

News from Your Board

News 2006

The 2006 members' Directory

The directory will be sent at the end of April

New EIDAP electronic identification (microchips) - ISO norms

On November 24th 2005 the board of directors met and adopted the use of a new microchip electronic identification. This microchip conforms with the North American norms on the identification of equines. This falls into the animal identification program. For the CHBA it will come into effect as of December 1st 2005.

Please consult the **Microchip and Scanner** page for additional information.

What should I do with the old micro-chips I have left?

You can without a problem continue to use the micro-chips left in your personal inventory. They are always good and fonctionnal.

When you are ready for your next micro-chip order, the new ISO EIDAP micro-chips will be mailed to you. It's as simple as that. The new micro-chips will be available from 1st December 2005 at the CLRC through our registrar Ms Laura Lee Mills.

Microchip Scanner

The scanners that we presently own will not read the EIDAP ISO approved microchips. However, the CHBA has bought a scanner and if you would like to purchase one, they are available at the cost of \$255.67 plus applicable taxes.

For more information, please contact Cathleen Hall at (819) 352-1363 or by e-mail at vp@lechevalcanadien.ca.

Judgment Legal Case

Denis Duchesne a. CHBA

Please take note that the Quebec Court, small claims division, has accepted, through a judgment on November 7, 2005, the demand made by Mr. Denis Duchesne and has sentenced the CHBA to pay him the sum of \$2,517.23, plus interest, additional indemnity and costs, as

prescribed by law.

Permanent Headquarters

The lease for the CHBA's permanent headquarters situated at 59 Monfette street, suite 104, Victoriaville, has been ratified as signed. Cost is \$286 per month, heated, well-lit and with photocopy service. The site consists of two offices and one conference hall, as well as a library. One should note that the permanent CHBA headquarters is situated in a community centre. The lease has been signed until June 30, 2006 and is renewable on an annual basis.

The purchase of tables and chairs from government surplus to furnish the permanent headquarters has been ratified in the amount of \$170.

Thank You!

The CHBA board of directors would like to sincerely thank the people who have helped us to move and set up with taste our new permanent office at 59 rue Monfette, local 104, Victoriaville, Quebec.

A very special thank you goes out to Mr. Jean-Yves Châteauvert, Mr. Yvon Desrochers and Mr Gaétan Hall. Your help was most appreciated.

17 April 2006

Sylvie Denault re-elected president of Canadian Horse Breeders Association

Following the annual general meeting of the Canadian Horse Breeders Association held Saturday April 8 in St-Hyacinthe, Sylvie Denault of Beauharnois, Quebec was named president of the CHBA's board of directors for 2006. Sylvie has served on the board since February 2004 and has held the position of president for the past year.

Cathleen Hall of Victoriaville, Quebec was named vice-president, also for the second consecutive year.

Dr. Christie Riddell of Mount Uniacke, Nova Scotia was named secretary-treasurer for the second year in a row.

Other members of the board of directors are Pierre Lalonde of Nominingue, Quebec; Normand Litjens of St. Armand, Quebec; Michael Roberts of Ayton, Ontario; Raymond Robichaud of Cornwall, Ontario, and Normand Theriault of St. Martin de Beauce, Quebec.

In all, three positions on the board were up for election, two for the territorial jurisdiction of Quebec and one for Ontario. Pierre Lalonde of Nominingue, Quebec was elected by acclamation to his first three-year mandate, and Michael Roberts of Ayton, Ontario, who had sat on the board of directors since 2005, was elected by acclamation in the territorial jurisdiction of Ontario to a three-year mandate. One vacancy remains for the position of director in the Quebec territorial jurisdiction.

Members were informed that the new bylaws adopted to the tune of 75% of the members via a national postal vote have been duly signed and were put into effect on March 16, 2006 by the Minister of Agriculture of Canada. These new bylaws conform to the Animal Pedigree Act.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) agreed to the exceptional request of the CHBA that the 2006 elections be held in a hall, thus settling the question of delays and facilitating the transition of the new CHBA bylaws which prescribe for elections to be held by mail in future.

It was announced at the annual general meeting that the supervision of AAFC, which had lasted since November 2003, came to an end on April 8, 2006 since its demands have been satisfied.

Worthy of note: the adoption of a member's proposal to create a promotion committee whose mandate will be to formulate a strategic action plan. Eight members present, as well as a director, put their names on the list to participate on this committee.

The annual general meeting was followed by an interactive workshop on the Canadian horse. The list of panellists is as follows: Francois Bergeron of St. Louis de Gonzague, Quebec; Roger Catudal of Valcourt, Quebec; Patricia Garland of Williamsburg, Ontario, and Gaétan Hall of Victoriaville, Quebec. The theme pertained to the Canadian horse; conformation vs. high-level sports disciplines; training and preparation, as well as an update in the current market context.

A total of 60 active voting members coming from three different territorial jurisdictions attended the CHBA's annual general meeting.

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The administrators of the Canadian Horse Breeders Association have the pleasure of informing you that Mr Regent Lalonde and Mr. Robert Malenfant on March 23, 2006 were readmitted as members of the CHBA.

Robert Malenfant has also been reintegrated in the role of administrator. The CHBA was disposed to readmitting Regent Lalonde as an administrator as well. However, it could not do so because the Association's bylaws only enable the CHBA to have two posts of administrators for the Ontario district, and both are currently filled.

The expulsion of these two individuals as members and as administrators resulted in a procedure employed by the CHBA following consultations and an opinion from Agriculture Agrifood Canada, for the purpose of settling litigation that was dragging on, in one form or another, for several months.

At the same time, Mr. Regent Lalonde, Mr. Robert Malenfant and the CHBA have now decided to put an end to this episode in good faith, and with the firm intention - mutually agreed upon - to act in the best interests of the Canadian Horse Breeders Association.

Board of directors,
Canadian Horse Breeders Association
