

**HORSE TRIALS BC**  
**Special Directors Meeting – Teleconference**  
**COVID-19**  
**March 31, 2020**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Julie Johannson, Debbie Dorosh, Diana Jamison, Jan Mills, Carol McDonald, Shaye Kozak, Ron Trickett, Brandy Saunders, Ali Holmes-Smith, Sarah McKenzie, TJ Drake, Sue Kovacik, Lynda Ramsay, Maeve Drew, Sabrina Glaser.

Recording Secretary: Jan Mills

Meeting called to order @ 7:38pm by Julie Johannson, President

No agenda tonight – Julie wants to check in with everyone. We want to discuss how our year has started and how it looks moving forward with Covid-19 and our province/world today.

Cancelled so far in BC – Johvale clinic, Mustang Powder, MREC.

EC has suspended all clinics, competitions etc. Tokyo Olympics postponed until 2021. Capri is not offering insurance coverage to organizers.

Items to discuss tonight -

1. Budget with the current situation.
2. Source other opportunities during this difficult time to grow our sport.

Membership is currently at ½ of normal and will there even be a season? What about those that have paid already? Discussion around members that have paid and what this may look like if there is no season this year. Agreement that there will be no refunds however depending how this goes there may need to be memberships applied to 2021. No decisions made on this yet.

There are some expenses that happen even if there are no competitions such as Liability insurance for directors paid through Capri – approx. \$1400

What about yearend awards? AGM at Harrison? If there's no season there may not be need for the awards night.

We need to try to keep the energy positive in our sport even during these times. Can we put our heads together to plan what that could be, what that could look like.

→ Jan to reach out to Harrison regarding the possibility of cancellation or at least altering our contract. Currently Harrison is closed but Jan will send an email in a couple of weeks regarding options for the fall with not knowing at this point what will be happening at that time with Covid.

The special resolution vote on our name change was to happen at Johvale or Mustang. As both have been cancelled what do we do now? Diana has asked Corporate Registry for an extension beyond May 20<sup>th</sup> but they can't give us an answer at this point. They suggested we call mid May to check again. Everything is so unsure at this time.

Julie suggests for the future we look at adding to our constitution a method to vote electronically to cover this type of circumstance should it happen in the future.

Maeve reports the directors vests are in, we will go ahead with logo's and pick up.

Should the payouts be made to organizers this year? This is funding from the Enhancement fund and rides, money generated on last years rides to be paid out this year to organizers. If there isn't much of

a season this year there won't be money generated this year to give to organizers next year. We do want to support our organizers in this difficult time though. A lot of discussion on this topic and decision to hold off for now but we need to agree on how we handle this or it will be an accounting nightmare. Ron will reach out to organizers, check in with them and get back to the board.

We should schedule a budget meeting in the next couple of months. Committees should revisit their budgets, create a worst case budget and best case budget. Everyone put on their thinking caps regarding things to do to keep the membership engaged and in the loop.

More discussion at our budget meeting regarding payouts to organizers.

—————→ Julie to craft a letter to the membership to be circulated.

—————→ Diana will email Julie a couple of date options for a budget meeting. Next directors meeting is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting adjourned by Julie @ 9:05pm**