



**Annual General Meeting
Saturday, December 6th, 2014, 2:00-4:00pm**

NPS Council Members in Attendance:

In Person:	Cle Newhook	Jack Harris	Pamela Pippy
By phone:	Emily Chetkowski	Cindy Mehaney	Jessica Boyd
Absent:	Sarah Pearcey	Chris Aylward	
New Council Members:	Carolyn Parsons (by phone)	Jim Hansford	

1. Welcome – Cle Newhook welcomed all attendees, especially NPS members and guests

2. Results of the Election of Officers

An Election was held in November. The election chair was Terry Hickey. The nominees were uncontested therefore all positions were acclaimed. The results are as follows:

President - Cle Newhook	Vice President – Emily Chetkowski
Secretary- Sarah Pearcey	Treasurer – Pamela Pippy
Registrar – Cindy Mehaney	Membership Secretary – Carolyn Parsons
At Large – Jack Harris	At Large – Jessica Boyd
At Large – Jim Hansford	

3. Financial Update

Pam Pippy presented a Third Quarter Financial Update. See attached. The majority of NPS's fundraising efforts went to securing funds for the Dwyer pony relocation project. All funds for that project were raised separately and no expenditures were made from NPS's general operating funds. Any funds left over from the Dwyer Ponies project will be used for the upcoming census. Office expenditures were higher this year due to ordering new brochures and new registry certificates.

Pam moved that the Third Quarter Financial Update for 2014 be adopted. Seconded by Jessica Boyd. CARRIED

4. Amending the Constitution

Cle explained that anyone who is a member in good standing may cast a vote..

Pam brought 4 proxies to the table. Emily brought 4 proxies to the table. It was pointed out that there was an error on the proxies with regards to the date. After the majority voted to accept the proxies, the president disallowed them.

The following amendments are moved by the Constitutional Committee of the Newfoundland Pony Society and presented to the members in the Annual General Meeting scheduled for December 6th 2014. These amendments will come into effect immediately if carried by two-thirds of the members in good standing at the AGM.

MOTION # 1 That Section 2.11 be deleted and re-numbered accordingly:

2.11 To support through co-operation, breeders and owners in their unified effort to seek incorporation under the Animal Pedigree Act of Canada for the purpose of attaining breed status (purebred) for the Newfoundland Pony.

Moved by the Constitutional Committee, seconded by Harrison Verge, CARRIED

MOTION # 2. That the proposed change of date be adopted

Existing wording:

Section 5.4.4 Dispatch to Full members in good standing a voting package for the Election of Officers by September 15th of an Election year

Proposed new wording:

Section 5.4.4 Dispatch to Full members in good standing a voting package for the Election of Officers by November 3rd of an Election year

Moved by the Constitutional Committee, seconded by Cindy Mehaney, CARRIED

MOTION # 3. That the proposed new wording be adopted

Existing wording:

3. Section 4.5 (g) No more than two members of the same immediate family (spouse or child of member) shall serve on the Council. Should two or more such members be elected the existing elected council shall ask them to decide who shall serve and the result shall prevail and the new council shall appoint a replacement for any vacancy created. In the event that no agreement is reach between immediate family members the existing

council shall decide which family member shall serve and the remaining position(s) deemed vacant.

Proposed amendment: delete the words “Should two or more” in line 2 and substitute the words “Should more than two”

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Moved by the Constitutional Committee, seconded by Patricia Morrissey, CARRIED

MOTION # 4 That the proposed additions to the Supporting member be adopted

Existing wording:

1.2 b. “Supporting member” being any person or group who wishes to join the Society for the purposes of supporting its activities and receiving its newsletters but does not wish to be involved in the actual workings of the Society. A supporting member does not have voting privileges and cannot hold office;

The “Supporting member” membership includes the following types:

“Single Adult” – person over the age of 18 years.

“Family/Group” – reduced fee offering for a family living in the same household or recognized groups such as a Girl Guide troop, school group, 4H club, etc.

Proposed amendment is to add two more categories: namely Junior member under the age of 18 years and Corporate member

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The “Supporting member” membership includes the following types:

“Single Adult” – person over the age of 18 years.

“junior member” – person under the age of 18 years

“Corporate member” – a for-profit or not-for-profit corporation

“Family/Group” – reduced fee offering for a family living in the same household or recognized groups such as a Girl Guide troop, school group, 4H club, etc.

**Moved by the Constitutional Committee, seconded by Patricia Morrissey,
CARRIED**

MOTION # 5: That the proposed amendment be adopted

Existing wording:

8.7 In the event that the Society should wind up or dissolve, after all of its debts and liabilities have been satisfied, any remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed among members of the Society, rather will be distributed to one or more qualified donees with objects similar to those of the Society at the determination of members of the Society or by an arbiter appointed by the Sheriff where the office of the Society is situated.

The proposed amendment is to delete existing wording and replace with the following:

Proposed new wording:

8.7 In the event of dissolution, after payment of all its debts and liabilities, all remaining assets will be transferred to a qualified donee within Newfoundland and Labrador, as described in subsection 149.1 (1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

**Moved by the Constitutional Committee, seconded by Patricia Morrissey,
CARRIED**

5. Accounting for the activities of the Council

The president pointed out that the Council is a volunteer group, none of whom are being paid for their contributions. Most of the energy and focus of this year was taken up with two projects.

1. Dealing with the APA and Core working Group issues. After all meetings and correspondence, the matter is still considered unresolved and is at a standstill. No further meetings are planned.
2. The Dwyer pony relocation. A herd of 20 ponies (10 mares, 10 stallions) were removed from their home in British Columbia and transported across the country. NPS was told that the ponies were under threat and the Council decided to act in order to protect the herd. To date, 9 are now living in Newfoundland, 11 are over-wintering in Nova Scotia. Many thanks to the special caretakers who helped look after the herd on their journey home. It is noted that NPS and the ponies have received positive press reports.
3. The Part –bred Registry (previously Appendix) has been reinstated.
4. The Council will make communication a priority for 2015 and will use the updated website and other social media to disseminate information.

6. Presenting the work of committees

Membership Committee – Our membership has increased to over 110 members. More than double last year. Over 30 are pony owners. NPS hopes to continue to build on the positive trend.

Registration - The backlog inherited has been dealt with. The registrar is compiling a list of ponies for possible inclusion in the registry and explained timelines associated with the registration process.

The president discussed the intent of NPS to prepare information on registered ponies that would be helpful to breeders/owners and have it available on our website. Due to the Privacy Act NPS must be very careful of what information it releases.

The treasurer discussed the collection at The Rooms and the intent to sort and catalog it this winter. Members Vickie Walsh and Jan Snellen offered to help. They both have a background in archiving.

NPS has received a grant from the Metro Business Opportunities program which will help us develop the terms of reference for a comprehensive international census. Conach Consulting, writers of the grant proposal, will also be helping NPS determine what is required to create a digital registry.

Christopher Richardson of Cranky Goat Productions accompanied the Dwyer ponies on their trans Canada trip getting footage that will form the backbone of a 1-hr documentary on ‘The return of the Newfoundland Pony’.

NPS intends to collaborate with the Folklore Department at MUN to collect and record stories of the Newfoundland Pony dating back to the 1970's. People with knowledge and experience of the ponies through those times will be contacted and their stories documented. Byron Hierlihy has offered to help with the collection of information.

7. Providing an opportunity to meet owners/breeders of Newfoundland Ponies and other members of the Society

Several pony owners request that NPS hold an event that would allow ponies and owners to gather for an opportunity to meet and show their ponies. The event should be held in an area that is accessible to many pony owners. CBN, Clarendville, Grand Falls are possible locations. Carolyn Parsons has offered to help put an event together.

8. Discussing issues of concern to members

Harrison Verge has asked that a follow-up meeting be organized that would allow pony owners and supporters to convene and discuss issues and concerns affecting them. This meeting should also be held outside of St. John's in order to be accessible to more pony owners.

Carol Goodman informed the group that she wishes to establish a pony program that would provide a destination for school children and other interested groups allowing

them to interact with and learn about the Newfoundland Pony and its history. She has a large facility in the Goulds which can be used year round.

The president wishes to establish a Government Liaison Committee that would bring pony-related concerns to various levels of government.

9. Providing for the upcoming direction to Council year

Council plans to prepare an Operational Plan for 2015. Due to limited time, it was not discussed at this time. All suggestions are welcome.

Vickie Walsh moved that the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.