

**Ontario Eventing Association Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 11<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Ann Neal, Pat Frewen-Lord, Caroline Abrahams, Veronica Low, Kathleen Wilson, Charlotte Hodgson, Roseanne Corbett, Peta Christen, Kendal Lehari, Alexis Minz, Laura McGuire, Kelly Gravelle, Terri Hough-Gilmour,

**Regrets:** Mark Nelson, Andrew McDermott,

**Call to Order:** 7:17 p.m.

**1. Meeting Opening**

Ann Neal welcomed members and asked for a motion to review and approve today's agenda and the minutes of the March 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting.

*Pat moved and Roseanne seconded and carried approval of agenda.*

*Peta motioned and Alexis seconded and carried motion to accept minutes from March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

**2. Presidents Report**

Ann has reached out to EC regarding our contribution to the lobbying efforts. It is challenging as OEA doesn't have a corporate credit card.

We will need an official letter from them thanking us for the contribution and to add our logo to their page

All saw that Foshay was cancelled. Unfortunately there is no sponsorship and New Brunswick is limited for cross border travel like other provinces. Unfortunately this date won't work for Dreamcrest as he is moving. While we are in a slow period we can be working on "hit by a bus" materials such as operational manuals, by-laws etc.

**3. Treasurers Report**

Roseanne reported that there is really nothing new to report. We are not spending money until we make decisions about plans with organizers. YR equity is higher than money in the bank and invoices to sponsors have gone out.

**4. Key Issues**

**Competition Improvement Funds:** The idea to give organizers an unconditional \$2000 to help them get through this year. Typically the revenue they make from one show is what they put back into the courses. Without that revenue they have no resources to do maintenance or upkeep on courses. Even if shows do run they likely won't get large numbers of entries due to

restrictions. We have sufficient funds in our reserves to manage the distribution of these funds on a one-time basis. After discussion it was determined that the CIP grant should remain at the \$1,500 level for this year.

*On a motion from V. Low, seconded by C. Hodgson and passed that the OEA Competition Improvement Program (CIP) grant will remain at \$1,500 for 2020, with no restrictions. It will be provided to all Ontario organizers who are on the EC schedule for 2020.*

*On a motion from P. Frewen-Lord, seconded by V. Low and passed that the OEA will split the OEA levy of \$5 per entry, on a 50:50 basis, with any organizer that runs an EC sanctioned competition.*

**Memberships for the 2020 Season.** Discussion ensued regarding the proposal that anyone who had purchased an OEA membership for 2020, could use this membership for the 2021 season. For Juniors it was noted that the day membership doesn't really work given the low cost of an annual membership.

*On a motion from K. Gravelle, seconded by P. Frewen-Lord and passed that the OEA will allow all 2020 purchased memberships to be applied to the 2021 season.*

**Action Item:**

Develop a communique about memberships for 2020 and convey through the Startbox, website and via social media – Kathleen/Char

**Banquet Awards and AGM**

No decision has yet been made on what to do about the Banquet and the AGM pending additional time to see what kind of season we might have. It was noted that for the leaderboard, different members would be at different places in their training and would affect their ability to acquire points. One possibility is to apply any points acquired this season to next season. We could also hold the AGM electronically with the right technology as it could facilitate voting etc. We will continue to discuss and address at our next meeting.

**Recruitment of Treasurer** We continue to need a new Treasurer to plan for Roseanne's retirement. It needs to be someone involved in the sport and has the ability to create a budget, has some accounting knowledge and can manage member finances. It is a fair bit of work. It was agreed that we need to resurrect the ad and circulate again for members.

**Action Item:**

Ensure that Kathleen/Char have the latest ad for posting. Kathleen noted that the ad is on the OneDrive.

**5. Communications**

Char noted that she has been very busy on social media to get activity going for a number of eventing venues – and particularly reposting their pictures. She hasn't yet formally heard from any organizers about social media assistance so she is taking this on upon herself. Kathleen

provided updates regarding the website and ongoing improvements including a change in how the calendar was displaying. She would like to set up central email addresses. She also noted that there was a great opportunity to get Peta to voiceover one of our members exceptional dressage tests in Florida as an educational piece. We could also arrange to do some interactive quizzes about eventing knowledge on our social media. Kendal mentioned that we should highlight the change about the height of stadium jumps. It was also suggested that we could explore the possibility of providing Rider Level study books online. They are available online in B.C. and Alberta.

## **6. Other Matters**

Kelly mentioned that there are several areas in the by-laws that could be tightened up including Board member meeting attendance and expectations.

Pat noted that the U.S. has their frangible technology program up and running. For every event they are providing a table frangible pin kit free of charge. EC is hoping to have it up and running for 2021. EC is running a zoom session on safety this week and how to build safe jumps. It was agreed that this would be a project for our Competitions Committee to consider how to influence and implement changes in rules regarding safety.

**7. Next Meeting:** June 15, 2020 by Zoom

**8. Meeting Adjournment:** 9:02 p.m. moved by Peta and seconded by Terri