

CQHA Director's Report

The CQHA negotiated a five-year corporate sponsorship agreement with MBNA which included a sub-agreement with each participating Canadian AQHA affiliate. Starting in 2009, this agreement provides for an annual payment of \$1,000 from CQHA to MQHA in return for promoting MBNA Canada as its official "affinity" credit card, on the MQHA website and in the MQHA E-Newsletter. The CQHA has also approved an MQHA funding request in 2010 of \$3,000 for reimbursement of expenses pertaining to the 2010 AQHA/MQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Competition and sponsorship of the 2010 AQHA Region Three Championship show.

The CQHA represents the interests of Canadian Quarter Horse owners and breeders through its affiliation with Equine Canada's Industry Division. Various members of the CQHA Board of Directors serve on Equine Canada councils, task forces, and committees. As of 2010-11, two CQHA Directors serve on Equine Canada's Board of Directors, Laurie Haughton of Ontario is an elected Director At Large, and myself, appointed by the Industry Council.

The CQHA held its 2010 Annual General Meeting in Montreal in February, in conjunction with Equine Canada's Annual Conference. A motion was passed to hold the 2011 AGM in February, 2010 in Ottawa, Ontario, in conjunction with Equine Canada's 2011 Annual Conference. Sue Wallis of Wyoming, was the keynote speaker at the 2010 AGM, and she spoke about the issues of unwanted horses (from the US and within Canada) and their effects on the Canadian horse market. Cindy Schonholtz of Colorado was the keynote speaker at the 2011 AGM and she spoke on the topic of Animal Welfare and Animal Rights Issues Facing the Horse Industry. Both speakers were generously sponsored by NAERIC.

CQHA projects for 2010 included:

- publishing the 2010 edition of the CQHA Directory distributed in March, both domestically and internationally, including the 2010 World Equestrian Games.
- Supporting the first-ever Canadian-hosted AQHA Regional Championship Show in Langley, BC in July, which set records for entries and new exhibitors over 2009 and included 39 4-H members and their horses.
- sponsoring Team Canada at the 2010 AQHA Youth World Cup held in Oklahoma City, OK in July. The Team placed 5th overall out of 16 countries.
- representing the Canadian Quarter Horse industry at the World Equestrian Games held in Louisville, KY in September. Team Canada won the bronze medal in individual Reining during the Games.

Respectfully submitted,
Marnie Somers
MQHA Director on CQHA Board
