

**Ontario Eventing Association Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 9, 2022**  
**Final Minutes**

**Present:** Ann Neal, Caroline Abrahams, Sarah Richardson, Justin Ridgewell, Kelly Gravelle, Char Linda Plank, Terri Hough-Gilmour, Nikki Maclellan, Doug Topalovic, Selena O’Hanlon

**Regrets:** Kendal Lehari, Charlotte Hodgson

**Call to Order:** 7:05 p.m.

**1. Meeting Opening**

*Veronica moved, Cheryl seconded and it was carried to approve the agenda.  
Cheryl moved, Veronica seconded and it was carried to approve the April 14<sup>th</sup> minutes.*

**2. Matters for Discussion**

***Participation in Connemara Society***

The organizers of the Canadian Connemara Pony Society reached out to the OEA requesting that we participate with them on their High Point Connemara Award for 2022. The award is intended to involve those who exhibit on registered purebred or halfbred Connemaras and is awarded within each circuit or show series. OEA would be required to confirm score sheets for submission to the CCPS.

*Ann moved and it was seconded by Kelly and carried that the OEA agree to participate in the 2022 Canadian Connemara Pony Society High Point Award for EC sanctioned events in Ontario.*

**3. Treasurers Report**

Cheryl noted that the financials have been posted for members to review. We received \$15,000 late last week from OE. At this point our actual revenues and expenditures are tracking on budget and we now need to formally approve our 2022 budget. She noted that the budget is based on 5 schooling days and 10 clinics. We also need to confirm that we want to continue to support the official’s bursary as it has little uptake lately. Linda confirmed that we may see more requests with the official’s clinic at WOW in July.

*Cheryl moved and it was seconded by Nikki and carried that the OEA approve the 2022 budget as posted and circulated for the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.*

**4. Committee Reports**

**a. Governance & Policy**

No report

**b. Communications**

Ann noted that we need to do another post to promote the dressage clinic coming up at Springhill. Doug noted that there were no further updates for communications. He did note that some organizers had made changes to their events without reflecting the changes on the Omnibus and not seeing OEA approval or providing awareness of the changes.

**c. Sport Development**

*Young Rider/U25:*

A meeting of this committee was held last week. Concerns were raised about whether they will meet their target of sponsorship and if leaderboard disbursements are dependent on U25 fundraising.

The Training and Travel Grant is to be combined as one program with one application. There is \$10,000 identified in the budget for this program and this year up to \$1000 will be awarded for both components to applicants. They are also planning for two disbursements of the grant – with the first on July 31<sup>st</sup> and the second on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Within 30 days of the application, applicants will find out if they have received a grant.

*Nikki moved, Veronica seconded and it was carried that the U25 Travel and Training Grant will be combined as one grant and up to 10 awards of up to \$1000 will be made for the 2022 season. It was further noted that the grants will be provided in two disbursements for this season.*

Discussion ensued about running a U25 assessment clinic at the end of August to for riders shortlisted for Tryon. The notion is that this would run as a Combined test by invitation only for those riders who had declared for Tryon. Ideally it would be great to get a sponsor and use the event for teambuilding. It wouldn't be mandatory but would be a great opportunity to get feedback from selectors. The feedback from the boot camp run in 2021 was that it occurred too late to affect any change in rider performance. Other ideas for those challenged by travel is to allow riders to submit videos of their rides to selectors for feedback. In addition, members of the U25 Committee offered to provide feedback on video submissions.

*Nikki moved, Selena seconded and it was carried that the U25 Committee start to organize an August assessment clinic for riders on the shortlist for Tryon.*

*Nikki moved, Selena seconded and it was carried that the U25 Committee Selection Criteria for the USEF Young Rider Eventing Challenge, as circulated for the May 9<sup>th</sup> OEA meeting be approved.*

*Adult Riders:*

Terri noted that with the planned 10 clinics which are open to Adult Riders we should have enough clinic opportunities for the season.

*Coaching:*  
No Report

*Schooling Days:*

The April 24<sup>th</sup> dressage schooling day went very well. The next schooling day is June 11<sup>th</sup> at Bronte Creek. There is also now agreement from the U25 Committee to combine a schooling day and a clinic at Stevens Creek, probably in late July. The plan would likely be to hold the U25 clinic in the morning and the schooling day in the afternoon.

**d. Competitions**

*Organizers:*

Nikki noted that a meeting date with organizers has not yet been set. It was noted that we should raise the issue of omnibus changes at this meeting as we still have challenges with the late addition of Intermediate divisions.

Action

Ann agreed to reach out to the organizers of both WOW and Grandview to remind them of the rules of scheduling Intermediate divisions at their events after the schedule and the omnibus has been approved.

*Officials/Safety/Rules:*

It was noted that a clinician has now been confirmed for the Officials clinic at Willowind July 9/10.

**5. Other Matters**

- a. Ann has booked the Nottawasaga Inn for the banquet for November 12<sup>th</sup>. Kelly noted that she would help out with the banquet. It was also noted that that is the same weekend as Tryon. Ann indicated that she will reach out to see if she can change the date to the next weekend. It was also noted that the Royal runs til Nov 12<sup>th</sup> this year.
- b. Ann reminded members to let her know if they can help with billeting for attendees at the official's clinic.
- c. Ann noted the unfortunate decision of Oakhurst to suspend EC sanctioned competitions.
- d. It was noted that we have a plan to distribute 2021 end of season ribbons at 2022 shows.

**6. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.