

## Ontario Eventing Association Board of Directors Meeting

OEA Board Meeting Minutes 09/01/24

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

**Regrets:** Jamie Kellock, Veronica Low, Xavier Traisnel

**Call to Order:** 7:09 p.m.

### 1. Meeting Opening

Sarah called the meeting to order.

*Sam moved, Bernadette seconded, and it was carried to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting.*

*Nikki moved, Doug seconded, and it was carried to approve the agenda.*

### 2. Presidents Report

- *Sarah moved, Doug seconded and it was carried to set aside \$200 to cover the costs of a gift/flowers to send to OEA Chair in the event of a family loss.*
- Directors were reminded to renew their 2024 OEA memberships.
- Zara Buren Memorial Award: attention to spreading the work through coaches and barns etc.
- OEA to update our mailing list and resurrect the Constant Contact Start Box newsletter to keep members updated on OEA activities and other information.
- Omnibus pages are complete and ready to be submitted. Wesley Clover Parks is considering running the Eastern Canadian Championships in 2024 – to be confirmed.
- EV105 CIP Program extended for one year. In 2023, EV105 equaled or out-performed EV110 in terms of entries at HTs that run both divisions. Cherrylane is adding an EV 105 for their fall event.
- Committee chairs and co-chairs still to be determined for some Committees. Goal to finalize by February BOD meeting. Bernadette has agreed to look after the TIP program. Nikki has offered to help with the 2024 leaderboard. Guidelines for Committee meetings were circulated for review. They will be submitted for approval at the next BOD Meeting.
- Sarah will begin to review and update, as necessary. They will be circulated to the BOD before being loaded onto the new website. Directors agreed that the new website should include leaderboard results going back to 2020.
- The EC/PHTA meetings will continue at the end of January. President will attend and will continue to report back to BOD meetings. For the sake of continuity, Directors agreed that the OEA continue to include former Chair, Ann Neal if helpful, in the OEA delegation to these meetings.

### **3. Treasurers Report**

- OEA has moved from a cash basis to an accrual basis for financial reports.
- The Adult Rider fundraising from 2021, has a balance remaining for 2024 of \$3625.
- The Treasurer has applied for an OEA credit card for expenses.
- The budget will be further developed for the next meeting of the BOD.
- *Bernadette moved, Doug seconded, and it was carried to set aside \$2500 and to apply for an OEA Visa charge card, to be issued by the CIBC.*

### **4. Committee Reports**

#### ***Communications***

- Short term priorities: promoting Phillip Dutton Clinic and Kyle Morton webinar.
- Work is underway researching ideas for platform to host new website.

#### ***U25***

- Forms on website have been updated for 2024. Membership fee remain the same as 2023.

#### ***Schooling Days and Adult Rider***

- It was confirmed there is \$3,625 in the account for the Adult Rider Program and the Committee will come back to the next BOD with ideas. The Committee will present a proposal for Schooling Days at the next meeting of the BOD.

#### ***Organizers***

- EV60 division was a success in 2023 with 161 starts total. One Organizer has asked if the OEA could fully fund frangible devices in 2024. The Committee will gather interest and report back to the BOD.
- *Nikki moved, Doug seconded, and it was carried that the OEA should continue to waive the day membership fee for 2024.*

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

- Proposal to develop a short "Rule of the Month" write up to be sent out to members and posted on social media/website.

#### ***Education & Coaching***

- Announcement of Kyle Morton webinar on January 17, which could be beneficial to coaches and students.
- The idea of live streaming XC of the Olympics at the July 28<sup>th</sup> Ontario Horse Trials was mentioned. Follow up with Organizers to gauge interest.

### **5. Other Matters**

- Phillip Dutton Clinic: 2 days, two separate clinics, up to 50 riders (5 groups per day up to 5 riders per group). February 3-4 proposed. Tipperary Equestrian is going to do a safety helmet presentation and give everyone a voucher for 20% off Tipperary products. The Directors agreed to open the clinic to EV85 level riders to allow for more entries.

### **6. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be February 13, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. by Sarah, seconded by Doug.