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### **Nominated as ATLANTIC ACTIVE DIRECTOR**

I am excited to submit this biographical information to support my application to be a director at Standardbred Canada. I have a lengthy history in this business and believe I have innovative ideas to enrich and improve the harness industry .

My family has been involved in harness racing for many years. I have been a Standardbred owner for the past twenty years. We have a multigenerational family run racing stable in Truro, Nova Scotia. We are involved in all facets of the harness industry including participation in stakes racing with young horses and racing in overnight races. We have recently invested in our next chapter by purchasing a broodmare with plans to raise and develop our own young horses. I personally spend much of my spare time helping to care for and race our group of horses.

I have been a very active member of our local harness racing community. As a member of this organization, I have conceived and with the help of volunteers and sponsors implemented initiatives to promote our sport.

During my tenure as a director, if I am successful in this application, I have many ideas I would like to bring to fruition to make improvements in this industry. It is my firm belief that youth are the future of harness racing. We must take measures to attract and maintain the younger population. I believe that the PEI Matinee program is a model which we should be promoting. The positive effects are visible in both their horse population and the level of skill in their colony of Drivers. For my part, I have organized amateur and matinee style races at the Truro Raceway over the last several years.

Another area that requires focus is assisting the tracks in the region to work together to build a more sustainable plan for the industry. We need to understand that we will survive and thrive together, not by competing against each other for dates, wager and the horse population. I believe that my passion for Harness Racing together with my many years of experience as an Operations Manager, which also involved team building and interaction with the public daily, will make me a valuable asset for the Atlantic Region.