

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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

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.

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