

Ontario Eventing Association Board of Directors Meeting
Feb 14th 2022
Final Minutes

Present: Ann Neal, Caroline Abrahams, Sarah Richardson, Kendal Lehari, Justin Ridgewell, Kelly Gravelle, Char Hodgson,

Regrets: Doug Topalovic, Selena O’Hanlon, Veronica Low, Linda Plank, Terri Hough-Gilmour, Nikki Maclellan

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

1. Meeting Opening

*Cheryl moved, Kendal seconded and it was carried to approve the agenda.
Sarah moved, Kelly seconded and it was carried to approve the Jan 10th minutes.*

2. Reminders

Ann reminded members that they needed to obtain their OEA membership for the 2022 season.

3. Matters for Discussion

a. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Ann noted that we needed to follow up on COI declarations for members not present at our last meeting.

- i. Cheryl Denault – none

It was noted that Doug, Selena and Terri will need to declare any conflicts at a future meeting.

EC/OE Issues

To date there has been no response from EC on our recent communication regarding non-payment of levies by one organizer.

PHTA Issues

A roundtable was held last month. There was much discussion as to how venues would police the new coaching requirements. It was agreed that the approach would be to educate and communicate to the coaching and general community. There are also discussions underway around Officials clinics and more opportunities for certification. Ann noted that discussions are underway with a major Ontario venue to host a clinic, possibly in concert with an FEI event. There are also discussions and possibly a draft of an EC contract with all PHTAs.

National Capital Horse Trials Association

Discussion ensued around the annual request of this organization to seek funding assistance for the cost of awards at their annual banquet. OEA has traditionally provided funding assistance as many of their members are not able to attend the OEA banquet due to distance and cost of travelling.

On a motion from Cheryl, seconded by Sarah and passed that the OEA contribute \$1400 to the NCHTA to support their awards for the 2021 season to be presented at their banquet in Spring 2022.

Leaderboard Methodology

Discussion and approval deferred to a future meeting.

4. Treasurers Report

Membership revenue continues to be very strong. Cheryl has created a draft budget for 2022 and recognizes that we'll need Veronica to provide detail and input on matters pertaining to Sport Development including the U25 program. Cheryl noted that this budget has us operating at a \$30,000 loss for 2022 as we are currently carrying reserves.

5. Committee Reports

a. Governance & Policy

No Report

b. Communications

Char noted that we are well underway with the mental health series and wondered if we want these sessions to be posted on our YouTube page. Other potential videos include the video made by a YR on icing and leg care as well as a video made by a rider about equity and inclusion in the sport.

c. Sport Development

Young Rider/U25:

It was noted that there may be confusion around the new Group 1 and Group 2 distinctions for the new U25 Program. It was agreed that we would postpone the motion until Veronica is able to attend and discuss. Concern was raised that we no longer had a minimum age limit for U25 participation.

On the Zara Buren award, there were a total of 17 applicants. Each of the applications were reviewed and scored based on a scoring rubric. In concert with the Buren family we identified the top candidate as well as four riders to receive recognition. An announcement about the winners would be made later this week.

Adult Riders:

Ann and Terri have been in discussions about plans. They've determined that its best not to have separate U25 and Adult rider clinics. They would also like to plan derbies for riders at lower levels.

Coaching:

Kendal noted that February mental month is going well and she has reached out to coaches to encourage them to get their students to participate. If we add to our YouTube channel we can optimize exposure with replays. It was generally agreed that we should promote the sessions and the videos to PHTAs outside Ontario as well as any other interested individual/organization as its good exposure for the OEA and to promote the important topics.

Schooling Days:

All venues which participated last year are enthusiastic to participate this year. Linda Plank has also offered her facility for dressage and stadium. She is also looking forward to our first 2022 organizers meeting. Ann noted that Springhill is also available and it was mentioned that Lanes End might participate.

d. Competitions

Organizers:

A letter has been written to organizers reminding them of course improvement opportunities.

Volunteers:

It was agreed that no motion is required to redirect funds formerly used for volunteers to safety as there is not yet an approved 2022 budget.

Officials/Safety/Rules:

No report.

6. Other Matters

None discussed.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday March 14th

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.