

NEWFOUNDLAND PONY SOCIETY

Newsletter

Fall /Winter 2014

Dear Friends

2014 has been a busy time for the Society. The year got off to a flying start with a well-attended Annual General Meeting and the newly elected Council immediately buckled down to the many tasks facing us. Without doubt the most immediate issue facing the whole pony community was the ongoing situation arising from proposals by the Core Working Group (CWG) that included transferring responsibility for the pony from the Government of NL to the Federal Government under the Animal Pedigree Act. The ensuing lobbying, meetings, media coverage and extensive discussion via the social media are well known by all. Suffice it to say that the end result was a complete stand-off and stalemate between the Society and the CWG and clearly the majority of owners were equally opposed to the proposals, all of which was transmitted to the Provincial Minister for Natural Resources. As far as the Council is concerned that is where the matter ends.

From the President CLE NEWHOOK

Meanwhile, Council has met on a regular schedule throughout the year and we've made considerable progress on a number of fronts as highlighted in this Newsletter, including filling three vacancies on Council; reinstatement of the Appendix Register (now re-named the Part-bred Register) and regular updates on the Society's web site.

Perhaps the most daunting and time consuming initiative by the Society was the momentous decision to help facilitate the removal of 20 NL ponies from a farm in Qualicum Beach, Vancouver Island. As this herd was clearly in grave danger we felt that we had to assist in order to ensure their safety. To lose 20 ponies from the total pony breeding population was unthinkable!

After making a direct appeal to a small group of potential donors NPS raised sufficient funds to move these ponies first to a temporary home in Alberta and then subsequently to several foster homes in Nova Scotia. Their ultimate destination is their home province of NL. The ponies return to health took longer than anticipated, but plans were adapted to accommodate their needs. Currently, seven ponies, three stallions and four mares, are in the process of being moved to Bell Island.

We are lucky to have many dedicated members and supporters, and while it's not possible to name them all, I do want to pay a special tribute to Emily Chetkowski, who worked so tirelessly on behalf of the Qualicum Beach ponies. The owner of the ponies shares in making this tribute to one and all who have helped.

Cle Newhook, President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dear member,

This is to confirm that the Newfoundland Pony Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on **December 6th, 2014 (Saturday)** commencing at **2 PM at Hotel Mount Pearl, 7 Park Avenue (Glendale Room)**.

Please find below Constitutional Amendments proposed by the Constitution Committee, as well as a copy of a proxy form for voting purposes for those members who are unable to attend. Please ensure that proxy forms are signed and presented at the AGM or returned to Secretary Sarah Peacey no later than **2 PM on Friday, December 5th** (as provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws Section 6.6).

Note that only "full" members in good standing may cast a vote at the meeting.

Constitutional Amendments

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

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.

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

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"

Proposed new wording:

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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.

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).

NPS Proxy Form

Voting Ballot for Resolutions and Constitution

Amendments

I, Name (please print your first and last name) _____,

Of Town, Province _____,

Being a full (voting) member in good standing of The Newfoundland Pony Society, I hereby designate

Name _____, a member in good standing as my Proxy for the purpose of voting by proxy at this (Annual) General Meeting of the Society being held on December 8th, 2014.

I hereby undertake to ratify and confirm all that the proxy holder may do by virtue hereof and hereby revoke any proxy previously given with respect to the Annual General Meeting.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Member in good standing – Full (voting) member whose membership is current as of the date of the AGM (December 8th, 2014) Being members of the society, NPS board members are able to act as proxy holders.

NPS Constitution

6.6 Voting at General or Annual General Meetings will be carried out by a show of hands or by secret ballot if 2/3's of those voting members present so decide. Voting by proxy can be arranged if a signed and completed official proxy form, titled NPS Proxy Form - Voting Ballot for Resolutions and Constitution Amendments, is received by post, email (scanned due to signature requirement) or fax by Council 24 hours prior to the meeting, or is delivered to Council at the meeting.

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NPS COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS 2014

On November 1st, Election Chair, Mr. Terry Hickey, Conach Consulting Inc., St. John's, NL, as the impartial and external Chair of the Nomination and Election process, confirmed the election of the following individuals to their respective positions by acclamation:

President

Cle Newhook

Registrar

Cindy Mehaney

Vice-President

Emily Chetkowski

Membership Secretary

Carolyn Parsons Chaffey

Treasurer

Pam Pippy

Councillor at Large

Jessica Boyd

Jack Harris

Secretary

Sarah Pearcey

Jim Hansford

Records relating to the nomination, seconding and acceptance process will be maintained at the office of Conach Consulting Incorporated for a period of 90 days. Please direct any questions or concerns to the undersigned.

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Cle Newhook, NPS President welcomed the newly elected Council Members.

“While I’m disappointed that not more members were nominated”, he said “I’m happy and proud to welcome this new Council and especially newcomers Carolyn Parsons Chaffey and Jim Hansford”. He noted that both Carolyn and Jim are pony owners and enthusiasts with lots of knowledge and hands-on experience. Carolyn has had a longstanding involvement in the Change Island Sanctuary, while Jim and his wife Gail own a growing herd of ponies on their premises in Goulds. The new Council will take up their duties on January 1st, 2015.

“We’re lucky to have such a dedicated and talented group of Council members” Cle said, ” and while the task of consolidating and expanding the role of NPS will have its challenges, I’m confident that this new Council is up to the task”.

Meanwhile he is calling on all members to share their ideas and suggestions, and to let Council know if they are available to help in any way.

FROM THE REGISTRAR

*Ponies added to the Newfoundland Pony Society Registry since August 2013 number 27.
There have been 13 pony transfers and 3 registry certificates reissued.*

The Part Breed Registry is now on line and we are ready to take applications. (See Below for information)

I would also like to thank the many pony owners who welcomed me onto their farms this summer as I traveled in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. I enjoyed meeting everyone and their precious ponies. Keep up the good work!

I also enjoyed my time while in Newfoundland at a Newfoundland "Pony Pals Event." I got to meet several ponies and the best part was the smiles on the kids' faces while I helped lead and take kids on and off the ponies. This always makes my heart melt! I am amazed at the great work you are doing for the pony owners and ponies across Newfoundland. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

We are working on updating our records, if any of you know of any deceased ponies please report them to the registrar. Also, if you have outstanding transfers please let's get these processed. This is important so we can keep our records as up to date as possible. If you should have any questions in regards to the registration process please contact me at: npsregistrar@gmail.com.

I look forward to helping each of you.

for the pony,

Cindy S. Mehaney, NPS Registrar

REGISTRATION OF PART BRED PONIES RESUMES.

The Newfoundland Pony Society does not encourage cross breeding of our ponies. Our goal is to increase full blooded pony numbers and to protect the breed. However, we do believe that having a Part Bred Register for crosses has merit in its own right and also provides worth to the owners of these crosses. As a result Council has re-instated the Appendix Pony Registry (now re-named Part-bred Register) with the following provisions:

1. Only ponies that are proven to be 50% or more Newfoundland pony qualify for registration as Part-Bred ponies. Parentage must be from a NPS registered pony and needs to be proven.
2. After January 1st, 2016, only part-bred ponies whose SIRE is a NPS registered full Newfoundland Pony will be eligible for Part-bred registration; Part Bred offspring of registered Newfoundland mares will not be eligible. This policy protects our mares, and discourages their being bred to anything other than a registered Newfoundland stallion. While this helps increase the full blooded herd numbers, it also gives worth and recognition to the stallions, thereby encouraging owners to keep them intact and at the same time providing stallion owners with helpful income from stud fees.
3. The same registration application process is followed as for full applications. Go to the NPS Registration page on the web site for the Application form and choose Part-Bred Registration option. For Part Bred ponies, DNA testing must be provable to a NPS registered Newfoundland Pony, which after January 1st, 2016, must be the sire.
4. Successful applicants will receive a Part Bred Newfoundland Pony Certificate. The Part Bred Registry uses a "PB" in the numbering system to denote that the named pony is a registered Part Bred Newfoundland Pony.
5. Part Bred ponies should be referred to as Part Bred Newfoundland Ponies, not as Newfoundland Ponies to avoid confusion and distinguish the difference between the part bred and full bred Newfoundland Pony.
6. The fee is the same as for full pony registration.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AND PRIVACY POLICY

With the end of the year rapidly approaching the NPS wishes to remind members that renewal time is just around the corner. This has been a year of growth and accomplishment for the society and the pony as well. Your support allows us to continue our work, of which there is much more to do to help this breed thrive once again.

Our membership currently stands at 110 members, representing 139 votes. 30 are pony owners. Those numbers have more than doubled since 2013 and we are grateful for each and every one of you.

Online membership is easy to do. Memberships include a free bumper sticker or window decal, membership card, and newsletters. With the holidays approaching, consider a gift membership for loved ones and pony enthusiasts of all ages. Better yet, make a donation in their name, or simply donate to help support our mission.



FYI - The proposed membership category changes to be voted on at the upcoming AGM include offering Junior memberships.

Please note that the newly enacted Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) requires that we ask for your permission to share your information with other members of the NPS. Select your preference accordingly on the application. Membership information will not be shared without express written consent from members.

First 3 Dwyer Ponies Arrive on Bell Island

November 10th, 2014: The first 3 Dwyer ponies have arrived safely to their new foster home on Bell Island. Their arrival was delayed for a couple of days due to high winds.



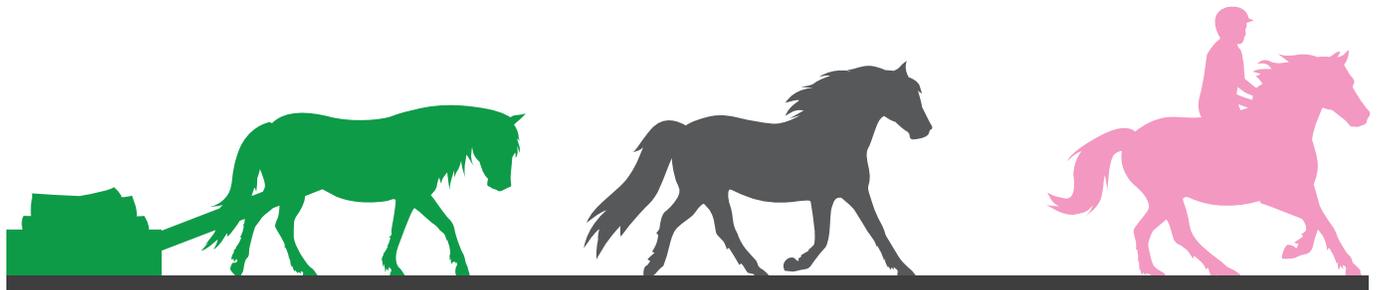
Many thanks to Carol Goodman, Embarr Stables for the layover during the inclement weather.



The ponies are 4 year old stallions – Brigus, Prince and Touton – all lovely, gentle guys, all in good health! They will be followed in the next few weeks by more ponies. The remainder will be moved next spring. Many thanks to all involved in this enterprise. The owner is grateful to all who have helped.

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