

OEA Board of Directors Meeting: Minutes

June 9, 2026

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

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

1. Meeting Opening

- *Sarah moved, Sue seconded, and it was carried, to approve the minutes with corrections for the OEA Board of Directors meeting of May 14, 2026.*
- *Sarah moved, Steph seconded, and it was carried, to approve the agenda for the meeting of the OEA Board of Directors on June 9, 2026.*

2. President's Report

Sarah advised the rule change submission the board submitted to EC was received. She will report back once we hear anything further. The OEA has received some feedback from the first horse trials of the season from members via letters. We will share the feedback with organizers and officials.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reviewed the May financial report.

The OEA has received the money to cover the 2024, 2025 and 2026 Barbara Beaudoin Awards, which will be reimbursed to the OEA for 2025, paid out for 2025 and set aside for 2026. In addition, the funds for the Bradley Mark Johnson Pursuit of Excellence and Working Student Bursaries for 2026 re received and set aside.

Bernadette will send Ann the medic's invoice for the Stevens Creek Rider Development Day so she can ensure that it aligns with her conversations with Tack Two.

4. Communications

Doug reported that the recent reel posted from the Rider Development Day at Stevens Creek attracted a disproportionately large number of views on the OEA's social media and we should strive to produce more content along those lines.

5. Committee Reports

- **Adult Riders.** Tori advised the Adult Rider Team Challenge has been posted on the website and needs to be posted on the socials. The leaderboard will be posted soon. Tori will prepare text for a post and send it to Communications to put on the social media.
- **U25.** Kendal reported that the team travelling to the 2026 Championships has been announced. Ontario has a full team for the 2* and one rider for each of the 3* and the 1*.

Nikki advised the assessment clinic was a success. It was moved to Kendal's farm and was a great day for the riders. The feedback was positive.

Nikki suggested that the BOD set aside \$500 for the team to rent and decorate a golf cart.

Nikki proposed the BOD approve \$1,500 to compensate Kendal for all her work as Chef D'Equipe in the lead up to, and for accompanying the U25 Team traveling to the Championships at the Maryland International and Horse Trials

Motion tabled by Sarah Richardson and seconded by Nikki Maclellan to approve the allocation of \$1500 from the U25 account to compensate Kendal Lehari in her role as Chef d'équipe of Ontario's U25 Team travelling to the 2026 USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships being held June 25-28, 2026 at The Maryland International and Horse Trials.

Motion tabled by Sarah Richardson and seconded by Ann Neal to approve the allocation of \$500 to cover the cost associated with the team-building efforts and contest to decorate golf carts in advance of the 2026 USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships at the Maryland International and Horse Trials.

Kendal reported that the U25 Red Ribbon Award (place top 3, 3 times at one level), will be sponsored by Purna, which will cover the cost of the ribbons and provide prizes for three (3) years.

- **Clinics/Education.** Nothing to report
- **Organizers.** Sarah reported that we have received some letters from members regarding the first few horse trials of the season. Sarah will put these on the agenda with the organizers.

The OEA will keep an eye out for more information on what the plan will be for the EC 2027 levies.

- **Officials.** Sue advised regarding an issue with EV75 not having a mandatory option at the ditch at Glen Oro. It has been handled and officials and designers have been advised.
- **EC Rules and Local Divisions.** N/A
- **Rider Development Days.** Ann reported that Stevens Creek was a huge success. There were 27 riders and several new to Eventing and the day went off without a hitch.
- **AMM & Awards.** Donna advised that the payment set-up for a block of tickets at the Royal is not ideal for us as they must be purchased together. The OEA will approach them to see if they will offer our members a discount on tickets instead.
- **Coaching.** Nothing to report.
- **Leaderboard.** The leaderboard is almost ready. It should be posted this week.

Volunteers. Ann advised we have shared posts from organizers looking for volunteers. No other updates.

6. **Other matters.**

There is a U25 YR Webinar next week, with Emily Gilbert & Karl Slezak. Reminders will be posted on social media.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned by Sarah, Doug seconded by, at 7:57 PM.