

**THE HORSEMEN'S BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

MINUTES of the Teleconference Emergency BOARD MEETING

HELD on March 25, 2020 at 4:00 pm

HBPA of BC President David Milburn, called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

a) Officers of the Association

David Milburn---President
Steve Henson---Vice-President
Gary Johnson---Vice-President
Neil Stajkowski---Secretary-Treasurer

b) Directors of the Association

Philip Hall	Barb Heads
Mary Anne Baumgartner	Nancy Betts
Michael Bye	Warren Wilson (at 4:45 pm)
Ed Claggett	Linda Lytle (absent with cause)

Neil announced that Linda was travelling and so was unable to join and Warren was detained with a matter and so joined late – Neil informed Warren of the meetings content prior to joining

Item 1 – Update of Current Track Matters

President David Milburn provided a general update to the Board on the numerous recent conversations he has been involved in with industry and GCGC representatives.

There have been many decisions made recently, out of the control of the horsemen, by both the government and the GCGC. The current status is:

- No training allowed effective Saturday March 28.
- Boarding may continue but there can be no track exercising of horses other than walking as there will be no outriders or other GCGC supplied support personnel.
- Access to the grounds is subject to a signed waiver by each person to abide by all the GCGC conditions.
- Current rooms used as full accommodations by any horse handlers will continue to be accessible and useable subject to signing the GCGC waiver.
- There is no time applied to ending these conditions.

President Milburn said that the goal of the negotiations with industry personnel has and will continue to be to get training and racing going as soon as possible. He said the recent accommodations made by GCGC met the concerns previously expressed relating to displacement of people and horses although it did not deal with the continuation of training matter. Discussions have included GPEB and Standardbreds as well and although they have a view, GCGC currently has the final decision. Currently no training at Fraser Downs either.

He added that the breeders will be meeting with the AG in the next day or so to talk about industry issues and the current impacts on their piece of the industry.

Gary said he think that the work that needs to be done is more related to when racing resumes. Steve said he is concerned that with no training, trainers will be in tough to keep in the business if racing is too far away. Michael asked if the ratio of one month missed training (if horses are turned out or just stabled) means one month of training down the road. Steve said that is at a minimum as if the horses are not far enough along, they would need even more training time.

There was much comment and discussion about how important training was and wondered what could be done to push GCGC to allow training to continue so a meet could begin sooner rather than later. Dave said that he does not expect GCGC to change its current policy and timing of training ending.

There was a general discussion about the current industry financial resources and whether any of that can be used to support key areas during this crisis. Dave asked the Board if they would like Glen Todd to come to the next meeting of the Board to provide financial information. The Board agreed. Dave added that the industry representatives have offered to pay for security and other track expenses to allow for training to keep going but GCGC still did not allow.

The Board approved by straw vote to allow Dave to approach the industry representatives to discuss the early payment of incentives, particularly a portion of the wintering allowance. This may be part of the discussion at the next Board meeting with Glen Todd joins, currently set for Sunday March 29 at 11:00 am via teleconference.

Item 2 – Director Resignation

Phil Hall announced that due to no racing at Hastings and the fact that he expects to be racing elsewhere, he did not feel he could add the necessary value the Board needs as a Trainer Director. and so he is resigning.

Motion: Phil Hall resign, at his request, his position of Director of the HBPA BC effective immediately. (Moved Gary/Seconded Mary-Anne) The motion passed.

Phil has discussed his decision with the next trainer on the election list from 2018, Mel Snow and he said Mel is prepared to take his seat. Dave asked Neil to verify in the by-laws the process and provided this process meets the requirements he allowed the following motion and its result.

Motion: To have Mel Snow join the Board effective immediately, subject to the President's comments. (Moved Nancy/seconded Mary-Anne) The motion passed.

(post meeting it was determined that this process is allowed within the HBPABC bylaws and so the motion as presented stands)

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm