



MHCO Spring General Meeting 2017

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Agenda Time Table:

Start: 1:00

End: 3:40

Time Allotment in minutes	#	Presenter	Topic
5	1	Doug Savage	Vice President's Opening Comments
5	2	Julie Fitzsimmons	Membership Report
10	3	Julie Fitzsimmons	Treasurer's Report
30	4		Bylaws
5	5	Raquel Dowsling	Merchandise
10	6	Doug Savage	Club Point Shows
10	7	Caroline Moor	Awards
15	8	Tracy Sammons	AMHA Sanctioned Show
15	9	Tracy Sammons	AMHR Sanctioned Show
10	10	Carolyn Aarup Tracy Sammons	Website
10	11a 11b		Fuzzy Show/Youth Plus Club Fall Fluffy Show
10	12	Carolyn Aarup	Social & Clinics
10	13		Fundraising
10	14		A & P
5	15	Doug Savage	New Business
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1. Vice President's Opening Comments –Doug Savage:

- 1.1 Welcome to the Spring AGM
- 1.2 Motion to accept last meeting's minutes:
- 1.3 Motion to accept today's agenda:
- 1.4 President's Resignation

2. Membership Report – Julie Fitzsimmons:

- 2.1 2017 Membership Update:
 - Youth –
 - Individual –
 - Family –
 - Farm –
 - TOTAL =**
 - New Members –
 - Referrals –
 - Memberships compared to 2016 –
- 2.2 Result of Membership Blitz – Cathy Fisher and Faith Dennis
- 2.3 Changes to Membership and Indemnification forms
- 2.4 New membership numbers
- 2.5 Membership profiles on MHCO site

3. Treasurer's Report – Julie Fitzsimmons:

- 3.1 **Budget Update:**
 - AMHA: \$
 - Regular: \$
 - AMHR: \$
 - US Acct: \$
- 3.2 2016 Financials/Audit
- 3.3 Computer for Treasurer

4. Bylaws:

- 4.1 Proposed changes to Bylaws (see copy attached)

5. Merchandise – Raquel Dowsling:

- 5.1

6. Club Point Shows:

- 6.1 Change to Point Show Rules 2 and 3 (see attached)
- 6.2 Rule 10: percent of shows required for year-end points (tabled from 2016 Fall GM)
- 6.3 Ideas for potential new class list for 2018 – Alysia Reichertz

7. Awards:

- 7.1



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8. AMHA Sanctioned Show – Tracy Sammons:

8.1

9. AMHR Sanctioned Show – Tracy Sammons:

9.1 New classes

10. Website – Carolyn Aarup & Tracy Sammons:

10.1 Revised forms on website (new Member Feedback/Suggestions form, Membership form, Indemnification form)

10.2 Updated by web designer re: internet browsers

11a. Fuzzy Show & Youth Plus Club – Doug Savage, Sarah McNeil & Faith Dennis:

11a.1

11b. Fall Fluffy Show – Anette Kelley & Sarah McNeil:

11b.1

12. Social & Clinics – Carolyn Aarup:

12.1 2017 Pleasure Drive – Sept 10, 2017

12.2 2017 Advanced Driving Clinic

13. Fundraising:

13.1 2018 Calendars – Julia Magi

14. Advertising & Promotions:

14.1 Grey Bruce Farmers Day – Tracy Sammons & Carolyn Aarup

14.2 Central Ontario Agricultural Conference – Bev Beesley & Faith Dennis

14.3 Guelph University Royal Open House – Wendy Eagle

14.4 Can-Am – Doug Savage

14.5 Journal Ad update – Julie Fitzsimmons

15. New Business – Doug Savage:

15.1

Motion to adjourn



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M.H.C.O. Executive and Board of Directors Attendance

Position	2017	Attendance
President		
Vice President	Doug Savage	
Treasurer	Julie Fitzsimmons	
Secretary	Laurie Goble	
Director	Carolyn Aarup	
Director	Wendy Eagle	
Director	Cathy Fisher	
Director	Anette Kelley	
Director	Sarah McNeil	
Director	Caroline Moor	
Director	Alysia Reichertz	
Director	Tracy Sammons	
Youth Director	Faith Dennis	
Honorary Director	Bev Beesley	
Honorary Director	Mary M ^c Kibbon	
Honorary Director	Laurie Green	
Additional Attendees:		

P = Present
E = Excused
A = Absent



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Proposed changes to be voted on

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

A. TYPES OF MEMBERS

Proposed Change #1

1. Youth Member: Any individual ~~under 18 years of age~~ as of January 1st of the current year.

Proposed Change:

1. Youth Member: Any individual **17 years and under** as of January 1st of the current year.

Proposed Change #2

2. Individual Member: Any individual 18 years of age or over as of January 1st.

Proposed Change:

2. Individual Member: Any individual 18 years of age or over as of January 1st **of the current year.**

Proposed Change #3

3. Family Member: Any family, whose ~~immediate~~ members reside at the same address. ~~The membership allowance shall be for two (2) adults and all the children in the family as described hereinbefore.~~

Proposed Change:

3. Family Member: Any family whose members reside at the same address.

Proposed Change #4

4. Farm or Business Member: Farm/Business membership consists of the owner(s) of the farm or business and any person assisting in working, showing, or handling horses owned by the farm or business

Proposed Change:

4. Farm or Business Member: Farm/Business membership consists of the owner(s) of the farm or business and any person assisting in working, showing, or handling horses owned by **a member of** the farm or business

ARTICLE VI – VOTING

Proposed Change #5

1. a. Youth - one vote if over 13 years of age, ending End of Year 2011.

Proposed Change:

1. a. Youth - ~~one vote if over 13 years of age, ending End of Year 2011.~~ Youth, age 13 to 17 years of age, **has one vote for youth matters only.**

Proposed Change #6

2. ~~A member, in good standing, may vote by proxy on a specific decision being represented by an officer or other member in good standing, upon presentation to the Secretary of such authorization in writing before opening of the meeting.~~



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ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Proposed Change #7

1. There shall be four (4) elected officers, these being, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and ex officio the Past President. All Officers must be voting members. Only one member per household or business may stand as an Officer.

Proposed Change:

1. There shall be four (4) elected officers, these being, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and ex officio the Past President. **The Past President may hold any Officer position other than that of President immediately if they have held two terms as President.** All Officers must be voting members. Only one member per household or business may stand as an Officer.

Proposed Change #8

2. The term of office for the officers of the Club shall be two (2) years. No person shall be eligible to hold office of President for more than two consecutive terms (four years). A waiting period of two (2) years is required before the Past President may run for the office of President again.

Proposed Change:

2. The term of office for the officers of the Club shall be two (2) years **with term beginning December 1st of current year.** No person shall be eligible to hold office of President for more than two consecutive terms (four years). A waiting period of two (2) years is required before the Past President may run for the office of President again.

Proposed Change #9

4. Up to eight (8) Directors at Large, when so required as determined by membership population, shall be elected by popular vote of the membership. The term of office for a Director is two (2) years.

All youth members of the club shall nominate a youth member who is 13 to 17 years of age to run in the election to become the Youth Representative. The Youth Representative will then be voted in by the membership at large. This Representative may vote, at directors meetings, on anything that directly affects the youth members of the club. The Youth Representative shall be welcome at all Directors' meetings.

Proposed Change:

4. Up to eight (8) Directors at Large, when so required as determined by membership population, shall be elected by popular vote of the membership. The term of office for a Director is two (2) years.

All youth members of the club shall nominate a youth member who is 13 to 17 years of age to run in the election to become the Youth Representative. The Youth Representative will then be voted in by the membership at large. **This Representative may vote, at directors meetings, on anything that directly affects the youth members of the club. The Youth Representative shall be welcome at all Directors' meetings.** **The Youth Representative may present a report in a specified time allotted at the beginning of each Director Meeting. This report can be presented either in person by the Youth Representative/Director or via submitted report to the Executive to present on their behalf. The Youth Representative/Director may be invited to attend Director Meetings in part or whole in some exceptions.**



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As of the election of 2018, the position of Youth Representative/Director will be changed to Youth Ambassador.

ARTICLE XII – FINANCES

Proposed Change #10

1. The fiscal year of the Club shall be from January 1st of any year to December 31st of the same year.

Proposed Change:

1. The fiscal year of the Club shall be from **December 1st** of any year to **November 30th** of the **following** year.

Point Show Rule Changes

2. Divisions: Ages for exhibitors will be as of January 1 of the current competition year. Juniors are exhibitors 12 years & under, Youth exhibitors are 13 – 17 years of age. Age Groups may be combined when there are insufficient entries in one of the age groups. No cross entering between Divisions (e.g. Youth can go in Junior/Youth Obstacle Driving but not Adult Obstacle Driving as well).
Novice classes: If offered, Novice classes are open to all exhibitors in their first year of showing on the MHCO Club Point Show Circuit only (exception: Novice/COOL Driving classes are open to any COOL Exhibitors). Ribbons will be awarded in this class. However no points will be awarded to Novice exhibitors but COOL exhibitors will receive points which will count towards year end Driving (Perpetual trophies, MHCO Honour Roll). No cross entering between Divisions (e.g. Novice/COOL Drivers may not go in any Youth, Adult or Open Driving Classes **including with the exception of Obstacle Driving**). Once a Novice Exhibitor has moved out of the Novice Division, they may not move back into that Division. Exception: COOL Exhibitors may remain in the Novice/COOL Driving class indefinitely.
3. Stallions: Junior exhibitors (12 years old and under) may not show a stallion in any class. Youth competitors (13 to 17 years of age) can show stallions of any age in open classes and Youth halter obstacles but may not show stallions of any age in any other Youth specific classes (e.g. Youth Showmanship, Youth Driving, etc.) **COOL exhibitors 18 years of age and older may show a stallion in COOL classes at MHCO Point Shows at the discretion of the MHCO Board.**