

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Members of Standardbred Canada, held in the Hazel McCallion A & B Room of the Delta Meadowvale Hotel, Mississauga, Ontario on Saturday, February 2nd, 2008 at 1:00 PM.

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair, Jackson Wittup called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

2. **Notice of Meeting & Identification of Members**

Mr. Wittup advised that Notice of Meeting had been properly sent by first class mail via the December 2007 and January 2008 TROT Magazines, and whereas there was a quorum present, declared the meeting fully constituted for the transaction of business.

3. **Introduction of Directors**

Mr. Wittup introduced the current Directors in attendance at the meeting.

4. **Introduction of Officers**

Mr. Smith introduced the newly elected officers of the Board as follows:

Chair - Jackson Wittup

Vice-Chair - Tammy McNiven

Corporate Secretary - Caren Brown

Chief Financial Officer - Rosenna So

President & Chief Executive Officer - Ted Smith

5. **Introduction of Staff, Legal Counsel & Auditors**

Mr. Smith introduced the members of staff and legal counsel present at the meeting.

6. **Minutes of Annual Meeting of Members of February 3rd, 2007**

MOVED by Robert Carss **SECONDED** by Scott Daniels that the minutes of February 3, 2007 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

7. **Business arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. **Approval of 2007 Audited Financial Statement**

The 2007 Audited Financial Statement for Standardbred Canada was presented by Ted Smith. (Attached)

MOVED by Dr. Maurice Stewart, **SECONDED** by Byron Beeler that the 2007 Financial Statement be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

9. **Appointment of Auditor for fiscal 2008**

MOVED by Ian Fleming **SECONDED** by Ross Galbraith that the firm of Grant Thornton be approved as Auditors for Standardbred Canada for fiscal 2008. **CARRIED.**

10. **Report of the Chair of the Breeders Committee**

Chuck Ibey, Chair of the Breeders Committee reported that effective with foals of 2008 and thereafter, simultaneous freeze branding and DNA collection will be required as a condition of registration.

11. **Report of the Chair of the Board**

Mr. Wittup thanked the out-going Chair Pierre Guillemette for his nine years of service and advised that Mr. Guillemette would remain on the Executive Committee for one year for continuity. He added that he looked forward to working with the new Board of Directors and hoped they could work together as a team.

He congratulated Cam Fella Award winner Ann Curran for the Mildred Williams Series and wished the rest of the O'Brien Award nominees luck.

12. **Report of the President & Chief Executive Officer**

Ted Smith presented the report of the President & Chief Executive Officer, giving an overview of the activities of the Association in 2007 and new initiatives planned for 2008 some of which included:

- A new website for Standardbred Canada
- A Directors' Portal
- Staking contracts with WEG and Attractions Hippiques

He noted that some of the difficulties in 2007 included plummeting wagering, the fact that the Tax Alliance was unsuccessful in having Section 31 amended and the Board of Directors did not approve the recommendations of the Governance Review Committee.

Mr. Smith extended his personal thanks to Mr. Guillemette and his passion for breeding and racing of Standardbreds.

13. **New Business**

Dylan McIntosh advised the meeting that he would like Standardbred Canada to initiate an "under 20" program.

14. **Termination**

Whereas there was no further business, the meeting terminated on a motion by Eric Johnston.

Respectfully submitted,



Jackson Wittup (Chair)



Anne McNeil (Recording Secretary)