

Ontario Eventing Association Board of Directors Meeting

OEA Board Meeting Minutes 6/13/23

Present:, Justin Ridgewell, Veronica Low, Linda Plank, Bernadette Johnston, Tori Pengelly, Charlotte Hodgson, Doug Topalovic, Sarah Richardson, Cheryl Denault, Ann Neal, Kendal Lehari, Nikki Maclellan, Terri Hough Gilmour

Regrets: Jamie Kellock,

Call to Order: 7:08 p.m.

- **1. Meeting Opening**

Veronica made a motion to approve the agenda – Sarah approved and Cheryl seconded.

Veronica made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2023, board meetings. Sarah approved, Bernadette seconded. The minutes for May 2023 are now approved.

- **2. Matters for Discussion**

- a) Officials Bursary: Veronica suggested we approve an Officials Bursary, and no one opposed the idea. Linda suggested travel costs; continuous learning credits that officials are required to have with EC. Some officials have to travel out of province to get licensed.
- b) Cheryl asked if we are still good to leave it at \$1,000 for the level of support officials could claim. Applicants are sent for approval to the executive. Everyone was in agreement with this.
- c) Linda asked about the support for the officials meeting and why the PHTA for Quebec did not help? Quebec Horse Trials Association is not in the position to help at this time. Many of the participants were from Ontario, and Ontario benefits from more officials.
- d) NCHTA ribbons and awards - We gave NCHTA \$1,400 for ribbons in 2021. No ribbons have been given out yet by the NCHTA for that competition season. Cheryl and Sarah will reach out the NCHTA if they don't have an answer by next week. We may ask for the funds back at that point depending on where we are at.
- e) PHTA Roundtable - We had a successful meeting with EC. We have likely come to an agreement between the PHTAS and EC. It is an agreement and not a contract. We pushed hard to ensure the need of an OEA membership to compete at horse trials. This will give us official status with EC. OE would also recognize us at the PHTA in Ontario. We should have the agreement before next month. BC PHTA is working closely with us and supporting our interests also.
- f) Rebecca Howard Clinic - Zoom calls and or video will be included open to all members across Canada.

- g) A cross country building course is happening with Jay Hambly at Glenarden the day after their event. We can re share on social media this to get more interest.
- h) EC is preparing a questionnaire to some organizers to ask why they are not sanctioning?

- **4. Presidents Report**

- a. Organizers are happy with the support on social media for them and their events.
- b. We want to do a zoom for organizers how to make use of social channels in a better way so we can share their information.

- **5. Treasurers Report**

- a. Cheryl advised OE is getting their 2024 membership portal ready. Cheryl suggested we keep our membership fee the same for next year.
- b. *Cheryl made a motion to keep membership fee for 2024 the same as 2023, Veronica seconded. All agreed. Motion approved.*

- **6. Committee Reports**

Communications

- a. Doug is trying to spread the word about the Rebecca Howard clinic. Date is confirmed for July 27/28, 2023.
- b. Doug has been keeping everything updated and members engaged online.
- c. Charlotte can make an event for the clinic on Facebook.

U25 Committee

- a. Kendal - The Rebecca Howard Clinic is being confirmed for U25 riders on July 27/28. We need to promote and educate members on Rebecca's accomplishments and about her training style.
- b. Pricing - 25 riders, pricing to be determined.
- c. Auditing pricing is still to be determined.
- d. Who's choosing the riders and by what process? Applications will be made and reviewed by the committee and Rebecca.
- e. We currently have 34 U25s registered for this year.

Adult Rider Committee

- a) Terri is going to call Penny to discuss clinics.

Competitions Committee

Organizers Subcommittee:

- a) Sarah has sent out the EV105 funding information to the organizers.

Officials/Safety/Rules:

Linda – No updates

Sport Development

- a) Kendal - Bringing in 1* U25 and 2* to Wesley Clover. This would be open to all riders not just U25.

Sarah has an agreement from Wesley Clover that they will be interested in hosting this. They said \$8-\$10k extra to run an FEI CC1*. Cost is due to more officials, the cross country course which needs to be modified. They already run FEI dressage and jumper shows so they are familiar with the process.

Support would be contingent on support from FEI/EC. We could possibly ask them to run it for several years? Possibly leave the facility open for schooling?

We could let them know if we are willing to offer funding and then they can decide from there.

U25 would have a team competition in this event. Teams would be for entry level and up.

Sarah has put forward the motion ; *“The OEA will provide a one-time discretionary FEI grant of \$5,000 towards the development of an FEI CCI* at Wesley Clover Parks to support the U25 YR Year End Finale, and continue to build Ontario's eventing infrastructure. This commitment is contingent on the organizer securing approval from both EC, and the FEI, and a commitment from the organizer to run this division for a minimum of three years, and a further commitment by the organizer to keep the cross country courses open for schooling during the summer months, subject to availability.”*

Veronica approved, Cheryl seconded

No one opposed. Motion Approved

- b) EV60- Some organizers are saying they aren't going to time xc and that the speed might be too slow. Organizers can time at their discretion. It was noted the speed might be incorrect on one of the XC maps which could have caused the timing issue.

Coaching

Kendal - Coaches can get NCCP hours at the Rebecca clinic.

Schooling Days

Judith at Bronte wants to run one August 12

Stevens Creek August 19

Wits End might be interested

- **7. Other Matters**

We need more pinnies in the East end. Veronica will look into it.

- **8. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be July 11, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. by Veronica.

Tori