

**Ontario Eventing Association Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Sep 14<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**Final Minutes**

**Present:** Ann Neal, Roseanne Corbett, Kendal Lehari, Alexis Minz, Laura McGuire, Terri Hough-Gilmour, Veronica Low, Cheryl Denault, Kelly Gravelle, Caroline Abrahams, Kathleen Wilson

**Regrets:** Char Hodgson, Peta Christen, Pat Frewen-Lord

**Call to Order:** 7:08 p.m.

**1. Meeting Opening**

Ann Neal welcomed members and noted that we had to approve two sets of minutes and the agenda.

*Roseanne Corbett moved and Kathleen Wilson seconded and carried approval of the August 10<sup>th</sup> minutes.*

*K. Gravelle moved and Laura McGuire seconded and carried approval of the July 13<sup>th</sup> minutes.*

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

**2. Presidents Report**

Ann noted that Kelly is diligently working on revising the by-laws.

**Action**

The revised by-laws will be presented to the Board for consideration, and have to be posted for the general membership to review 45 days in advance of the AGM.

**3. Treasurers Report**

Roseanne reported that there was little that was new. She reminded the Board that there will be limited membership revenue next year. If we ran a normal year next year we would probably collect about \$13,000 in levies – but if COVID is still present, entries will be down which will impact levy revenue. She noted that we generally have about one year of operating funds in the bank, so for next year's budget, without additional revenue we would have to deplete our reserves.

Her advice around programming was to balance what we do for organizers against services we provide for the membership. She also noted that we will likely have to invest in frangible technology and other safety initiatives. She also noted that we need more officials. The largest cost to our budget this year was schooling days and AA events where we had to pay for the use of the venue, as well as porta potties and ambulance. Perhaps next year we do less of them – or do derby days?

She also noted that if Ontario gets a number of FEI events next year, we may need to revisit our program of providing funding to offset those costs, and to communicate this to organizers as they may be counting on the grant.

**Action**

It was agreed that we would circulate our current programs for grants for competition venues in advance of the October 7<sup>th</sup> organizers meeting.

**Date for AGM**

The current date for the AGM is set for Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>. However it was agreed that as a virtual event, it is probably better to do it during the week. Kathleen suggested that we could do this as more of a live broadcast event with a moderator and a facilitator rather than a zoom meeting. It was determined that Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> would be a good date, and we could also use it to launch a GoFundMe for frangible pins. Kelly clarified that under the new Non Profit Corporation legislation (not yet passed) that we can't go more than 15 months from the last AGM.

**Action**

It was agreed that we would go with Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30 to 9 for our 2020 AGM.

**4. Competitions Update**

Laura McGuire noted that the Competitions Committee had a meeting last Monday to review the date selection methodology. The discussed the challenges this season of intermediate divisions and clarified that the OEA policy would be clearly stated in the documentation to be shared with Organizers. Cheryl also noted that a clause would be added recognizing that there may be extenuating circumstances that affect the date selection policy, and also that the OEA would make best efforts to communicate approved date changes.

Decreasing the CIP to \$1000 was also discussed given the financial situation. There was some discussion of creating an “organizer” OEA email – but then decided it's better for organizers to get to know Cheryl and Laura. The challenge of shifting dates was raised and it was agreed that at the Oct 7<sup>th</sup> organizers meeting we would impress upon organizers how important it is to work together on any schedule changes.

*It was moved by Veronica, seconded by Roseanne and passed to accept the Update Date Selection Methodology.*

It was agreed that we would review the processes with Organizers including the submission of Omnibus pages to EC. Roseanne indicated that Katie would do this for another year. Roseanne noted that EC sends the previous year's pages to us, we update them with input from Organizers and then send back to EC. It requires careful attention to detail. A question was posed as to whether a review is done to make sure dates match up with OEA approved dates – and whether the Omnibus pages should be approved by the Competitions Committee before they go back to EC. Roseanne clarified that this is not a typical role for the Committee and that the omnibus

pages were between the Organizers. It was also noted that EC had challenges this year in keeping the omnibus information up to date – but it is EC information and not OEA information.

**Action**

It was agreed that we should bring this issue of the transmission process for updated Omnibus pages to this year's Eventing Committee meeting. Ann agreed to do this.

**5. YRU25 Update**

Veronica reported that there have been 11 clinics since July 1 and only two venues charged a site fee. They now have a training grant and a travel grant and are starting to look to next year for fundraising.

**6. Adult Amateurs**

Terri reported that the Springhill clinic went really well. The Committee is still working on the AA auction and contributions of goods and services and they don't need to be horsey. Kathleen indicated that she was going to try and get the auction up on FB in the next few days. The purpose of the funding is to defray clinician costs as well as catering and facility costs.

**Action**

Anyone who might have goods/services to contribute to the auction is to get in touch with Kathleen, Terri or Laura

**7. Volunteer Committee**

Terri reported that only 3 volunteers have been identified for cash prizing this year. The winner from Glen Oro graciously donated her winnings back to the OEA.

**8. Communications**

Kathleen has a bit of a backlog with testimonials and updated photos. She mentioned that we should highlight Facebook Events for organizers again in terms of optimum interactivity. She noted that when the YRU25 clinics are posted as events the sign-ups are really good.

**9. Other Matters**

Alexis has agreed to take over the Thoroughbred Incentive Program and Ann mentioned that we should remind organizers of this program.

Veronica wondered if we need to prepare and register for the Eventing Forum in advance? Ann agreed to find out how it's happening this year.

**10. Meeting Adjournment:** 8:58 p.m. moved by Roseanne seconded by Veronica