



2024 Annual General Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Meeting called to order at 4:50pm. 23 people in attendance.

Riesa Kyne reviewed minutes from the 2023 AGM. Motion to adopt 2023 minutes as having been reviewed: Ange; seconded by Simone. All in favour? Yes. Adopted.

SECRETARY:

AGM Invitation was sent on October 22, 2024.

Directors will continue to meet on the first Monday of each month. This has been accomplished by utilizing Facebook video chat. We will continue to do so, with the occasional in-person meeting.

It was decided this year that the previous month's minutes would not be read at the beginning of each meeting. Rather, the minutes are provided in advance of the next meeting and can be reviewed prior.

Shanna Jager resigned from the board of directors in April.
Erin Barisoff-Harris resigned from the board of directors due to relocation.
Marlieke Heemskerk Adams resigned from the board of directors in November.

Nomination Committee for 2024: Riesa Kyne, Simone Tellier, Shane Thomson, Ange DeBruyn.

11 directors' meetings held throughout the year.

Rate increases will go into effect immediately:

- Membership: increases to \$60 for a family and \$40 for a single
- Pro-rated membership: increases to \$70 for a family and \$45 for a single
- Gymkhana: member rate increase to \$35/day
: non-member rate increase to \$50/day

BYLAWS: nothing to report. No changes to be made.

TREASURY REPORT

An adjustment was made to the 2023 closing balance. It was recorded as \$11,540.30. Please note that it has been corrected to \$11,916.58 due to a calculation error.

November 29, 2023 Opening Balance: \$11,918.58

November 21, 2024 Closing Balance: \$11,540.30

Major Expenses

:2023 year-end awards and banquet, arena rentals (open ride, gymkhanas), annual operating costs (insurance, membership dues), new storage container, scoreboard.

Operating expenses include insurance, website domain, Horse Council BC membership, ribbon purchases, bank fees, rider draw prizes, concession items, cheques, and other miscellaneous costs to maintain the club.

Total Operating Expenses for December 2023 to November 21, 2024: \$8108.91

Storage Container \$1500

Scoreboard \$2416.43

Ribbons \$2120.01

Rider Draws & Concession: \$596.36

Operating/Office Expenses: \$1206.81

Bank Fees: \$269.30

Major Incomes

:gymkhanas, memberships, fundraisers

The Club did well with fundraising this past year. The Duke's Pub fundraiser was, again, a success, as was the poker ride hosted in July.

Lotto/Raffle \$240

Poker Ride(s) \$398

Plant sale \$380

Duke's Pub Night \$2396

Donations/Sponsorships \$1670

Memberships \$1655

OPEN RIDE

Income: \$355

Expense: \$967.50

Total - \$621.50

GYMKHANA

Income: \$4725.00

Expense: \$2157.75

Total \$2567.25

Due to the astronomical increase in grocery prices, concessions created a deficit of \$351.67. Concession losses included, gymkhanas earned \$2215.58 this year.

TOTALS

Income:

Income: \$8954.34

Expenses:

CRC Operating Costs: \$8108.91

Open Ride Deficit: \$621.50

AGM/Awards: \$4757.20

Total Expenses: \$13,487.61

Net Income: \$-4533.27

Motion to adopt the year-end financials: Barb. Seconded by: Simone. All in favour? Yes. Adopted.

ARCHIVES

Penny managed the archives this year. The container was cleaned out and replaced on May 4th. Supplies were sorted and damaged or heavy soiled items were taken to the dump.

Penny had an "Honourary Members" plaque made up to memorialize the CRC's honourary members through the years.

BOOKINGS

Bookings at Heritage Park seemed fairly accessible this year. We were able to host a reasonable number of gymkhanas, and Open Rides.

CLINICS

A Mountain Trail Clinic was scheduled with Debbie Hughes at her facility. The first date was cancelled due to extensive rain, the second date in September was cancelled by Debbie herself. Refunds were issued to all nine registrants.

FUNDRAISING

General fundraising included poker rides, hanging basket orders, gymkhana 50/50 draw(s), and the Duke's Pub fundraiser. The funds generated from these events and last year's fundraising will cover the full cost of a second-hand storage container, sold to the Club at a discount by Kranhco Building, and the purchase of a new scoreboard.

GOODWILL

The Club continued to donate to various food banks and donation centres over the course of the year. This serves as a requirement for volunteer points for year-end awards.

Cards sent:

- Ron Moore passed away in June. Card sent to wife Dianne.

GYMKHANA

Our monthly gymkhanas were generally well-attended and we found more and more spectators out to support the riders. Reasonable rates, an enjoyable atmosphere, rider draws, and excellent year-end prizes seem to work well for rider retention and we will continue with our efforts to encourage more riders to attend.

CHILLIWACK FAIR

The Chilliwack Riding Club hosted the gymkhana at the Chilliwack Fair in August. The event itself ran smoothly, but a miscommunication about scoring rules resulted in the Riding Club needing to purchase an extra buckle. The Chilliwack Riding Club will consider hosting the gymkhana for the Chilliwack Fair again in the future, but would prefer to work under the banner of the Rodeo Association.

HORSE SHOW

Low attendance coupled with high costs have made hosting horse shows prohibitive for the past few years.

INVENTORY

The new scoreboard has been added to the inventory list.

MEMBERSHIP

The Chilliwack Riding Club had 102 members in 2024, which included 17 honorary members.

MEDIA

The website was updated frequently.

The Facebook page was updated frequently and as necessary.

Email and Facebook posts continue to be the preferred method of communication.

OPEN RIDE

Open Ride dates can be erratic and not always available. This year the Club worked to remedy last year's scheduling problem where directors were often unable to attend to collect riding fees; it is suspected that many fees were not paid as a result. Open Rides were better attended by directors this year, but it is likely there are minor amounts of outstanding fees.

The Bandy Leg Rider Program finished its second year. The Club will review its viability, but has hopes that it will continue to grow as members are made more familiar with the non-competitive aspects of the Chilliwack Riding Club.

SOCIAL

The Duke's fundraiser and Poker Rides allowed for a larger reach for members and supporters.

AGM/BANQUET

The 2023 AGM and banquet was well attended. The plan to have the event catered was a good idea and seemed to be well received by members and guests. This will likely be the plan moving forward.

TRAIL (POKER RIDE)

A trail poker ride was held at the Browne Creek Wetlands in Yarrow in July. It was well attended. More staff participation and involvement could have made manning the stations smoother, but the riders enjoyed themselves.

DIRECTORS

Directors: Term Complete

Barb Bodholdt
Penny Boldt
Megan Mckay
Simone Tellier
Tanya Thompson

Directors: Year Remaining

Duell Thomson
Shane Thomson
Ange DeBruyn

Riesa will be resigning as President and from the board of directors. She and her family will be moving out of the province in 2025. As the elected Vice President, Barb Bodholdt will complete the term (1 year) as President and an election will be held at the 2025 AGM.

Call for nominations to the board of directors for a one-year term (to fill current director vacancies) :

- Laurel Turford
- Kalista Kirkness

2nd call

3rd call

Close the call for nominations to the board of directors of the Chilliwack Riding Club for 2024. Motion to adopt the new slate of nominees to be sworn in as directors for a two-year term: Duell. Seconded: Tanya. All in favour?: Yes. Adopted.

Honourary Member Helen Larson swears in: Barb Bodholdt, Penny Boldt, Simone Tellier, Tanya Thompson, Megan Mckay, and Laurel Turford. The CRC Board of Directors reserves the right to swear-in Kalista Kirkness a director meeting.

MEMBER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

No comments, questions, or concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm.