

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members of Standardbred Canada, held in the Greenwich Room of the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale, Mississauga, Ontario on **Saturday, February 13, 2016.**

1. Call to order

The Chair of Standardbred Canada, Joanne Colville called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

2. Notice of meeting & identification of members

Ms. Colville advised that Notice of Meeting had been properly sent by first class mail via the December 2015, January 2016 and February 2016 issues of TROT Magazine and posted on the Standardbred Canada website on February 2, 2016. There was a quorum present in accordance with By-Law #1 Article 5.1 and Ms. Colville declared the meeting duly constituted for the transaction of business.

3. Introduction of Directors

Ms. Colville introduced the Standardbred Canada Directors in attendance at the meeting.

4. Introduction of Chairs and Officers

Ms. Colville introduced the other Chairs and Officers of the Board.

Chair – Joanne Colville
Vice-Chair – Mike Woods
Breeders Chair – Diane Bertrand
Chief Financial Officer – Rosenna So
Corporate Secretary – Heather Reid

5. Minutes of Annual Meeting of Members of February 7, 2015

The minutes were presented by Ms. Colville.

MOVED by Jackson Wittup, **Seconded** by Kirk McKinnon
To approve the minutes of February 7, 2015 as presented. **CARRIED.**

6. Business arising from minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of February 7, 2015.

7. Approval of 2015 audited financial statement

Ms. Colville reviewed key points with respect to the audited 2015 financial statements. She noted that the report from the auditors was clean and unqualified and no adjustments were made.

MOVED by Bill O'Donnell, **Seconded** by Vincent Trudel
To approve the 2015 audited financial statement as presented. **CARRIED.**

8. Appointment of auditor for fiscal 2016

MOVED by Morag Watt, **Seconded** by Diane Bertrand

To appoint Grant Thornton as auditors for Standardbred Canada for fiscal 2016.
CARRIED.

9. Report of the Chair of the Board

In her report Ms. Colville advised that the first priority is to name a CEO and that the Board will be doing a formal search process and will engage a third party search firm to ensure that the process is completed in a thorough fashion. Mrs. Colville also stated another priority is the execution of the Association's Strategic Plan.

10. New business

Kirk McKinnon made remarks regarding the following:

- Congratulated Ms. Colville on her appointment as Chair
- Thanked the previous Chair, Mr. Oakes for his time and energy
- Mr. McKinnon inquired as to whether the Strategic Plan showed Standardbred Canada as a leader and the roll it can play as a leader and also if we elevated Ontario racing it raises the exposure of Standardbred racing across all of Canada
- Complimented Darryl Kaplan, Manager – Industry Communication and his team on the communications job they do at SC, but suggested to the membership that Mr. Kaplan should be running rampant on Standardbred racing and how it relates to social media, TROT magazine and the SC website
- Mr. McKinnon referred to the meeting the previous week at Mohawk Racetrack with Mr. John Snobelen of the Ontario Racing Association. Mr. McKinnon advised that meeting and re-iterated here today with regards to SC being a leader in yearling horse sales and suggesting that because of the numbers of yearlings available for sale, that there should be only one yearling sale in Ontario and this initiative should be led by Standardbred Canada.
- Mr. McKinnon also advised that he would offer his services to Standardbred Canada in order to make the Association a leader in Standardbred racing.


Ms. Colville thanked Mr. McKinnon for all of his comments.

12. Termination

MOVED by Darryl Kaplan, **Seconded** by Morag Watt

To terminate the meeting. **CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Colville, Chair



Heather Reid, Corporate Secretary