

**MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTORS' MEETING
CANADIAN THOROUGHBRED HORSE SOCIETY, NATIONAL OFFICE
CONFERENCE CALL**

Wednesday July 27, 2016 10:30 a.m. EDT

The National Directors' Meeting of the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Grant Watson.

The following National Directors were present:

Adrian Munro	Alberta
Grant Watson	British Columbia
Jim Alendal	British Columbia
David Pihl	British Columbia
Darin Bouchard	Manitoba
Bernard McCormack	Ontario
Yvonne Schwabe	Ontario
Glenn Sikura	Ontario

Absent with Regrets:

Brian Alexander	Alberta
Mike Vanin	Alberta

Regional/ National Personnel in attendance:

Jean Kruse	Alberta
Caitlin Grguric	National General Manager

Guest: Adrienne Herron - Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
Traceability Systems Specialist/ Provincial Equine Specialist

1. Update on the Alberta Thoroughbred Microchipping Project

Adrienne Herron, Traceability Systems Specialist/ Provincial Equine Specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry gave an update on the Alberta Thoroughbred Microchipping Project. She reports that everything is going well and there is good participation from industry stakeholders.

2. Update on the mailing of the microchips in the registration packages

Caitlin Grguric, CTHS National General Manager, gave an update on the discussions that have taken place between Rick Bailey from The Jockey Club (TJC) and the CTHS National Office on the mailing of the Registration Application Kits that contain the microchip. Caitlin reports that kits with the microchip enclosed have been mailed out from TJC.

3. Nasal vs the Nuchal Ligament

Three options for the CTHS:

- Nuchal Ligament going forward
 - o This would scrap the Alberta Thoroughbred Microchipping Project
- Nasally implanted going forward
 - o Potential problem with breeders and owners who have already received their 2016 registration application kits and may have implanted in the nuchal ligament already.
- Implant the microchip in either the neck or nasal area for the year 2016 and make nasal implanting mandatory for all Canadian Registered Thoroughbreds in 2017 and onwards.

***The CTHS National Directors' discussed the options.

Motion:

The Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society welcomes any owner and breeder who wishes to microchip their horse(s) in the nasal area or the nuchal ligament (on the left side of the neck) for the year 2016, as the microchip is not a mandatory requirement for the year 2016, but would encourage a nasal implant. In 2017, when it is mandatory to implant microchips, any Canadian-bred Thoroughbred being registered with the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society shall require a nasal implanted microchip.

Moved By: Adrian Munro

Seconded By: David Pihl

Passed: Yes

4. On-line payment option on CTHS National Website

Caitlin Grguric, CTHS National General Manager, gave an update to the CTHS National Board of Directors' that an on-line payment option for members to pay for registrations and memberships online through the CTHS National Office website is moving along, and will hopefully be available before the end of the summer.

5. By-laws

Caitlin Grguric, CTHS National General Manager, gave an update to the CTHS National Board of Directors' that the proposed amendments to the CTHs By-laws for the year 2016 will be mailed out to CTHS voting members by the end of the week.

6. Consignor contracts

Grant Watson, President of the CTHS, requested that a blank copy of all the Regional Divisions sales contracts/consignors contracts/acknowledgment of purchase excreta, be maintained in the National Office, for ease of access.

7. Vote on the Eligibility of Sales Stakes Horse(s)

Grant Watson, President of the CTHS gave an update to the CTHS National Board of Directors' on an issue of eligibility that has been raised of a horse entered in the Alberta Sales Stakes, as part of the Western Sales Stakes Series. The CTHS National Board of Directors' were provided with documents pertaining to the issue and asked to review them prior to voting on the issue. The National Directors' from Alberta and British Columbia abstained from voting on the issue, the remaining National Directors' voted to defer to the legal counsel that was provided for their review. It was voted that the horse in question is not eligible to run in either the Alberta or Manitoba Sales Stakes but still remains eligible to run in the BC Sales Stakes.

Call ended: 12.00 pm