

Ontario Eventing Association Board of Directors Meeting
March 30th, 2020
Minutes

Present: Ann Neal, Pat Frewen-Lord, Caroline Abrahams, Veronica Low, Kathleen Wilson, Charlotte Hodgson, Roseanne Corbett, Peta Christen, Kendal Lehari, Alexis Minz, Mark Nelson, Andrew McDermott, Laura McGuire

Regrets: Terri Hough-Gilmour, Kelly Gravelle

1. Call to Order: 7:06 p.m.

2. Meeting Opening

Ann Neal welcomed members and asked for a motion to review and approve today's agenda and the minutes of the March 9th 2020 meeting.

V. Low moved and P. Christen seconded and carried approval of agenda.

R. Corbett motioned and P. Frewen-Lord seconded and carried motion to accept minutes from March 9th, 2020.

3. Matters for Discussion

a. Late Fees for Memberships

Roseanne reported that the OHJA has waived their late fees and asked the Board if we want to do the same? Normally all competitive memberships purchased after April 30 are subject to a \$20 late fee. After discussion, noting that late fees bring in limited revenue, it was determined that waiving fees entirely was the appropriate direction.

V. Low motioned and P. Frewen-Lord seconded, and carried, the waiving of late fees for 2020 memberships.

b. Status of David O'Connor and other OEA Clinics/Events

It was noted that Equestrian Canada stated today that it has suspended all EC run events until June 1st. Pat noted that F. Tipton from EC expected the DO clinic was not going to proceed and asked if we were interested in a later date. However there are very few options for available weekends and we need to keep as many weekends open as we can to run competitions if it is possible. It was also noted that this pandemic was devastating to the equestrian industry and we need to be careful as to how we allocate our dollars. It was generally agreed that we should go ahead and confirm cancellation of the DO clinic as well as other OEA activities booked for April and May. Ann also noted that the early June Lucinda Green clinic is likely not viable and she proposes this be cancelled as well. It was also noted that our first priority during the pandemic should be to support organizers.

Action:

A communication will be drafted immediately for distribution to our membership (including YR/U25) about the cancellation of OEA clinics, schooling shows and other activities in April, May and June. We should also mention that anyone who had paid for these events will get a refund.

c. Update on Frangible Technology

Pat noted that there was no specific update on progress as it relates to frangible technology. We did post a notice on social media about the GoFundMe initiative created as a result of the Kat Morel accident.

d. Communications during COVID19

It was suggested that we could ask leading competitors to video activities at their barn that we could share with our members. Kathleen suggested that there are other ideas such as hosting shows, without actually riding, featuring Zoom sessions with coaches/upper level competitors, fitness features and advice from sports psychologists. It was noted that if we do this we need to be careful not to promote businesses in light of our current sponsors.

e. Other issues

No other business was identified.

4. Next Meeting: May 11, 2020 by Zoom

5. Meeting Adjournment: 8:09 p.m. moved by Roseanne and seconded by Veronica.