

OEA Board of Directors Meeting: Minutes

May 14, 2024

Present: Tori Pengelly, Sarah Richardson, Doug Topalovic, Steph Shatilla, Kaileen Millard-Ruff, Xavier Traisnel, Veronica Low, Bernadette Johnston, Nikki Maclellan, Sam Pritchard, Jamie Kellock **Regrets:** Gabrielle Turcotte

Call to Order: 7:04 p.m.

1. Meeting Opening

- *Sarah moved, Steph seconded, and it was carried, to approve the minutes of the BOD Meeting on April 16, 2024.*
- *Sarah moved, Bernadette seconded, and it was carried, to approve the agenda for the meeting of May 14, 2024.*

2. President's Report

This meeting was called to discuss progress on the website, the upcoming Rebecca Howard Clinic and to discuss two proposed motions. In addition, Sarah advised she talked to Wesley Clover Parks, which has submitted a request to EC to host the Eastern Canadian Eventing Championships on the 12-13 of October 2024. Once they confirm approval and announce, we can share it through our social channels. EC has introduced the National Eventing Rankings. Details will be circulated when they are available.

3. Treasurer's Report

Bernadette presented the financials. She noted that 31 riders have enrolled in the U25 Program and have paid their dues.

4. Committee Reports

Communications

Doug advised that good progress has been made on the new website and a third party is currently working on the organization and formatting of the material to ensure the best presentation possible.

U25

Veronica advised that 32 riders have signed up for the U25 Program.

Schooling Days and Adult Riders

Veronica advised that Tipperary has confirmed, in principle, that they will sponsor the new Adult Rider Team Challenge initiative. To be confirmed and announced.

Special Report: Rebecca Howard Clinic

Doug reported to the BOD that the Rebecca Howard Clinic was now scheduled and confirmed to take place on June 2 and 3 at Glen Oro (XC) and 1060 (show jumping), respectively. He advised they would consider opening the clinic up to one-day entries if it does not fill up. A social media blast would be used to get members to sign up.

5. Other Matters

Steph reported that she is still trying to obtain any confirmation from the CBC about replaying the Olympic XC at two July 28th Horse Trials, as proposed at our March BOD Meeting. Sarah noted that we can revisit the initiative and consider any additional information, at the next BOD as it is now time sensitive.

The OEA is running low on OEA Pinnies. One Director proposed that the OEA offer a discount on new pinnies for new members.

- *Bernadette moved, Sam seconded, and it was carried, a motion to set aside \$600 to order more OEA pinnies.*

The Zara Buren Foundation has approached the OEA to collaborate in an initiative – Zara’s Legacy of Excellence – to encourage excellence among competitive Junior members. The proposal, which was attached, involves awarding an embroidered saddle pad at each Horse Trial in Ontario this season and then introducing a Year-End award. This motion was put to the BOD and after a discussion it was noted that the scoring for the Year End award and the awarding of the saddle pad across divisions be clarified and brought back to the BOD for further consideration in an email motion prior to the next meeting.

6. Next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

- *Sarah moved, Sam seconded, and it was carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm.*