

Colorado Horse Council Annual Meeting Minutes

Virtual Via Zoom

October 29, 2022, 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 CEO Bill Scebbi at 1:06 pm. There were 34 participants present on Zoom plus there were 5 proxies equaling a quorum (see attached Attendance List).

Welcome by Bill Scebbi, CEO/Executive Director for Bruce Seymore, President

Secretary's Report – by Andrea Raschke, Treasurer, for Vivien Van Buren, Secretary

MSP = The minutes from the October 2021 Colorado Horse Council Annual Meeting were presented to the membership for approval.

MOTION: To approve the October 29, 2021 CHC Annual Meeting minutes as presented.

Election of Board of Directors – Nominating Committee

MSP = The 2022 election slate of CHC Director nominees including new candidates Danna Golden, Wendy Lind, Hillary Leeman, Karen Pickering, and Monique Santilli along with incumbents Andrea Raschke and Bruce Seymore, were introduced to the membership.

MOTION: To accept the uncontested 2022 election slate of Directors by acclamation and proxy.

[NOTE: Hillary Leeman never paid her CHC membership dues and was therefore ineligible to serve as a Director per the CHC Bylaws.]

Guest Speakers – Bill Scebbi, CEO/Executive Director

REP = Dr. Maggie Baldwin: Colorado State Veterinarian – who talked about staffing updates at the Colorado Department of Agriculture as well as the Avian Flu outbreak where Colorado lost 85% of its table egg laying chickens. There was also an equine mortality event at the Canyon City facility where multiple mustangs died of the Equine Influenza along with other comorbidities.

REP = Kendra McConnell (via prerecorded video): National Western Stock Show Horse Show Manager – who spoke about City & County of Denver and CSU partnership with the National Western Center along with an update on the status of several of the new buildings benefiting horses and livestock. The Equestrian Center building will have to be deferred until new funding becomes available.

President's Report – Bill Scebbi, CEO, for Bruce Seymore, CHC President

REP = Bill reported that CHC is excited to get everybody to work together on behalf of horses via the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo, CHC Memberships, and other products and services offered by the Colorado Horse Development Authority and the Equine Heritage Foundation. Sadly, many equine clubs have failed in the 2.5 years since Covid making ongoing support for volunteer groups even more critical.

Treasurer's Report – Andrea Raschke, Treasurer

MSP = Andrea presented the Balance Sheet and P & L for approval and audit

MOTION: To approve the CHC October 2021 through September 2022 financial statements.

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

REP = Dennis explained that CHDA is comprised of equine representatives and organizations from across Colorado. CHDA works to identify fund raising opportunities and programs that benefit horses, including being instrumental in helping to create the new Equine Heritage Foundation where even small donations can make a difference.

Legislative and Regulatory Report – Jennifer Boulton, CHC Board Member

REP = Jen gave the update that everyone is focused on the 2022 mid-year elections next month and the impact the results will have on our industry going forward. Animal rights activists will continue to pose a threat, and even legislation involving pesticides risks negatively impacting horses. Trail access, development in general, and even fencing for stallions will be on the table.

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

REP = Bill described how horses play a key role in Colorado's top two industries: agriculture and tourism. Covid cancelations and the resulting economic stress has been hard on horse councils nationwide. The 2022 Rocky Mountain Horse Expo was smaller than prior years (there was no Expo in 2021) with many vendors not having products due to supply chain issues. However, a lot of proud and enthusiastic attendees enjoyed the event. The goal for the 2023 Expo will be to continue to expand the horse experience while trying to keep down costs. Bill is also working on rebuilding all four websites that will assist in networking our equestrian community with the availability of a strong database support system. He noted the need for volunteers to help in all areas of our organizations with CHC founded in 1972, the Expo starting in 1992, CHDA formed in 1998, the Equine City Hall created in 2016, and the non-profit Equine Heritage Foundation being approved by the IRS in 2021.

Membership Input Q&A

REP = A member requested for attendees to breakout into separate discussion sessions [this action was not on the agenda and there was no more time to do so on the meeting's schedule].

REP = An update was given on a stakeholder meeting on slaughter awareness.

REP = The Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council is promoting youth activities along with new trail signage for horses and other users.

REP = The Cavalier Riding Club in Colorado Springs is seeking to work with other clubs and to promote membership with discounts from sponsors.

REP = An update was given on the acquisition of the Colorado Horse Park in Parker by an ownership group of the Littleton Equine Medical Center that plans to continue hosting shows as well as to build a new veterinary practice on the site.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Meeting Adjournment

MSP = to adjourn at 2:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Raschke, CHC Treasurer, on behalf of Vivien Van Buren, Secretary