



MAY NEWS

Special Election Edition

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CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF HARNESS RACING BC:

The new board will consist of 4 Breeders, 4 Owners and 4 Trainers/Drivers to total 12 Directors. Ballots papers and envelopes have been sent out to those members registered as at the 30th of April and who are eligible to vote and the candidates are (listed alphabetically):

BREEDERS

GAR CAMPBELL
BOB CHADWICK
BRETT CURRIE
RICK TURNER
DAVID WOOLLEY
JOHN ZAHARA

OWNERS

SUE ALLAN
AL BIRD
HEATHER DAVIES
PAUL GILLEY
NIGEL HOLMES
JIM VINNELL

TRAINERS/DRIVERS

RICHARD CRAIG
WAYNE GABOURY
GRANT HOLLINGSWORTH
DAVE HUDON
WAYNE ISBISTER
JAMES JUNGQUIST
SCOTT KNIGHT
JIM MOHORICH
RICK WHITE

*Larry Schmidt has withdrawn as an Owner candidate

The following are messages to members put forward by some candidates:

Sue Allan

I have been directly involved in Standardbred Racing in BC for over 20 years. Working within the industry as a groom, an assistant trainer, program co-ordinator for Greener Pastures and as an owner. In addition to working within the racing industry I have more than ten years of experience in a management capacity working for both a large retail outlet (\$8 million in sales per annum) and as a restaurant manager (\$3.5 million in sales per annum).

My specialized training was to go into stores with service and staffing issues and turn the business to a profitable location. I believe that my past experience and understanding of both Standardbred racing and business can be combined to help move the Standardbred racing and breeding industry forward.

Richard Craig

I have been involved with Standardbred Racing for some forty years. During this time, I have been active as a Director on the following boards: BCSA, SSHA, CTA and Standardbred Canada. We must endeavor to promote Harness Racing as an important part of the Horse racing Industry.

Heather Davies:

Goals: To work at promoting and supporting harness racing at Fraser Downs

To build on the strengths of the present breeding and stakes programs

To do everything possible to ensure fair and adequate purses for all classes of horses

I'm a hands-on owner whose been involved with Standardbreds for over 40 years, breeding and raising homebreds and buying the occasional one too. You can usually find me on the backstretch on race days.

I'm also a teacher with extensive experience in union negotiation, and writing for Government grants. I like to think I'm a good listener and a team player and know we all can work together for the survival and prosperity of our industry. It's all about racing horses.

Paul Gilley



PAUL GILLEY – I have been an owner and breeder of Standardbreds using the stable name Seaspray Stables for 6 years and as such, am relatively new to the sport. Attracting new owners and breeders is very important for the future of Harness racing in B.C. My goal serving on the board would be to focus our energy on developing incentives for breeders and new owners and ensuring that the opportunity for success in this industry extends to more players.

Nigel Holmes



I recently have retired from 36 years working in sales management in the consumer packaged goods industry. I have been involved in horse racing, initially in Ontario from the early 1970's and in B.C since 1993. I remain passionate about the sport and feel we have to be diligent in safeguarding the future of the sport. I believe we can be successful in this goal if we work as a unified group effort to clearly determine the key issues and put the measures in place to secure our future.

James Jungquist

Hello fellow horseman and woman with the election quickly approaching for the new board members I would like to give a brief synopsis of why I would like to become a Director of our association. I would like to bring back the sense of family and togetherness the horsemen used to have. There used to be a sense of pride in the backstretch and between the horsemen, if one horseman fell on hard time we banded together to help out. Unfortunately that seems like

a distant memory, like large crowds at Sandown or a live handle at Fraser Downs of 300 000, but a memory that can be reality again.

That brings me to the second reason I believe I would be an invaluable asset to the board. I believe it is absolutely of the utmost importance we demand more or at least equal advertising to the thoroughbreds. How can we expect to improve anything if we don't tell anyone what's going on at our facility. We have put the best product on the track in years and the failure to promote it has been a huge disappointment. I am at the age of our ideal patron and have many ideas to promote our sport in new and exciting ways. I am proud of our sport and of being a horseman and want to bring as many people out to see the beautiful animals we are lucky enough to work with. I think if we bring the crowd and new patrons equal higher handle and new owners.

Third and last yet most controversial I believe we need to close off the breeding program in BC to mean a BC bred means the stud and mare both stand in BC. I am of the opinion that if we close of the breeding our breeding population will go up, since we opened the breeding our numbers have declined every year.

There are many more things I would like to discuss such as a possible dental program for the horseman as well as a retirement fund but I do not have the space here. Please feel free to come talk to me or call. I am willing to answer any questions

Jim Vinnell

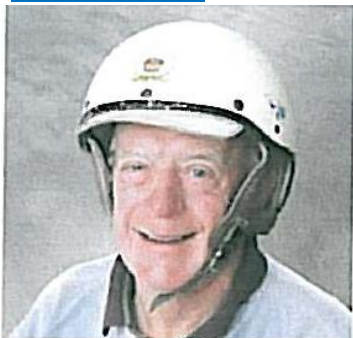
I have served on the board for several terms and, should you see fit to re-elect me, will continue to vigorously strive for improvements within our industry. I try to represent each and every individuals interest, not just my own.

In past years I was involved in many of the successful negotiations that resulted in what looked to be the return of prosperity to our Standardbred Industry. Unfortunately, the depressed state of our horse betting industry has eliminated all that and we have been forced to take some steps backwards in order to save the entire horse racing industry.

Now, more than ever we need experienced individuals representing our needs at the table. Put my 15 years plus to work for you. Vote Jim Vinnell as an Owner Representative.

Rick White: I will work hard for the B.C. Horsemen and the B.C. Bred Horse.

David Woolley



I have served as a director of the B.C.S.A. for over 10 years. This has included two terms as President. My main objective, if elected, will be to revitalize wagering at Fraser Downs. At present the pari- mutual system is not working at many racetracks due to small pools. This betting decline is killing wagering. We must address this problem if racing is to survive. We have to bring back the two dollar bettor.

***REPLACEMENT BALLOT**

You are about to receive a **REPLACEMENT BALLOT** for the HRBC Board Election currently in progress. **The closing date for return will now be extended to June 11th, 2010.**

The new package, which you will receive in the mail, is complete and there is no need to open the original if you have not already done so.

To explain briefly, there are two (2) issues which some candidates were not happy with and, in order to ensure complete confidence in your new Board and your administration, we have acted to replace the ballot to remove these issues and to extend the closing date appropriately. The first issue was the numbering of the ballot papers. Although, all care was taken to ensure that the numbered ballots were random and there was no record kept of any names with respect to the numbers, some candidates felt that it could be perceived that secrecy of the ballot could be compromised.

The new replacement Ballots, which you will receive, are marked by stamp and initial, so that they may be identified as originals, but not otherwise differentiated.

The second issue was the rule that members “must vote for four (4) candidates in each category”. This was done because of the unique nature of the first election of the new amalgamated Society....that is, electing all 12 new directors to two different lengths of term, all at the same time. Each member voting for four candidates in each category would ensure that the four elected in each category were, statistically, the most frequently selected.

However, some candidates believed it to be either constitutionally incorrect or illegal to insist that members must vote for four in each category, rather than having the option of voting for “up to four...”. The original rule is not covered in our by-laws or in the Societies Act, nor is it “illegal”, however, Robert’s Rules of procedure suggest that the ballot should enable people to vote for less than the maximum, if they so choose.

The new replacement Ballots, specify that members may vote for up to four (4) candidates in each category. They can be distinguished from the original by having burgundy/red headings and the new closing date.

Thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience. Let us begin the new era of Harness Racing BC, as intended with amalgamation, in a spirit of trust and cooperation. Should you have any questions or feel any confusion at all, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you.

Instructions and information pertaining to the Election of Directors

Board of Harness Racing BC Society – May 2010

Harness Racing BC Society was registered on January 28th, 2010 as an amalgamation of the BC Standardbred Association and the BC Standardbred Breeders Society. An Interim Board consisting of the officers of the two amalgamated organizations has been in place from inception to enable business to proceed as normal until an election could be held.

- The elected Board is to consist of four (4) directors from each of three representative categories: (A) Breeders, (B) Owners, (C) Trainers/Drivers
- Membership to the Society was called for initially by February 28th, 2010.
- Nominations for the Board were called for at the beginning of April, 2010 from amongst registered members and interested parties, eligible to apply for membership, with a closing date of 30th of April, 2010.
- At 30th April, 2010 the nominations closed and all members registered on that date are eligible to proceed to elect the Board of Directors from among the endorsed candidates.
- All candidates and nominators were confirmed as members in good standing and all nominations were endorsed by the interim board.
- **Each member, registered as at 30 April, 2010, is to receive a ballot and must return their ballot in a sealed envelope, as provided, to the office of Harness Racing BC at the Fraser Downs racetrack backstretch not later than June 11th, 2010,** (postal address provided).
- **Each member may vote for up to FOUR (4) CANDIDATES in each category. Circling Candidates' names signifies their selection.**
- **Once completed, the ballot is to be sealed in the small ballot envelope provided, which must be placed in the addressed return envelope also provided. Note: The voting member MUST have name legibly written on the sealed return envelope** so that the returning officer can verify the voter's name and membership status. Sealed ballot envelopes will be placed in the locked ballot box until June 11th, 2010, when the returning officers will count the ballots. In this format, voting is anonymous and the results of the election will be advised to the Interim Board on June 12th, 2010.