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## 2022 Membership Renewal

By Gail Brandt, Secretary

It's time to renew your CCHAO membership!

The good news is that there is **no** increase in membership dues from 2021. At a time when nearly everything is going up in price, a CCHAO membership is truly a great bargain.

Moreover, when you renew this year, you will receive our new CCHAO member's pin that we hope you will wear proudly on your lapel, hat, or wherever you think it will look great.

As a CCHAO member, you will continue to receive four electronic newsletters annually, access to online webinars, and invitations to participate in events promoting the Canadian Horse. If you have news you would like to share, we are always happy to include it in the newsletter or on our website.

CCHAO is dedicated to promoting our breed, connecting Ontario owners, and facilitating fun and friendship. Members are encouraged to help set the organization's agenda so that they get what they want and need from their memberships.

You can help ensure CCHAO's future by encouraging others you know who own or are interested in the Canadian Horse to join. The membership form is easy to copy from this newsletter or download from our website. You will note that donations are also welcome, but we cannot issue tax-deductible receipts for them as we do not qualify as a registered charity.

Please renew your membership by 30 January 2022 to ensure that you continue to receive our newsletters and other communications.

## Member Profile:

### David Leitch & Anne-Marie Rocher

By David Leitch



**Astérix pulling a sleigh**

Seven years ago, Anne-Marie and I bought Canadream Dazzler Bestyme (#13974), a six-month-old dapple-brown mare, and Litjens Randy Astérix (#13893), a yearling chestnut gelding, from Marie-Josée Proulx of Canadream Farm, then located in St. Armand, Québec.



**Bestyme as a young filly**

Always horse lovers, we had never been horse owners. Now, we can't, and don't want to, imagine life without our two Canadians.



Our goal was never to show and compete. We wanted horses we could love, ride, and drive. We had to settle for the first two. One day, the Mennonite who was teaching me to drive said: “Astérix could be a great driving horse, but he needs an experienced driver to bring him along. In the meantime, you could have a serious accident. You should stick to riding.”

I didn’t argue with this advice. Canadian horses don’t have limits. They can do anything. We may also be Canadians but we have limits. We’re 66 and 71 and very risk-averse.

Fortunately, I already knew how to ride and Anne-Marie has learned to ride. Riding is more than enough fun for us. It’s the closest contact you can have with a horse. That’s what we’re after: close contact with these magnificent creatures.



David & Anne-Marie on Astérix & Bestvme

When I read *The Little Horse of Iron*, I felt kind of sorry for Lawrence Scanlan. He bought a Canadian and boarded him. That’s a necessary compromise for many people and, of course, some people don’t want to muck stalls.

But the human-horse connection doesn’t just happen in the saddle or in the carriage. We love *living* with our Canadians, all day, every day, regardless of the time, money, and work it takes to care for them. Whatever they do, they amuse and amaze, delight and surprise us, even if we have seen it all

before. Watching them express their joy on turn-out lifts the heart and starts the day right. How could we miss that?



Astérix & Bestvme

## Three Fold Farm (and the Ontario Connection)

By Margo Killoran

*(Note: Margo Killoran lives in Hamilton, Massachusetts, but has given us permission to reprint this article she wrote for her own newsletter.)*

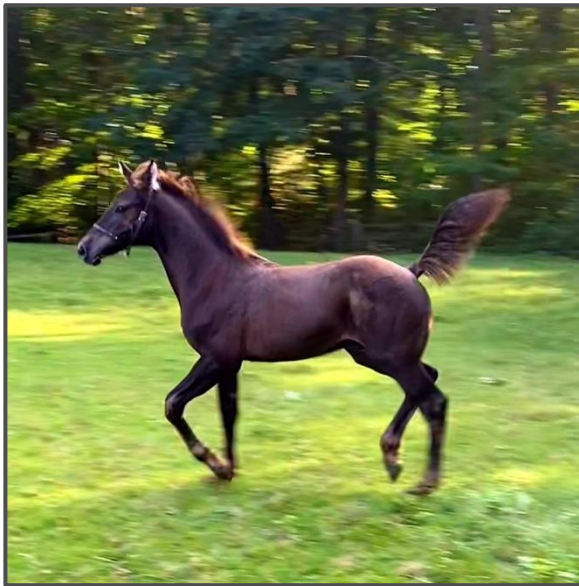
Our farm name is based on something called the “three fold law.” This philosophy is based on the idea that what you put out in the universe comes back to you three-fold. Sometimes it comes back in little ways; other times it comes back to you as a full circle. When that happens, it is incredibly gratifying.

I bring this up because this year’s colt is sold to Ontario breeder Tina McNaughton. Many years ago, Tina sold us our foundation broodmare, Pineview Surprise Molly (#11179). Our whole breeding program is based off this amazing mare and I have been grateful every day for the opportunity to have this horse. Tina and I have stayed in touch over the years, sharing pictures of Molly’s babies like two proud grandmas, and becoming good friends.



So, in 2020, when we both bred our mares to Swallowfield Eno Kelbeck, we exchanged excited emails. You see her mare, Sydney, is Molly's niece, so it was an all-in-the-family kind of feeling. We were both super excited for ourselves and each other. Thus, it was a sadness for us both when Syd went into premature labor and lost the baby. The loss for Tina was particularly acute, as it symbolized a sort of rebirth of her life after a difficult few years that led to her having to part with many of her horses.

It surprised me a bit when a couple months later I received a call from Tina. Has anyone shown any interest in your colt? My heart flew! What more fitting way to return her kindness to me all those years ago when we acquired Molly than to return one of Molly's babies to her?! By the same stallion she had bred her mare to! And what makes this even more poignant, is this baby will be Molly's last. We are retiring her from our breeding program. I could not have been happier by the coincidence!



Three Fold Kelbec Irie

As we hadn't named the baby yet, Tina asked if she could name him. Of course, we said! She chose "Irie," from the Jamaican patois answer to the greeting, "How are you?" The answer being "Irie!" or everything is alright, everything is

fine. A name that reflected how Tina has prevailed over the trials and tribulations of the last few years. To make things even more poignant (how can that possibly be!), his barn name will be Ray, the same name as Molly's FIRST baby and Tina's first foal!

This experience has only renewed my faith in living the three-fold law with as much integrity as possible. An example like this doesn't come often, but it does happen. Things do, and can, come full circle.



**Cheval Canadien Horse Association Ontario**  
**Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting**  
**(Held via Zoom)**  
**November 23, 2021**

**Present:** Jack Addison, Sandra Addison, Gail Brandt (Secretary), Sandy Churchill (Eastern Ontario Director), Candace Gomes (Treasurer), Marie-Lynn Hammond, Jane Hunt, Ron Marino (President), Susan McLenaghan, Tina McNaughton (Western Ontario Director), Bob Scott, Rhonda Turley

The meeting began shortly after 7:30 p.m.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Sandy Churchill, seconded by Susan McLenaghan that the previously circulated agenda be adopted. Motion carried.

**2. Approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM**

Moved by Ron Marino, seconded by Bob Scott that the minutes of last year's AGM, held September 26, 2021, be adopted. Motion carried.

**3. President's Report**

Ron gave a brief report, noting that COVID had made it impossible for us to host in-person events for a second year in a row. CCHAO had planned to do a demonstration at the Ancaster Fair in September, but we withdrew when we learned that the organizers would be severely restricting the size of the potential audience.

In April 2022, the Can-Am Equine Expo will be held at the Ancaster Fairgrounds. Ron expressed his hope that CCHAO could participate in some way.

He also thanked members for their ongoing support of CCHAO.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Candace reported that \$820 had been generated by memberships to the end October 2021. The major expense this year has been directors' liability insurance (\$727.92).

At the end of the 2020 fiscal year (December 31), we had a balance of \$740.39 in our account.

Moved by Bob Scott, seconded by Tina McNaughton that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Motion carried.

**5. Secretary's Report**

As required by our act of incorporation, Gail reported to the Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer Services the change in Eastern Ontario Director from Andrew Boone to Sandy Churchill following the 2020 AGM (September 26), when the election for directors took place.





On January 15, 2021, the Board met online and discussed ways to increase our membership, the creation of online clinics, finances, and the newsletter.

In May, Gail arranged for a webinar entitled “Conditioning the Canadian Horse” with Patty Carley from Red Deer, Alberta as the presenter. Although the registration for the event was low, everyone who attended were very enthusiastic about the presentation and the valuable information it contained.

Attempts to set up a second webinar relating to saddle fitting proved unsuccessful. Gail asked if there was still interest in this topic, and Rhonda volunteered to develop a presentation on this topic.

As part of her duties, Gail has tried to build closer relations with CHBA/SECC . She attended their online AGM last spring and subsequently asked Katy Harouart, CHBA/SECC president, to write an article for our summer newsletter.

Since our major annual cost each year is directors’ liability insurance, Gail spent some time looking for an alternative insurance carrier. She discovered that OE (Ontario Equestrian) has an affiliated company that offers lower rates and she will pursue that option for 2022.

Gail also noted that members had received three newsletters since January 2021 and thanked Marie-Lynn Hammond and Susan McLenaghan for their invaluable contributions to editing and lay-out. The next newsletter was planned for late December or early January and would contain the minutes of this meeting.

According to CHBA/SECC records, there were approximately 130 Canadian horse owners/breeders in Ontario in 2021. We need to continue to encourage more of them to join our association. Gail also urged current members to ask their friends and family members to join as supporting members.

Moved by Ron Marino, seconded by Susan McLenaghan that the Secretary’s report be adopted. Motion carried.

## **6. Membership Fees**

Moved by Ron Marino, seconded by Sandra Addison that the existing membership fees be continued; namely, \$40 per adult, \$20 for youth under 18 years, \$60 per couple, \$80 per family, and \$20 for associate members (non-owners of a Canadian Horse). Motion carried.

## **7. Election of Executive Officers**

All the current officer positions were up for re-election/election since the incumbents had served the two years prescribed by the bylaws.

Moved by Jane Hunt, seconded by Susan McLenaghan that Ron Marino be re-elected President. Motion carried.

Moved by Bob Scott, seconded by Sandy Churchill that Rhonda Turley be re-elected Vice-President. Motion carried.

Moved by Tina McNaughton and seconded by Sandra Addison that Candace Gomes be re-elected Treasurer. Motion carried.



A nomination endorsed by Susan McLenaghan and Jane Hunt that Gail Brandt be re-elected to the position of Secretary had been submitted earlier. Motion to approve Gail's election carried.

Jane Hunt expressed her appreciation for the Board's work during the previous year.

### **8. Planning for 2021**

Despite the uncertainty created by the current pandemic, it was agreed that the Directors should start planning soon for 2022 CCHAO-sponsored activities. One event that we should continue to pursue would be a demonstration and possible line classes at the Ancaster Fair.

It was agreed that we should continue our recent practice of holding our AGM in the Fall. Post pandemic, it might be possible to combine it with a social event such as a luncheon or dinner.

Because our province is so large, and it is difficult for members to travel long distances to attend activities in person, it was suggested that we explore the possibility of organizing events that might take place in both eastern and western Ontario. For example, we might host a show/competition in each region using the same judge and then combine the results.

Those in attendance expressed an interest in having more webinars. Possible topics included the Kirby horse grading system. Tina McNaughton offered to investigate the possibility of setting up an online or in-person session on this topic.

Members were encouraged to participate in events such as the Horse Lovers' Weekend at Upper Canada Village (Labour Day Weekend).

### **9. Other Business**

Jane Hunt suggested that we organize some online events where members could meet socially and exchange information. That idea was warmly endorsed.

### **10. Meeting Adjournment**

Moved by Bob Scott, seconded by Susan McLenaghan that the meeting be adjourned.



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**CHEVAL CANADIEN HORSE ASSOCIATION ONTARIO (CCHAO) 2022**

**2022 Membership Form (1 January—31 December)**

Please print in block letters.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type:**

- |   |      |                          |
|---|------|--------------------------|
| Adult - 18 yrs and over, 1 CCHAO vote                 | \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Youth - 17 yrs and under, 1 CCHAO vote                | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Couple - 2 adults, 2 CCHAO votes                      | \$60 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Family - 2 adults & related youth, 2 CCHAO votes      | \$80 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Associate - Does not own a Canadian Horse –Non Voting | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please make cheques payable to Cheval Canadien Horse Association Ontario and mail to: Candace Gomes, CCHAO Treasurer, 5933 Battersea Road, Battersea, ON K0H 1H0. If you would **NOT** like to have your name and e-mail address shared with other members, please check the following box:

I do not wish to have my name and contact information published in CCHAO's membership directory.

**Photo/Video Release Authorization**

I, the undersigned, give permission to CCHAO and to its designated agents, to photograph/video me at CCHAO activities and to use such photographs/videos in all forms of media, for any and all promotional purposes.

I further consent to the use of my name in connection with the photographs/videos. I understand that I will not receive any payment for my time or expenses or any royalty for the use of the photo/video, and I hereby release CCHAO from any such claims.

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

For Couple or Family Memberships, please provide additional names and signatures:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature for members under 18 years: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

