

Ontario Eventing Association Board of Directors Meeting

January 17, 2023

Final Minutes

Present: Ann Neal, Terri Hough Gilmour, Kendal Lehari, Justin Ridgewell, Nikki Maclellan, Cheryl Denault, Veronica Low, Linda Plank , Jamie Kellock, Bernadette Johnston, Tori Pengelly

Regrets: Sarah Richardson, Charlotte Hodgson, Doug Topalovic,

Call to Order: 7:04 p.m.

- **1. Meeting Opening**

Veronica moved, Nikki seconded, and it was carried to approve the agenda.

Minutes for December 12, 2022 were not able to be opened in the email attachment. Decision to email minutes again after the meeting for approval over email.

- **2. Matters for Discussion**

- a) Committee Assignments

Veronica advised we need people to help out on committees. Space is confirmed to once again hold our AGM at the RWF.

We need a committee for that by February, and also a sponsorship committee.

Cheryl advised we need a policy and governance committee – Sarah, Cheryl, Bernadette and Ann agreed to handle this.

U25 committee needs help.

- b) EV60 Guidelines – In 2023, this level will be a pilot. Discussion over riders without OEA memberships being able to waive the cost for a day membership fee for 2023 only. Also discussed was whether or not to allow their own leaderboard.

No motion put forward at this time for approval as the organizers and organizers committee will be consulted before the final decision.

- c) PHTA roundtable – Nothing to report as all meetings have been postponed.

- **3. Presidents Report**

- a) Veronica reminded all board members that they need their OEA membership as soon as possible.
- b) The Zara Buren Memorial Award has 13 applicants as of today, recipient will be announced in February.
- c) A social media campaign was suggested by Veronica. "Come ride with me!". Board members are encouraged to create a selfie type video showing their relationship with horses and eventing, to be shared on our media platforms. Send videos to Charlotte and Doug.

- **4. Treasurers Report**

Cheryl noted that we currently have three bank accounts including one specifically for competition improvement where we deposit the levy funds and make payments for Competition Improvement Program (CIP). As levy funds are now more broadly for the development of the sport within the province, we should likely eliminate the separate account. Cheryl will send a motion via email for approval.

Cheryl also noted there are outstanding payments for MIM clips for some organizers. We will work to track down the MIM clips so they can get to the organizers that need them.

- **5. Committee Reports**

a) U25 Committee

Cheryl noted she needed confirmation of final leaderboard payment recipients and Travel/Training grants to ensure payments can be issued.

A motion was put forward to approve the Chef D'equipe for Tryon, Kendal Lehari, a payment for expenses incurred for her role.

A motion was put forth by Nikki to approve \$1,500 payment to the Chef D'equipe, from the YR budget.

Nikki motioned, Veronica seconded. All in agreement.

b) Competitions Committee

Organizers Subcommittee:

There are some requested changes to the programs organizers are offered.

Part A –

- A certified cross-country course designer or certified cross-country course builder to analyze existing courses, design new course layouts, outline steps to bring courses up to standard and develop a plan to implement the required improvements.
- This funding can be claimed every year.

The proposal is to make this funding (50% to a max of \$750) available annually

Part B – For annual course improvements, from 50% up to \$1,500 to 50% up to \$2,000 (\$500 increase) from 2022 for refurbishing jumps, footing, stadium jumps, warm up areas, judges booths, etc

A motion was put forward by Nikki to approve the changes discussed.

Part A: *Cheryl seconded the approval. All others agreed.*

Part B: *Bernadette seconded the approval. All others agreed.*

Officials/Safety/Rules:

Veronica suggested we make digital type images involving rules about eventing to be posted to our membership on social media accounts to keep members updated and reminded of rules.

Nikki moved that the incremental \$300 for TD expense funding be provided to organizers if the TD has to travel over 250kms one-way. Previously, this was provided if the TD came from out of province

Cheryl seconded the approval. All agreed.

c) Communications

Nothing to report

d) Sport Development

U25: N/A

Coaching: It was suggested we offer clinics or rider level testing opportunities for members interested in becoming licensed coaches. Once more is known about the program from EC, OEA can work on developing some support for our members who are or have become certified coaches. Kendal and Jamie to report back on the approximate cost involved to get certified/licensed through EC.

Schooling Days: Nothing to report currently.

- **5. Other Matters**

No other matters for discussion

- **6. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 21, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Tori