

**Ontario Eventing Association Board of Directors Meeting
May 9, 2023**

Present: Justin Ridgewell, Veronica Low, Linda Plank, Bernadette Johnston, Tori Pengelly, Charlotte Hodgson, Jamie Kellock, Doug Topalovic, Sarah Richardson, Cheryl Denault, Ann Neal, Kendal Lehari,

Regrets: Nikki Maclellan, Terri Hough Gilmour

Call to Order: 7:08 p.m.

- **1. Meeting Opening**

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

- **2. Matters for Discussion**

- a. Committee Assignments: We need everyone to help in any way we can. If anyone can jump in and help other committees, it would be appreciated.
- b. Roundtable PHTA meeting - Ann advised this was an Important meeting for us. OEA submitted a draft agreement with how we could effectively deal with EC. We explained our stance on how reapplying yearly was not accepted as a group of PHTAs. EC asked for a month to review and see how they can incorporate it into their guidelines and governance. PHTAs are waiting on EC now to get back to us (PHTAs).

EC then made a presentation about coaching. It was not in depth and just the basics which are available on their website. OEA explained the difficulty in organizers policing the coaching fees at events. EC still has no way to police this at events that they have recommended.

- c. Kendal has followed up and not gotten any luck on getting a coaching webinar from EC.
- d. Does the CR (Compulsory Retirement) rule apply in Canada? Currently it is up to the TD to watch if they feel a showjumping round is looking a bit worrisome. Linda will investigate this and report back to the BOD at our next meeting.
- e. Sarah announced a conflict of interest. She has stepped in as secretary for Wesley Clover Park.

- **4. Presidents Report**

- a. Veronica following up with Macintosh Proline about sponsoring the U25s – sent email to Nikki.

- b. We are still looking at sponsors for the U25 and other programs; Veronica is following up with potential sponsors.

- **5. Treasurers Report**

- a. Cheryl will follow up with Grandview for payment on the MIM clips. Wits End and WoW still also need to pay, they are just waiting on confirmation.
- b. The Zara Buren Memorial Award - All grants have been paid that have needed to be paid. The final payments will be sent June & September. The leftover funds will be donated to OEA events as the family chooses.
- c. U25 have started to receive some sponsorship funding.

- **6. Committee Reports**

Communications:

- a. Charlotte - Needs help on this committee. Bernadette can help out, and Sarah can also help.
- b. Doug suggested we bring up to organizers that we can use our communication channels to help all events with recruiting volunteers, etc.
- c. OEA will try to share organizers posts on social media leading up to events. We are going to remind organizers to tag OEA etc. so we can easily re-share onto our members.

U25 Committee: (Sport Development)

Kendal advised YR is going to be at Galway Downs in California. Conversations with Ian Roberts and Wesley Clover Park have been happening about possibly running a 1* or 2* in conjunction with the YR championships. These discussions will continue. Veronica believes she has a sponsor for the CCI 1* but WCP needs to get back to Kendal ASAP with a budget. Follow up with an email.

Adult Rider Committee: (Sport Development)

- a. Nothing to report.

Competitions Committee: (Sport Development)

Organizers Subcommittee:

a) Sarah advised that at their January 2023 meeting, some Organizers discussed the idea that EV105 is an important division for the future of our sport, viewed by some as vital for preparing horses and riders for upper-level eventing, promoting riders safely through to the higher divisions. The question was posed whether OEA is in a position to provide any assistance to Organizers seeking to build dedicated XC jumps at that level and run the division. At present, several Organizers that currently run EV105 use a combination of Training and Prelim jumps with few uniquely built for EV105. After some discussion, and acknowledgement that adding this level is consistent with OEA's Strategic Plan (2021-2025), by

nurturing existing and prospective high-performance competitive talent and contributing to a safe environment for Eventing in Ontario, it was decided that a motion would be circulated following the meeting to establish a special, one-time funding initiative to reimburse Organizers who are willing to invest in building new EV105 jumps and to running the division for at least 5 years up to \$5,000 for the cost of materials. An initial funding envelope would be established for 2023 to be revisited in 2024.

ACTION: A motion was drafted, sent out and approved. (Please see attached)

b) It was discussed about bringing back the feedback survey for events. Further discussion is needed with organizers at the organizers meeting.

Officials/Safety/Rules: (Sport Development)

Linda to follow-up on CR rule in Canada and if it applies.

Coaching: (Sport Development)

Kendal has followed up and not had any luck confirming a coaching webinar from EC.

Schooling Days: (Sport Development)

Glen Oro might be interested in running one, Sarah will follow up with them after their event. Bronte Creek and Stevens Creek are also interested.

- **7. Other Matters**

Nothing to report.

- **8. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be June 13, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. by Veronica.

Tori