

OEA Board of Directors Meeting: Minutes

May 14, 2026

Present: Sarah Richardson, Bernadette Johnston, Ann Neal, Tori Pengelly, Sue Lavery, Donna Van Beek, Gabrielle Turcotte, Jacquie Kelton, Stephanie Shatilla, Nikki Maclellan, Doug Topalovic, Winnie Chiu, Kendal Lehari,

Regrets: Charlotte Hodgson, Xavier Traisnel,

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

1. Meeting Opening

- *Sarah moved, Winnie seconded, and it was carried, to approve the minutes with corrections for the OEA Board of Directors meeting of April 16, 2026.*
- *Sarah moved, Steph seconded, and it was carried, to approve the agenda for the meeting of the OEA Board of Directors on May 14, 2026.*

2. President's Report

Sarah advised there is a committee with the Canadian High Performance Eventing Team that asked if we could donate something to their "Red and White Party".

It was suggested to donate an entry to a regular National Sanctioned event in Ontario.

Sarah moved, Bernadette seconded, and it was carried to set aside funds to support the EC Eventing Red & White Fundraising Volunteer Committee in their effort to advance Canadian high-performance Eventing on the world stage. This motion sets aside \$110, to be added to the existing \$250 that the Board set aside in November 2025 to support the fundraising efforts of EC's Eventing High Performance Advisory Group, which was not awarded as expected at a third-party clinic following the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, 2025. The OEA will redirect those funds to provide an auction item for Bromont's "Red, White and Gold" event on June 4 2026, valued at up to \$360 to support an entry to any EC sanctioned Horse Trial in Ontario in 2026, or to contribute to an FEI entry at one of Ontario's two venues running FEI in 2026.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reviewed the April financial report. There have been no changes since April. Funds to support the Barbara Beaudoin Preliminary (EV110) Rider Bursary have not been

received yet. The Treasurer will continue to follow up. The OEA has not yet received an invoice from Ontario Equestrian for its April dues.

4. Communications

Nothing to report.

5. Committee Reports

- **Adult Riders.** Winnie reported that the Katie Wood webinar had been a success and has been posted on the OEA YouTube Channel. Participation was as follows:
 - Session 1: 34 members/174 others.
 - Session 2: 24 members/106 others.
 - Session 3: 12 members/ 114 others.

Tori advised the Adult Rider Team Challenge has been posted on the website and still needs to be posted on the socials.

- **U25.** Nikki advised that the U25 Committee has been busy. A lot of parents have been helping out. Some sponsors have been rounded up to support the riders for the year. The Grandview Assessment Clinic is coming up at the end of May.
- **Clinics/Education.** Nothing to report
- **Organizers.** Sarah reported that the support submission to EC of a rule change suggestion on the rights of organizers to refuse entries. It puts forward a constructive balance among the rights of EC, Organizers and competitors. Sue and Sarah are going to be discussing this with other Provincial Horse Trial Associations to gather their thoughts on it. It is a work in progress but will be circulated in advance of the next Board meeting for approval by email as the deadline for submission is May 31.
- **Officials.** Nothing to report.
- **EC Rules and Local Divisions.** Sue advised there is a minor change to approved on the recently approved EV60 Guidelines stating that riders eliminated in show jumping are not permitted to start on XC as this will be governed by existing EC rule Article D302(5).

Sue moved, Doug seconded and it was carried to remove the line in the EV60 Guidelines that reads, "any rider eliminated in showjumping may not start on XC".

- **Rider Development Days.** Ann reported that they had 21 entries for the first 2026 OEA Development Day at Wits End. There was a positive response to the day. Ten

(10) entries have been received so far for the Development Day at Stevens Creek Farm which will be held on May 31, and four (4) for the Development Day at Caledon.

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- **AMM & Awards.** No news from The Royal on our room rental yet, or on reserving a block of tickets.
- **Coaching.** Nothing to report.
- **Leaderboard.** The leaderboard is ready to start for the season and will be updated as the results begin to come in.
- **Volunteers.** Ann reported that the OEA has received the order of Yeti mugs that will cover the volunteer incentive raffle for the 2026 and 2027 season.

Grandview has asked for help finding volunteers and suggested that the OEA might consider offering a year-end monetary award. The Board noted that the OEA already supports the Unsung Hero Year-End Award along with the distribution of Yeti mugs to Organizers for each horse trial to be raffled off among the volunteers. There was some consensus that this was a good start and that nevertheless, the Board might consider any further ideas and return to this issue at a future meeting.

6. **Other matters.** Tori advised results for Horse Trials prior to November 2025 are no longer displayed on the Event Entries platform. The Board discussed the possibility of creating an archive of results pages accessible through the website for members. Nothing was decided and it was agreed to return to this discussion with more information about the feasibility of undertaking this type of work.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 9 June 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned by Sarah, seconded by Berniadette, at 8:10 pm.