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**Nominated as ONTARIO BREEDER DIRECTOR**

Good morning to each and every member of Standardbred Canada (SC) whom has taken the time to read this personal profile which I have submitted to SC as background information to support my nomination for election to the Board of Directors as a Breeder Director to represent the Ontario Region for the next three years. I am providing you with my family and personal history in the Standardbred breeding and racing industry. After reading it, please feel comfortable to contact me should you like to discuss my background in further detail.

The Belore family has been in the breeding and racing industry for over 90 years largely in Ontario but also our standardbred business professions have had us interact with members across the country of Canada. My father, Arnold Belore, was a breeder, race owner, race official, and founder of Belore Trailers. It didn't take me long to follow his footsteps. At the age of 14, I raised, prepped, and sold my first standardbred yearling in the Canadian Standardbred Horse Society Yearling Sale, at the CNE Horse Palace. The following year, I worked for Killean Acres under the guidance of Hall of Famer Jack McNiven, for approximately 10 years. I helped prepare the Killean yearlings for the annual sales. Also, during this time, I attended Centralia College and graduated as an Animal Health Technician and from there went to work for the noted Doug Arthur as Farm Manager. In addition, I bred and raised yearlings in Ontario and sold them in my consignments under the name G W Belore Standardbreds at the Canadian Standardbred Horse Society sales at the CNE, Woodbine, and the SC Yearling sales in Woodbine, London, and Flamboro.

Whereas, my father rose through the ranks of officiating for the Canadian Trotting Association and the Ontario Racing Commission to become one of the most senior Presiding Judges, it was only natural for me to gravitate to officiating. I began as the paddock judge at Woodstock Racetrack at the age 14 and subsequently became the Paddock Judge at Western Fair Raceway in London, Ontario. My father was one of the most respected Presiding Judges in Canada and based his

decision making on GOOD COMMON SENSE. His respect within the industry enticed me to move forward into the officiating rolls when chosen to become an Associate Judge and then a Presiding Judge by the Ontario Racing Commission. I followed my father's philosophy in my adjudication of horse racing and applied common sense each and every day. When I left my officiating career in 2001, I became a contract employee of Standardbred Canada as the Superintendent of Sales Operations for the SC annual horse sales at Woodbine Sales Pavilion, the London Sales Complex and was integral in creating and developing the SC Sales Pavilion at Flamboro. For 16 years, I coordinated the day to day logistics required to operate CSHS/SC 4 mixed sales and 1 yearling sale annually. As such, I have met and worked with almost each and every breeder in Ontario whom sold their yearlings and or racehorses at public auction. I fully understand the work, money, and passion that goes into being a breeder in Ontario. My success with the standardbred sales earned me an invitation by the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society (Ontario Division) to be their Superintendent of Sales Operation for both their yearling and mixed sales at the Woodbine Sales Pavilion. I have filled this role to their satisfaction for the last 16 years.

I continue to own standardbred broodmares and breed, foal, raise, and sell their offspring in the Ontario Sires Stakes programme annually. I work hand in hand with my son Jesse Before who is the 5<sup>th</sup> active generation in my family and operates as Princeton Farms. I assist him in all aspects and sell now at the London Select Yearling Sale. We are developing a strong and loyal respect as we move forward in the Ontario programme.

I am a strong believer in the Standardbred breeding industry and have a deep grassroots background in Ontario and beyond. If elected by you, I promise to work diligently on your behalf as a Breeder Director of SC for Ontario. I will ensure that your voices and concerns are addressed at the board level and not left in discussion and footnotes at committee levels. I will be open and transparent. If you call me with a concern or issue, I will investigate and report back to you in a timely manner. I will not hide behind closed doors. My policy is an open policy and I will continue to use my father's philosophy of GOOD COMMON SENSE.

I respectfully solicit your vote and, if so received and elected, I will represent each and every member in Ontario in a consistent manner.

United We Stand!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerry Before". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Gerry" on the left and "Before" on the right, connected by a flourish.

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