

# OEA Board of Directors Meeting: Minutes

## January 14, 2025

**Present:** Tori Pengelly, Sarah Richardson, Steph Shatilla, Kaileen Millard-Ruff, Bernadette Johnston, Nikki Maclellan, Doug Topalovic, Sam Pritchard, Ann Neal, Gabrielle Turcotte

**Regrets:** Jamie Kellock, Xavier Traisnel

**Call to Order:** 7:05 p.m.

### 1. Meeting Opening

- *Steph moved, Nikki seconded, and it was carried, to approve the minutes of the BOD Meeting on December 10, 2024.*
- *Sarah moved, Sam seconded, and it was carried, to approve the agenda for the meeting of January 14, 2025.*

### 2. President's Report

Sarah advised the omnibus pages are running a little late, but should all be available in the next weeks or so.

Wesley Clover Parks has been granted the Eastern Canadian Championships by EC again this year. They have requested support from the OEA for a BBQ for competitors, up to \$3,000. Bernie advised that she can add it into the February budget, then see if there is availability after we build our budget for the year. At that time the Board will make a decision.

Sarah reminded us again that she wants to pursue work on a 2026 horse trials calendar early this year so setting dates will be easier for organizers than waiting until August. Sarah has a draft calendar that she will forward to the organizers to see their response.

Sarah advised Meg from EC got back to us regarding the Eventing levies and advised that she will back to us with details after she has investigated further within EC. Sarah advised that she shared her letter about the levies with the other PHTAs and will seek to write up a common response.

Sarah advised she sent the draft survey around and would appreciate feedback. Bernie suggested we change the prices on the banquet question as they are on the lower scale for

what it would cost now. Kaileen suggested to review the format of open-ended questions. Sarah confirmed a summary of the survey results will be posted and people who take the survey will be notified of where that can be found.

*Sarah put forth a motion that anyone who completes the survey by the deadline will be put in a draw to win an entry to a HT in 2025 up to \$350. Bernie seconded. Motion approved.*

Sarah advised Glen Oro and the OEA are in preliminary discussions with respect to partnering to host a clinic with Lucinda Green for riders, coaches and auditors. More information will follow as it becomes available.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Bernadette advised that she asked committees to send budget requests to her for this year.

Nikki and Sam will send the U25 winners list to Bernie.

### **4. Committee Reports**

#### ***Communications***

Nothing to report

#### ***U25***

Nikki advised she will work on a budget to send to Bernie for the year.

#### ***Emerging Professionals and High Performance***

Bernie advised she is working with EC to see if they can offer an award in conjunction with us for emerging athletes. She will update us once she hears back from EC.

#### ***Schooling Days and Adult Riders***

Nothing to report.

#### ***Organizers***

Nothing to report.

#### ***Volunteers***

Nothing to report.

### ***Officials and Rules***

Steph advised she put together an activity report for the Rule of the Month. July was the most popular month for interaction. Steph recommends that we go through what was posted this year to ensure they are accurate, then repost them this year to see if there is more interest. If there is a lot of interest, then we might consider starting them up again.

### ***Coaching***

Nothing to report.

### ***Other Matters –***

Ann advised we need to change the Jessica Phoenix clinic date to February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We will open the clinic up to all levels now.

Steph advised they are reviewing the awards for this year and are sorting ribbons to be mailed.

Kaileen advised she is waiting to hear back on the leaderboard configuring.

## **5. Next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on February 11, 2025.

- *Sarah moved, Nikki seconded, and it was carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.*