

Ontario Eventing Association Board of Directors Meeting
Sep 12, 2022
Final Minutes

Present: Ann Neal, Terri Hough Gilmour, Kendal Lehari, Justin Ridgewell, Kelly Gravelle, Nikki Maclellan, , Cheryl Denault, Veronica Low

Regrets: Charlotte Hodgson, Linda Plank, Sarah Richardson, Caroline Abrahams, Doug Topalovic

Call to Order: 7:13 p.m.

1. Meeting Opening

Veronica moved, Nikki seconded and it was carried to approve the agenda. It was determined that approval of the meeting minutes from August should be deferred to the October meeting. Kelly clarified that she was regrets for this meeting

2. Matters for Discussion

- a) Update of PHTA and PSTO roundtable with EC – The email from Meg Krueger was circulated to the group as well as a tentative agenda for the roundtable meeting. Ann circulated the highlights of the agreement but the agreement itself had not been shared by EC. It was noted that we should be concerned as the specific agreement was not circulated in advance. Ann noted that most of the PHTAs have confirmed that they need to see the agreement in advance prior to approving their participation in the agreement.
- b) Banquet Planning
Kelly raised the issue of the amount being requested by Nottawasaga versus how much we are prepared to offset the cost of a banquet. Discussion ensued about the significant costs of a banquet and whether it made sense to have a banquet. We would have to charge over \$100 per person to break even. In 2019 there was a significant subsidy from the OEA to keep prices down. We also understand that there are no hotel rooms for the weekend we are considering. After discussion, it was determined that we should change the format for 2022 and investigate the possibility of doing the AGM and an Open House in concert with the Royal on the same date as indoor eventing. An email motion on this topic will be circulated once contact has been made with the Royal about a venue.
- c) Frangibles Update
Ann noted that she has not yet picked them all up. We need to pick them up to match them up to our list of orders. Cheryl confirmed that she has not yet invoiced anyone. Veronica mentioned that the frangibles worked really well at Glen Oro this past weekend. Cheryl noted that the costs of the frangibles went up considerably compared to prior years. It was generally agreed OEA would not subsidize the orders but organizers would have an opportunity to apply for reimbursement though CIP. It was

suggested that we could consider increasing the amount available through Part C of the CIP. It appeared as if five organizers ordered 21 clips.

d) NCHTA Funding

It was noted that the OEA provided funding to this group for 2021 awards. However no awards/ribbons have been provided. It was agreed that Sarah, Cheryl and Ann would work on a formal letter to ask about the funds and plans to provide awards.

e) Interprovincial Championships at Wesley Clover

It has been posted as an event on the weekend of October 15th and it is also including a team format. Discussion re: if we should offer U25 ribbons. Cheryl noted that while a third of the entries for this event will be Under 25, a large number of them may not be from Ontario. It was left that Nikki and Kendal would work with our U25 group to encourage them to attend the event and form team teams amongst themselves.

f) Ride for Riders

Ann noted that this used to be an activity where members would support riders/professionals who might have been injured and there was a fund to support them while they're unable to work – or for riders permanently unable to work. Nikki noted that its part of an overall initiative to provide benefits for individuals in this business. Facilities are shutting down because they can't get staff – which is a reflection of the need to provide benefits to make working in this industry sustainable.

3. Treasurers Report

Cheryl noted that our cash balance is up compared to last year. YR balance is down compared to last year. Membership revenues are higher than expected. Levies a bit lower than expected. We are still slightly under budget for Officials bursaries.

4. Committee Reports

a. Governance & Policy

No report.

b. Communications

Sally Sainsbury asked if OEA would support an initiative in November. It was generally agreed that we should support this. It was also noted that we agreed to a plan to change servers for email hosting. Discussion ensued around the importance of saving historic emails. If we need to extend this deadline we can extend the Sep 30th deadline the cost is not prohibitive.

c. Sport Development

U25:

It was noted by Nikki that we may not have an Ontario team – but we could combine with Quebec and other provinces to send a team. Not sure about a 3 star team. It was noted that there was little interest from team members or parent sto step up and actually implement activities to raise funds to support the team. Travel and training

grant dispersal was also discussed. It was noted that we should give feedback to applicants about why they may not receive the full amount based on what they submitted.

Adult Riders:

No report.

Coaching:

No Report. Nikki noted that she is still planning on doing Rider levels and First Aid at Raynham.

Schooling Days:

No Report

d. Competitions

Organizers:

Need to book a date for an Organizers meeting. Cheryl noted that we need to remind them of CIP and of TD funding.

Officials/Safety/Rules:

No report

5. Other Matters

It was noted that Selena has tendered her resignation for personal reasons. Ann noted that we need to do some succession planning. A number of individuals associated with eventing in Ontario were identified as potential members.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday Oct. 11th

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.