

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

**Minutes of the Teleconference Meeting of the Board of Directors  
August 21, 2019**

**Present:**

**Officers of the Association:** David Milburn, President.

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Neil Stajkowski

**Directors of the Association:** Mary-Anne Baumgartner, Nancy Betts, Michael Bye, Ed Claggett, Phil Hall, Barbara Heads, Steve Henson, Gary Johnson, Linda Lytle and Warren Wilson.

**Unavailable:** Linda Lytle, Ed Claggett

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

**Discussion of CBSA raid at Hastings Racecourse – Monday morning at 6:30 am, August 19**

The Board was updated on the information made available to each of them from their sources as to the circumstances and the result of the CBSA raid.

President Milburn discussed the interaction he and some others have had with the media to ensure any facts were properly presented. There was concern that allegations were being made against owners as employers of personnel involved.

The issue of a press release was discussed. The Board approved (S. Henson /W. Wilson, carried) to allow the President and two Vice Presidents to approve and make any statements or releases they deemed appropriate to either the public in general, the media or to HBPA members.

It further endorsed the hiring of a lawyer (Alex Ramsay) to provide advice against a \$1000 retainer for the workers should it be required at the hearings. ( S.Henson/ W.Wilson, carried)

**Adjournment**

Having completed discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.