**Colorado Horse Council Annual Meeting Minutes**

Virtual Via Zoom

October 23, 2021, 1:00 PM

**Legend:**

MSP = Moved, Seconded, Passed

MSF = Moved, Seconded, Failed

REP = Report information presented; no motion enacted on

**Call to Order** by CHC President Bruce Seymore at 1:04 pm. There were 32 participants present plus proxies equaling a quorum.

**Welcome** by Bill Scebbi, CEO/Executive Director

**Secretary’s Report** – Vivien Van Buren, Secretary

**MSP** = The minutes from the October 2020 Colorado Horse Council Annual Meeting were presented to the membership for approval.

**MOTION:** To approve the October 24, 2020 CHC Annual Meeting minutes as presented.

**Election of Board of Directors** – Nominating Committee

**MSP** = The 2021 election slate of CHC Director nominees, including new candidates Ron Pietrafesco and Mark Skelton along with incumbents Edmund Hartl and Mark Moore, were introduced to the membership.

**MOTION:** To accept the uncontested 2021 election slate of Directors by acclamation and proxy.

**Guest Speakers** –Bill Scebbi, CEO/Executive Director

**REP** = **Dr. Maggie Baldwin:** Colorado State Veterinarian – who talked about Dr. Morgan McCarty, the assistant state veterinarian. She spoke about the overall livestock and equine health and as well as the different reportable diseases. She also discussed the workings of health certificates interstate and electronic health certificates. She also spoke about the Equine Disease Communications Center and they are trying to increase state veterinary presence.

**REP** = **Paul Andrews:** National Western Stock Show Complex – who spoke about Stock Show 2022. Looking forward to the building of the Stockyard Event Center in the future and the Livestock Center is to break ground in 2022. There is a ballot measure to replace the Denver Coliseum with a 10,000-seat arena for Denver voters to decide in November.

**REP** = **Chris Whitney:** Brand Commissioner, Colorado Brand Board – who spoke about the Department of Agriculture with his division consisting of 68 men and women. There are 60 Brand Inspectors who protect livestock and equine from being stolen, etc. Anytime there is a change of ownership, sale or gift there needs to be a new brand inspection. If the animal is being driven over 75 miles from home base or going out of state, the brand certificate must travel with the horse. He spoke about new technology as well as microchipping. The phone number for Brand Inspection is 303 869 9160.

**President’s Report** – Bruce Seymore, CHC President

**REP** = Bruce spoke about the importance of working together, liability issues, and microchipping. He talked about Bally’s Arapahoe Park and a donation made to the Equine Heritage Foundation as well as a Federal Racing Integrity Act being implemented with a Standing Committee in racing safety that will leave the door open for other regulations.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Andrea Raschke, Treasurer

**MSP** = Andrea presented the balance sheet and P & L for approval

**MOTION:**  To approve the CHC October 2020 through September 2021 financial statements.

**Colorado Horse Development Authority (CHDA)** – Dennis Kuehl, CHDA President

**REP** = Dennis spoke about the CHDA, its function and to protect equine development.

**Legislative and Regulatory Report**- Jennifer Boulton, CHC Board Member

**REP** = Legislature starts in about 2 months, and so far, nothing looks dangerous to the horse industry. The PAWS initiative was shut down, but animal industries need to remain vigilant for similar legislation.

**CEO/Executive Director Report** – Bill Scebbi, CEO/Executive Director

**REP =** It’s been a tough 10 months; Bill is the sole employee of the Colorado Horse Council. He has been dealing with the Website and explained how Equine City Hall works. The Heritage Foundation is up and running and is a 501(c)3 and spoke about that it is to protect the Heritage of the horse and to educate. In addition, Bill works with the Coalition of the Horse with 28 other states.

Bill spoke about the 2022 Rocky Mountain Horse Expo, that the Westernaires will be a part of it this year with their youth programs. He also spoke about Equus Film being part of the Expo, BreyerFest West, Authors Corner, Horse 101, The Mane Event, the Obstacle Challenge, the Select Horse Sale, the Trade Show, and the World of Horses Breed Show. Julie Goodnight will be at the Expo.

He also gave an update on the Heritage Rides.

**Membership Input Q&A**

**REP** = A member spoke about horse rescues and adoptions happening with the Unwanted Horse Coalition.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – None

**Meeting Adjournment**

**MSP** = to adjourn at 2:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by CHC Secretary Vivien Van Buren