

Ontario Eventing Association Board of Directors Meeting
June 13, 2022
Draft Minutes

Present: Ann Neal, Caroline Abrahams, Sarah Richardson, Justin Ridgewell, Kelly Gravelle, Linda Plank, Terri Hough-Gilmour, Nikki Maclellan, Doug Topalovic, Kendal Lehari

Regrets: Charlotte Hodgson, Selena O’Hanlon, Veronica Low

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

1. Meeting Opening

*Cheryl moved, Linda seconded and it was carried to approve the agenda.
Sarah moved, Nikki seconded and it was carried to approve the May minutes.*

2. Matters for Discussion

a) Grasshopper Levies

An increasing number of organizers are offering the low level, non EC division alongside their sanction shows. At the moment we don’t collect levies for these entries.

Action

It was agreed that Nikki, Sarah and Linda would develop guidelines on this and run it by Organizers at their next meeting.

b) Banquet

Kelly is collecting photos from past years’ OEA events to highlight what we’ve been up to for the last few years.

c) Officials Bursary

It was agreed that we need to do more to promote the funding of up to \$500 to officials and those who want to become officials.

Action

Cheryl will circulate the current guidelines and application for the Officials Bursary for review and communication to stakeholders and members on our website and our socials.

3. Treasurers Report

Cheryl noted that we are over budget revenues. She has invoiced the first two events for levies. The U25 revenues are mostly membership fees. Otherwise we are running according to our financial plan.

4. Committee Reports

a. Governance & Policy

No report

b. Communications

Kendal noted that the U25 WhatsApp group works really well and perhaps we could create one for our general membership. It was also agreed that the new OEA Members Facebook Group is a good way for us to communicate new initiatives, clinics, etc.

c. Sport Development

Young Rider/U25:

It was noted that one of the U25 Committee members organized a clinic with Nicole Parkin.

Nikki moved, Doug seconded and it was carried that a combined U25/Adult Amateur clinic with Nicole Parkin at her facility in Mono would be offered at an entry fee of \$80.

Discussion ensued about a potential clinic with Colleen Loach which would be run out of her facility in Quebec. Nikki will continue to investigate possibilities. Questions were also raised about the difference in format between Schooling Days which are costed at \$50 per rider and U25 clinics at \$100 per rider which is a challenge when we combine clinics and schooling days.

Nikki moved, seconded by Kelly and carried, that the combined Schooling Day/Clinic coming up at Stevens Creek would be costed at \$50 per rider.

Adult Riders:

No report

Coaching:

No Report

Schooling Days:

Sarah reported that the schooling day at Bronte Creek was a great success. We had 32 participants and 8 had never evented. The next schooling day is planned for August 10th at Sprucehaven Farm and it was noted that we need to promote this event. We should also investigate another schooling day for the Eastern part of the province.

d. Competitions

Organizers:

Nikki noted that a meeting date with organizers has not yet been set.

Officials/Safety/Rules:

Ann provided an update on the organization of the Officials clinic coming up at Willowind July 9/10. She reminded members about offering accommodations if they are able for participants. We may need volunteer drivers as well.

Linda also mentioned that it would be a great idea to do a “Did you Know” series of posts on our Social Media to educate our members about rules.

5. Other Matters

None

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday July 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.