

Ontario Eventing Association Board of Directors Meeting

OEA Board Meeting Minutes 9/12/23

Present: Veronica Low, Jamie Kellock, Tori Pengelly, Sarah Richardson, Cheryl Denault, Ann Neal, Doug Topalovic, Justin Ridgewell, Nikki Maclellan, Charlotte Hodgson,

Regrets: Kendal Lehari, Linda Plank, Terri Hough Gilmour, Bernadette Johnston

Call to Order: 7:10 p.m.

1. Meeting Opening

Veronica called the meeting to order.

Sarah moved to approve the minutes, Cheryl seconded. Minutes approved.

Sarah moved to approve the agenda, Cheryl seconded.

2. Matters for Discussion

- Our membership agreement with OE has been finalized. Our fees are increasing \$0.20 to \$3.70 (processing fee) in 2024. No other changes since this was outstanding since 2022.

a) PHTA Roundtable

- EC has now made the agreement OEA drafted for PHTA roles, a policy. They have a clause that announces the current PHTA as the ONLY PHTA recognized by EC. They have outlines for guidelines for these PHTAs to maintain. This also outlines a governance structure.
- OEA has been officially recognized as the only PHTA in Ontario according to EC.
- Competition work group is working on a competition ranking system. They are also working on a XC handbook for officials.
- EC is not supportive of promoting non sanctioned events. One suggestion made was calling non sanctioned events “Derbies” instead of events.
- Should OEA host an official’s course? This is something we look into further to continue to support growth of officials in our sport.
- Starter division – Should people register with EC but not have a fee for the membership?
- EC would also like us to discuss with organizers what they need from EC and their thoughts on what EC is doing for them.

b) Championships

- U25 Championships – We will reach out to U25 riders to see if any are planning on going to the US for their Championships.
- Eastern Canada Championships - Entries will be opening on the 16th. Fri-Sunday with lots of activities planned.
- Saturday night we will have a BBQ and party for competitors.
- The U25 Championships portion will give out individual and team ribbons. Teams will be made by the organizers to make things easier for scheduling and fairness.

3. Presidents Report

- As discussed already the signed agreement with OE is in.
- Directors – some directors will be retiring or leaving; Veronica will reach out to each director to reconfirm status; We will discuss in more details in next meeting.

4. Treasurers Report

- Cheryl advised there are still some payments outstanding from the Rebecca Howard clinic due to EC.
- Wits End has still not paid their invoice for the MIMs. It has been confirmed they have all their MIM clips now. Cheryl will do a new invoice for them
- Sarah asked about the 4 or 5 organizers who have not paid their levy fees. Cheryl advised there is sometimes issues in lateness but they do get paid.
- We only have one submission for the EV105 grant so far.

5. Committee Reports

Communications

- Charlotte will make some graphics for the Champs info to share on social media.
- There have been issues with our website. It was discussed about moving our website next year as ours is making it difficult to post updates. We will discuss this further in the next meeting.
- Veronica has been reviewing the website and making a list of old information that could be removed from the website.

U25 Committee

U25 Championships

- Teams - Riders can be made up of any level.
- EFO & Leveza will sponsor the jog etc.
- Veronica will reach out to Macintosh Proline to see if they want to sponsor divisions.
- We have a lot of sponsors already.

Adult Rider Committee

- Next year OEA will potentially look into sponsoring riders for the Tiara Adult Event Camp that is offered by Tiara Equine.
- Ann wants to do Zoom calls for the adult amateurs over the winter. Topic suggestions are welcome.

Competitions Committee

Organizers Subcommittee:

- Sarah advised she will review the EV60 level in depth over the winter to see how that level worked out. The standard of the level needs to be reviewed
- Sarah is going to remind organizers to plan their dates/calendar for next year.
- Sarah is going to ask organizers about why they aren't interested in offering schooling days?
- Tiara wants to potentially run a recognized horse trial at EV90 and below. Can OEA help guide her through this? We could also offer an officials clinic there to help go through the process.

- Sarah is hoping to get organizers to pick their dates before the AGM so we can release them around that time.

Officials/Safety/Rules:

- There was a potential issue regarding a TD in training attending one of the events. They were able to go to a different event however OEA would like to stress how important TDs and officials are in our sport, and there shouldn't be any issues.
- Issue at Glen Oro regarding a coach - Peggy had recommendations for coaching etiquette reminders, Veronica will send out information that Peggy recommended in a monthly bulletin format "Did you know ..."

Sport Development

- a) No updates.

Coaching

- a) No updates.

Schooling Days

- As mentioned earlier, we are going to speak with organizers on what we can do to get them interested in hosting schooling days.

6. Other Matters

AGM

- Veronica suggested we do ribbons to 6th instead of 8th, as not many riders pick-up their ribbons after 6th place, but as we have not changed this on the website, we will do so for next year.
- November 4, 2023, is our confirmed OEA AGM at The Royal
- Phillip Dutton and his daughter are the guest rider at the Royal Winter Fair. Veronica is going to follow up and see if he wants to do a clinic for OEA riders.

Varia:

- Ann advised some of the XC flags were broken at the clinic at WOW. Ann has donated the replacements for these, they have already received them.
- OEA won the bid on the high performance auction for Kyle Morton. He is going to do a Zoom for OEA riders in the winter about his experience in Germany and eventing Internationally.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be October 10, 2023
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. by Veronica.

Tori