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2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The 35th AGM of the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse was held on Sat, May 6, 2017 at Klondike Victory Farm west of Red Deer, Alberta. There were 24 members in attendance and seven guests. Marjorie Lacy, Vice President, chaired the meeting in President Sue Gamble's absence.

Secretary Leslie Hunchuk gave her report, emphasizing that "We can only hope that all owners keep accurate records of their horses, complete bills of sales and duly ensure that registration papers are transferred to the new owner. It is the law: *'If an animal is sold as purebred, as registered or as eligible to be registered, the SELLER is obliged to provide a duly transferred certificate of registration to the buyer with 6 months of the sale.'* Often, this is not the case, making it difficult for an owner down the road to have their horse transferred into their name. When you sell a horse, be sure to send in the transfer so that it can be recorded at CLRC even if the new owner states they are not interested in the registration papers. Someday, someone may want the papers."

Treasurer Dianne Little informed us that in 2016, Unit costs at CLRC were up, and we sustained a loss of \$547.56 and spent \$13,921.06. (We'd have had a small surplus had we not made a \$1000 donation to the Fort McMurray fire equine rescue fund at our 2016 AGM.)

President Sue Gamble stated that 2016 was a year of maintaining the CRTWH in good standing for a bright future and an even better 2017. A new Director's Manual was compiled and completed by the Board of Directors, the "Horse To Remember" tribute page on our CRTWH website was introduced, and a Strategic Planning process was begun. Sue said, "If you as members have ideas of something you would like to see the registry do or improve upon, please do not hesitate to contact me or another Board member with your suggestion."

After several items of new business, it was time for the 2016 Triple Challenge Awards. Brenda Woodall presented the Ride/Drive/ALT Awards, and Dianne Little presented the Training Levels and Program For Excellence Awards, which we'll feature in upcoming issues.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm for supper and visiting.





The clinic was well attended and emphasized ways that connections between horse and human can be enhanced for a more rewarding and enjoyable experience for both. Communication, relaxation and rhythm were key elements.

There are many ways for the horse and rider to connect, starting with the human understanding the role of biomechanics, conformation and posture for the horse *and* for themselves.

Through in-hand work, leading, long lining, and driving, the understanding between horse and human improves. Equine body massage may also help a horse with soreness and stiffness to relax, making it easier to bend or flex when asked.

All these strengthen the bond between horse and human, and the greater their connection and communication, the more rewarding their time together as riding partners will be.

Clinic photos courtesy of Leslie Hunchuk.



"CONNECTIONS CLINIC"

