



2019 CHILLIWACK RIDING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Attendance: 54 members signed-in

Meeting called to order at 5:03pm at the Chilliwack Fish and Game Protective Association Hall

Riesa Kyne read minutes from 2018 AGM. Riesa Kyne makes motion to adopt 2018 minutes as having been read, seconded by Kaitlin Tottenham.

TREASURY REPORT

October 2018 closing balance: **\$8529.03**

October 2019 closing balance: **\$8173.23***

*includes a deposit made in early November as money was received before year end cut off

Major Expenses: arena rentals (open ride, gymkhanas, clinics), clinicians, year-end awards/decorations/food, annual operating costs

Major Income: gymkhanas, clinics, membership dues, fundraisers

Total operating costs for November 2018 to October 2019: \$2492.88

Operating costs include Capri Insurance, BC Societies fees, advertising (Saddle Up Magazine), website domain, ribbon purchases, Atchelitz Threshermen's Association (clubhouse rental), and miscellaneous fees to maintain the Club.

Open Ride Expenses:

The Club has offered Open Ride throughout the year free of extra cost for members and \$10 drop-in for non-members. Directors voted to book both Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-8pm to make up for the lack of available bookings at Heritage Park. Directors feel this is a way to give back to the members who are riders of all disciplines and can make use of, and can benefit from, the Open Ride arena time.

Income, Non-Members: \$80.00

Income from memberships: \$1446.00

Expenses (arena rental): \$2263.80

Total Open Ride Deficit: \$737.80

Fundraising Income: \$1974.70

This income covers the Open Ride deficit with money left to be used for club purchases and maintenance.

ARCHIVES

The Chilliwack Riding Club now rents a small clubhouse on the Atchelitz Threshermen's Association (ATA) property. Many old trophies, photos, tack, and news articles are on display there. The club house is also used to store much of the Club's property. This clubhouse is open to all members and it is open to the public during ATA events such as the Small Engine Show and the Chilliwack Fair, as per our contract with that group.

BOOKINGS

It has been an ongoing issue to try to establish rental bookings at Heritage Park. The Club has had bookings bumped for other events and no advance bookings have been permitted, making it very challenging to organise large events. Going forward, escalation with upper levels of management will likely be required.

CLINICS

Anna Gimblett Back to Basics Clinic - May 5th
Sarah Wright Roping Clinic - cancelled
West Coast Working Equitation Clinic - April 1st

The Club will need to work with members and non-members to create more enthusiasm for different clinics. This could be a very mutually beneficial program if more riders became involved.

DRILL

The drill team was on hiatus for the 2019 season, due to lack of interest. There has been no discussion about resurrecting the drill team for the 2020 season.

FUNDRAISING

The Riding Club decided to start selling, by donation, food items at events. This has generated income and has in turn allowed directors to provide more variety of foods. This has been very beneficial.

The Chilliwack Riding Club hosted a pub night in September at Duke's Pub. The main objective is to raise funds to replace the antiquated and faulty timers that are estimated to be more than 25 years old. The cost of new timers is USD \$805 and the fundraiser raised CAN\$1568.75

Members participated in the in-field clean-up after the Chilliwack Fair in August. This raised \$500 for the Club.

GOODWILL

The Riding Club had cards printed up this year. "Thank you" and blank cards were made with the Riding Club logo printed inside. These have been very useful.

Cards sent to:

Pauline Dyck - passing of Doug Boyd
Bernice Whiting - injury
Family of Jack Mussell - passing of Jack
Ron Pilat - gratitude for trail maintenance
Family of Larry Player - passing of Larry

Cards will also be sent to all sponsors who donated items for prizes and silent auctions.

The Chilliwack Riding Club had three members ride in the Yarrow Days parade in June

GYMKHANA

Gymkhanas were executed differently this year. Instead of one person acting as the lead organizer, multiple directors took responsibility for individual tasks. This led to greater participation and accountability from the directors and reduced "burn-out" by one individual having to try to tackle this very large monthly responsibility.

Rider turn-out, on average for the year, was the highest it's been in a number of years. Much of this can be attributed to improved engagement with the members and riders *and* riders from other clubs in the surrounding area, and to give-aways and rider draws at all of the rider functions.

The Chilliwack Riding Club abolished the "green" rider division and instead created a "peewee" division for riders nine years of age and under.

There are highpoint qualifiers for all divisions this year.

It was decided that the Club should "employ" a judge for each gymkhana at a rate of \$50 for the day. This adds stability and certainty to the events. Anita Lem filled this position for the 2019 season.

HORSE SHOW

No horse shows were hosted this year. Due to declining interest and ridership in previous years, it was decided to cancel plans for any shows in 2019. There is a possibility of hosting a small number of shows in the 2020 season.

INVENTORY

Most of the Club's inventory is now being stored in the Clubhouse located at the Atchelitz Threshermen's Association next to Heritage Park.

We are working on organizing and displaying, in the club house, some of the inventory. On display there are many old trophies won by the Club over the years which includes a drill team trophy won in Oliver, BC in the 1960s. There are also picture albums, scrapbooks, original drill team shirts, and tack.

Other inventory stored in the clubhouse is the PA system, timers, 2-ways radios, CD player and a few other electronics. Our club flags and poles, drill equipment, decorations, and the previous years minutes and other reports. Larger items used for our gymkhanas and horse shows are stored in our container, located on the Heritage Park site.

Some old trophies were given away to Freedom Reins

MEMBERSHIP

Corinne and Wolfgang Kriegl have been inducted as honorary members to the Chilliwack Riding Club.

All Chilliwack Riding Club members have been invited to participate in Back Country Horsemen of BC, Yarrow events and functions at their member rate.

The Club has 85 members for 2019, including 19 honorary memberships.

Coordinating the online registration and membership payments was not successful. Far too much time was spent trying to track down payments, receipts, membership cards, and proof of payment. A more streamlined approach will need to be made for 2020.

MEDIA

Regular Saddle Up Magazine submissions were made during the course of the year.

Facebook was updated at least weekly during the year.

The website was updated at least monthly during the year.

OPEN RIDE

Open Ride still appears to have stable levels of attendance. The Riding Club may consider organised games or drill nights during the occasional Open Ride to stimulate participation. The Club may also consider an Open Ride and/or Trail Riding Log book to qualify for a year-end award.

SOCIAL

No social events were organised outside of the fundraiser. There had been discussion of a Christmas party, it is still TBD.

TRAIL

There were no organised group trail rides this year, but there were several informal rides created in lieu of unavailable Open Ride bookings at Heritage Park. These were fun rides with an average turn-out of 10-15 riders.

The Club has continued the relationship with the City of Chilliwack in the Adopt-A-Trail program with regular clean-ups. Trails have been in very decent condition. It has been mentioned that a tool to assist with manure clearing from horse-back would be very beneficial.

The Rotary Trail has had some upgrades at the Southern Rail trestle bridge. Changes including 3-tiered mounting blocks on both sides of the trestle and better clearance under it have been major improvements for the equine user groups. There has also been a trail added under the trestle on the south side of the bridge. There are still ongoing problems and conflicts with off-leash dogs and increasing cyclist traffic. ALL incidents of abuse of trail and broken rules should immediately be reported to the City of Chilliwack.

The Riding Club may look into working more closely with other trail users to help maintain trails next year. A donation was made this year to the Yarrow Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen to help fund their projects.

BYLAWS

The current bylaws, revised last in 1985, still need updating. A few small changes have been made, but a significant level of resistance has been put forth by some directors. The bylaws are absolutely not functional, are simply too antiquated, and require immediate further review.

AGM/BANQUET

The AGM and banquet will be held at the Chilliwack Fish and Game Protective Association. Letters of invitation were sent via email (as per one of the updated bylaws) and in person or via Canada Post for any member without a valid email address.

This is an election year. Riesa Kyne, the incumbent, is standing for re-election. Corinne Kriegl is the other director running in the election.

If unsuccessful for her bid as president, Corinne Kriegl would like to let her name stand for another term. Tanya Jones will not be returning for another term. All other directors with completed terms will reserve the right to stand for another term until the election is completed.

Directors: term complete

Tanya Jones
Riesa Kyne
Lindsay Adam
Kaitlin Tottenham
Corinne Kriegl
Aidan Kyne

Directors: year remaining

Barb Bodholdt
Penny Boldt
Luanne Yellowfly
Devona Hartskamp

New directors: Lindsay Adams and Shanna Wegener for two-year term. Riesa Kyne, Lindsay Adam, Kaitlin Tottenham, Corinne Kriegl, and Aidan Kyne sworn in for a two-year term.

President: Riesa Kyne has been re-elected president. Votes counted by Helen Larson and Tanya Jones. Riesa Kyne made motion to destroy ballots, seconded by Barb Bodholdt. Ballots destroyed after being counted.

Directors sworn in by Helen Larson at 8:20pm.

MEMBER QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is the total operating cost of the clubhouse per year?
 - Corinne - \$315 for rental, including utilities

Prizes Awarded:

Leadline

1st - Grant Kyne
2nd - Alec Kyne
3rd - Lucius Felling
Runners-Up: Tirzah Felling and Scott Kyne

Peewee

1st - Hayden Thompson
2nd - Peyton Haan
3rd - Lydia Felling
Runners-Up: Jordyn Folk, Hannah Lewis, Kinsley Lewis, Emerson Vanleeuwen

Junior:

1st - Savannah Forstbauer
2nd - Ellie Garcia
3rd - Dallas McAuley

Youth:

1st - Kassie Brennan
2nd - Taylor Hoogerdyk

Senior:

1st - Chelsey Folk
2nd - Selina Hartskamp
3rd - Erin Cyrankiewicz

Novice:

1st - Megan McKay
2nd - Tanya Thompson
3rd - Selina Hartskamp

Fast Times:

Barrels - Megan McKay
Pole Bend - Chelsey Folk
Keyhole - Chelsey Folk
Stakes - Erin Cyrankiewicz
Pole Turn - Erin Cyrankiewicz

Most Improved Rider - Hayden Thompson
Most Improved Horse - Yeah I'm Firen "Rolex" owned by Tanya Thompson
Sportsmanship, Senior - Corinne Kriegl
Sportsmanship, Junior - Ellie Garcia
Service - Barb Bodholdt

Meeting adjourned: 8:52pm.