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## **Agenda Time Table:**

Start: 1:00     Actual: 1:05

End: 3:25     Actual: 3:18

| Time Allotment in minutes | #          | Presenter                      | Topic                                     |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 5                         | 1          | Doug Savage                    | Acting President's Opening Comments       |
| 5                         | 2          | Julie Fitzsimmons              | Membership Report                         |
| 10                        | 3          | Julie Fitzsimmons              | Treasurer's Report                        |
| 5                         | 4          | Carolyn Aarup                  | Bylaws                                    |
| 10                        | 5          | Cathy Fisher                   | 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<br>Tracy Sammons | Website                                   |
| 15                        | 11a<br>11b | Faith Dennis<br>Sarah McNeil   | Fuzzy Show/Youth Plus Club<br>OPtHA Shows |
| 10                        | 12         | Carolyn Aarup                  | Social & Clinics                          |
| 10                        | 13         | Doug Savage                    | Fundraising                               |
| 10                        | 14         | Carolyn Aarup                  | A & P                                     |
| 5                         | 15         | Doug Savage                    | New Business                              |
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## 1. Acting President's Opening Comments – Doug Savage:

- 1.1 Welcome to the Spring GM
- 1.2 **Motion to accept last meeting's minutes:** Gary Brown, Betty McKee second, all in favour, carried.
- 1.3 **Motion to accept today's agenda:** Faith Dennis, Anette Kelley second, all in favour, carried.

## 2. Membership Report – Julie Fitzsimmons:

- 2.1 2018 Membership Update:
  - Youth – 0
  - Individual – 21
  - Family – 8
  - Farm – 23
  - TOTAL = 52**
  - New Members – 3
  - Referrals – 1
  - Memberships compared to 2017 – 59
  - Total for 2017 – 72
- 2.2 Indemnification forms will be included with the membership form starting next year.

## 3. Treasurer's Report – Julie Fitzsimmons:

- 3.1 **Budget Update:**
  - AMHA: \$1,757.25
  - Regular: \$7,940.22
  - AMHR: \$1,590.08
  - US Acct: \$3,080.58
- 3.2 Doug Savage presented a cheque to the MHCO from Savagemoor Farm to cover the cost of the Can-Am.

## 4. Bylaws – Carolyn Aarup:

- 4.1 **Motion to add the proposed change to Article VII** (Officers and Directors, Section 1, add "If the President of the MHCO has served two consecutive terms, they are not eligible to hold the office of Vice President for the following term"): Betty McKee, Joanne Reichertz second, all in favour, carried.

Discussion about whether or not Acting President Doug Savage can run for President next term, and it was determined that he can.

Donna Fitzsimmons suggested consolidating some terms to reduce duplication in the Bylaws, and she will send in some suggestions.
- 4.2 **Motion to add the proposed change to Article X** (Vacancies, Section 1, add "Officer positions must be filled"): Bev Beesley, Danny Laycock second, all in favour, carried.

Carolyn Aarup to update the website with changes to the Bylaws once the Officers have signed the revised copy.

## 5. Merchandise – Cathy Fisher:



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- 5.1 Cathy Fisher will be adding more merchandise including lanyards and contigo travel mugs. Items for sale will be posted on the website. Mugs will be able to be personalized for an extra \$5.
- 5.2 Suggestions of new items are welcome, please message Cathy Fisher.

## 6. Club Point Shows – Doug Savage:

- 6.1 Brooklin Fair will have Blair Purcell judging  
Savagemoor will have Judy Neville judging  
Orangeville Fair will have John Wills judging  
Collingwood Fair will have Stephanie Rutherford  
Carolyn Aarup to update the MHCO website with the names
- 6.2 Judging budgets at the fairs are not high enough to cover the cost of the judge. Orangeville will only cover \$300, John Wills charges \$375. We will try to find qualified non-carded judges.
- 6.3 Discussion on covering the additional cost of miniature horse judges, as it would be a disservice to members to have non-horse judges. We need to balance the extra cost of judges with the loss that the club has on points shows. For this year, the spring meeting raffle will cover the extra cost for John Wills. Judy Neville said that of the dozen shows she's judging this year, we are the only ones paying her mileage.  
**Motion to put a cap of \$400 on judging fees, which is \$100 above what the fair is covering.** Bev Beesley, Darren Dennis second, all in favour, carried.
- 6.4 Discussion of raising the admin fee for points shows due to incurring losses at every MHCO Point Shows for a number of years.. This has not been done for several years. Suggestion from the floor that the admin fee be \$10. **Motion to raise the admin fee by \$2, and the issue to be raised again next year.** Katherine Brown, Darren Dennis second, all in favour.
- 6.5 Issue that the class list is not printing properly off the website. Carolyn Aarup will get a proper class list from Anne Savage and post it on the MHCO website.
- 6.6 We need better education to avoid problems at the entry gate. We aren't putting ribbons in horses' tails, but we need to be careful.

## 7. Awards:

- 7.1 The budget will be increasing over time for the Honour Roll plaques, and we may need to readjust the budget for awards.

## 8. AMHA Sanctioned Show – Tracy Sammons:

- 8.1 Brown's Ranch July 28, measuring 9:30, show starts 10:30. Potluck, please bring food. There will be a \$5 prize for all youth entrants. One judge, Larry Thurber. 56 classes.
- 8.2 Stallions 3 years of age and older must have a certificate of inspection on file with the AMHA in order to get points.
- 8.3 Always looking for sponsorships. \$20 for basic classes, \$35 for championship, \$100 for supreme.
- 8.4 Accepting returned ribbons to cut costs.
- 8.5 We have a new AMHA director named Debbie Rogers. She is looking for feedback from club members. She will be at the Brown's AMHR show on May 19<sup>th</sup> for hardshipping, and will have Gene Baynham (the previous director) with her. Suggestion to put on another AMHA show in



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Ontario. If anyone has suggestions for AMHA related issues, please let the MHCO or Debbie Rogers know.

### **9. AMHR Sanctioned Show – Tracy Sammons:**

- 9.1 Western Stock classes are now sanctioned except for youth and COOL, which should be sanctioned next year. Currently classes are only divided by gender and A or B. Next year they will also divide by age. 10 classes this year, should be 22 classes next year.
- 9.2 Kit Bartle managing this year, and we should be able to avoid the Show Secretary/Manager problems we had last year. Stalls will be assigned as they are paid for. There will be no class refunds for day-of scratches.
- 9.3 Show will be June 23<sup>rd</sup> due to scheduling conflicts. Next year we should be able to move it back to a date in July.
- 9.4 Shavings are no longer included in the price of stalls at Quardreams. Bring your own, or purchase from Quardreams.

### **10. Website – Carolyn Aarup & Tracy Sammons:**

- 10.1 Questions about passwords in the fall. We are unable to eliminate passwords, because that will open the site to spammers. If you forget your password, you are able to reset your password.
- 10.2 Classifieds and foal listings are complicated. Kylie Enns is working on simplifying posting to make the interface more like kijiji. Please use our site – it's included in your membership.
- 10.3 Request to update the rotating picture, this is being done by Tracy Sammons.
- 10.4 Cathy Fisher will run a contest on Facebook to encourage use of the website. The prize is a zero-gravity chair. The contest details will also be provided via email for members who don't have Facebook.

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

- 11a.1 April 14<sup>th</sup>. \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members, bring proof of rabies and farm insurance. There will be a tack swap. Angie Trumpler will judge with Merv Scott assisting. No stallions of any age. Indemnification forms must be signed.
- 11a.2 Marina Wright will do a Pair Bond Training clinic. This will be followed by circuit facilitating, lunch, fun show, and then games. Food can be purchased on site.
- 11a.3 If your horse is unable to be vaccinated for rabies, you need a full report from your veterinarian stating that this is the case. These horses are welcome to participate in MHCO events, at your own risk. You must either have proof of rabies, or full vet report.

### **11b. OPtHA Shows – Sarah McNeil:**

- 11b.1 Fun show May 27<sup>th</sup> in Caledon. If it goes well, they are willing to work with us for future shows. 28 classes that minis can enter. Sarah McNeil to collect entries.
- 11b.2 OPtHA runs 6 mini classes at their regular shows.



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### 12. Social & Clinics – Carolyn Aarup:

- 12.1 Can-Am April 6-8 at Markham Fairgrounds. We have the same area as last year. Sarah McNeil will provide a horse Friday, Faith Dennis on Saturday, Julia Magi on Sunday. Doug Savage is doing the announcing this year. We are looking for volunteers to man the booth. Carolyn Aarup will send an email to members and post on Facebook asking for volunteers.
- 12.2 We must have two general meetings per year. We are concerned at the lack of turnout at these meetings. Suggestion from the floor that we change the bylaws to one meeting per year. At the Fall meeting, we will ask members for feedback as to why attendance is so low at meetings. The Fergus Legion Hall will be booked again for the two meetings in 2019.

### 13. Fundraising – Doug Savage:

- 13.1 We can't do a 50-50 draw due to lottery regulations. We will continue with silent auctions.
- 13.2 Silent auction table today brought in \$150. \$52 for the AMHA account, \$49 for the AMHR account, and \$49 for the regular account.

### 14. Advertising & Promotions – Carolyn Aarup:

- 14.1 The MHCO booth at Grey Bruce Farmer's Week was run by Betty McKee and Christine McCallum. (Carolyn Aarup was MC for the day and was only available to help with booth setup.) It's a free venue.
- 14.2 We weren't able to participate in the College Royal this year as our liaison didn't renew her club membership for this year and therefore couldn't represent us.
- 14.3 6 horses turned out for the pleasure drive. We will likely not have one this year.
- 14.4 \$80 for an ad in the Can-Am issue of The Rider. We have renewed again this year.
- 14.5 Suggestion that ads contain a line about saving \$5 on a new membership with a given code. Possibility of using a date stamp as the code, or writing the event and signing the card at events.
- 14.6 8 participants for the Journal ad, which brought in \$600. The ad costs USD\$756. The club covered \$358.38 of the cost of the ad, which comes out to \$59.78 per issue.
- 14.7 Suggestion to put the club name and logo on a colouring page to hand out to kids at events. Julie Fitzsimmons will design it, and Tracy Sammons will print it.

### 15. New Business – Doug Savage:

- 15.1 We received a banner from the AMHR (Thank you to Cathy Fisher for arranging this). We will try to put it up at our events.

**Motion to adjourn:** Danny Laycock, Anette Kelley second.



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

| Position              | 2018                       | Attendance |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Acting President      | Doug Savage                | P          |
| Acting Vice President | Carolyn Aarup              | P          |
| Treasurer             | Julie Fitzsimmons          | P          |
| Secretary             | Laurie Goble               | P          |
| Director              | Cathy Fisher               | P          |
| Director              | Anette Kelley              | P          |
| Director              | Sarah McNeil               | P          |
| Director              | Caroline Moor              | P          |
| Director              | Alysia Reichertz           | P          |
| Director              | Tracy Sammons              | P          |
| Youth Director        | Faith Dennis               | P          |
| Honorary Director     | Bev Beesley                | P          |
| Honorary Director     | Mary M <sup>c</sup> Kibbon | E          |
| Honorary Director     | Laurie Green               | A          |
| Additional Attendees: | 12 Members & 1 Guest       |            |
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**P = Present**

**E = Excused**

**A = Absent**



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## Review of Club Points Show Entry Fees

|                  | Cash In   | # horses | \$1 increase<br>(\$6) | \$2 increase<br>(\$7) | \$3 increase<br>(\$8) | Needed to break even |
|------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Brooklin 2017    | \$265.00  | 53       | \$318.00              | \$371.00              | \$424.00              | \$9.44               |
| Orangeville 2017 | \$290.00  | 58       | \$348.00              | \$406.00              | \$464.00              | \$8.63               |
| Collingwood 2017 | \$285.00  | 57       | \$342.00              | \$399.00              | \$456.00              | \$8.78               |
| Total            | \$840.00  |          | \$1,008.00            | \$1,176.00            | \$1,344.00            |                      |
| Year End Deficit | -\$660.00 |          | -\$492.00             | -\$324.00             | -\$156.00             |                      |

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| Brooklin 2016    | \$200.00  | 40 | \$240.00  | \$280.00  | \$320.00   | \$12.50 |
| Orangeville 2016 | \$265.00  | 53 | \$318.00  | \$371.00  | \$424.00   | \$9.44  |
| Collingwood 2016 | \$235.00  | 47 | \$282.00  | \$329.00  | \$376.00   | \$10.64 |
| Total            | \$700.00  |    | \$840.00  | \$980.00  | \$1,120.00 |         |
| Year End Deficit | -\$800.00 |    | -\$660.00 | -\$520.00 | -\$380.00  |         |

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| Brooklin 2015    | \$295.00  | 59 | \$354.00   | \$413.00   | \$472.00   | \$8.48 |
| Orangeville 2015 | \$315.00  | 63 | \$378.00   | \$441.00   | \$504.00   | \$7.94 |
| Collingwood 2015 | \$315.00  | 63 | \$378.00   | \$441.00   | \$504.00   | \$7.94 |
| Total            | \$925.00  |    | \$1,110.00 | \$1,295.00 | \$1,480.00 |        |
| Year End Deficit | -\$575.00 |    | -\$390.00  | -\$205.00  | -\$20.00   |        |