged to invite people to join the club who have registered haflingers in the maritime provinces.

#### New Business:

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: For the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the club would like to hold a haflinger showcase show for any registered haflingers in the Atlantic Bubble. Details that will need to be figured out are: entry fees, location, guidelines, etc. The classes that would be held would be do-able for one horse, so that large equipment for teams wouldn't be required. Examples of classes would be: line classes, showmanship, single cart classes, longline classes, English/western riding classes, etc. A committee was formed to take on planning for the show, in the committee is: Deanie, Lisa, Ardith, Clifford, Janet and Holly. Gillian offered her equestrian center for a show location, which has stabling. There was discussion about getting a judge from PEI possibly. Discussion was held on also having 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary keepsakes made, including mugs like the one Janet made for herself, shirts, and jackets. Janet will be ordering more mugs like the one she had made for members to buy. There was also a discussion on having a contest for a logo to be designed for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which could be used on said keepsakes or various places. Lisa volunteered to look into and plan a contest.

Discussion was held again about having club jackets. Many members agreed they would love to have jackets. It was decided that a nice lightweight spring jacket would be ideal. Holly showed her jacket off suggesting that we could get similar ones with the same embroidered haflingers on it. Clifford will look into this more.

Ground Driving Clinic: Last year Deanie had proposed the idea for the club to host a ground driving clinic for 4-H kids to teach them how to do the newly added to 4-H class. However, since there are no 4-H events currently, she proposed the idea to make this into a fun day/weekend for the club members. It would be more of a relaxed weekend with a clinic like setting, for an opportunity for club members to get out and have some fun with their horses. It would be hosted at the New Ross Fair Grounds, where the rent is \$100/day for use of the ring, stalls, and

washrooms. If people would like to camp overnight, the cost is \$10 per trailer hookup. It was discussed that the members could just pay a fee of \$10 each so that the club funds would not have to absorb the costs. It was also suggested that on one of the days we are there, to open it to the public for a few hours for viewing and put on a demonstration to show the versatility of the breed. Scott suggested we try to have keepsakes made for this day available for people to purchase. A committee was formed which included: Deanie, Scott, Budgie, Janet, and Clifford. Lisa had also suggested that since we missed our annual Christmas party, we could do a yankee gift swap at the fun show, but absolutely not so that she could steal another blanket from Clifford!

It was decided that we would hold the fun-day in June sometime, and the Anniversary show later in the year, when Covid restrictions will hopefully be eased more.

Election of the Board: The election of the board resulted in the executive:

President: Holly Stillwell, Vice President: Scott Blakeney, Secretary: Lisa Clements, Treasurer: Janet Trimper, Directors: Gillian Allan, Tim Bowser & Ardith Hatch. Janet moved to accept the new officers of the NSHC Board, 2nd by Gillian. Motion Carried.

Fundraising: Discussion was held on fundraising ideas for the club this year. It was decided that we would do a 2022 Calendar, but more pictures will need to be sent to Ardith. The club would also like to do an online facebook auction. It was suggested that each member should contribute an item to the auction, any item they would like, and include the suggested value of that item. Winners of the items will have to pay shipping to get their winnings, or could possibly be collected at the fun day. Ardith volunteered to organize this fundraiser, and when members have their items they are to send her pictures of them along with their value. There are no grants available as of right now, and we passed on doing the Sport NS lotto again this year. There was no progress in making brochures at the time.

Goals and Plans for 2021:

1. Have a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show
2. Have a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memento/Keepsake
3. Have a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendar
4. Use our Facebook and webpage to gain more members.

Other:

David Johnson, a director from the CHA, had listened in to a portion of our meeting and complimented our club on its involved membership and determination to increase awareness of the haflinger.

There was no other business.

The next AGM will be January 2022 date, time and location TBA.

The next general meeting will be held at the fun-day in New Ross, date TBA.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:42pm, by Janet, 2nd by Deanie.

President: Holly Stillwell \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: Lisa Clements \_\_\_\_\_