

BCEA
Directors Meeting
Zoom Virtual Meeting
June 8, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Julie Johannson, Debbie Dorosh, Ian MacLean, Jan Mills, Bob Mason, Maeve Drew, Carol McDonald, Kathleen Weare, Brandy Saunders, Sarah McKenzie, Sue Kovacik, Lynda Ramsay.

Absent: Ali Holmes-Smith, Nicole Kovacik

Recording Secretary: Jan Mills

Meeting called to order @ 7:07pm by Julie Johannson, President

Agenda: agenda circulated by email.

Additions to Agenda – under New Business – Old Pinnies Loaned to Pony Club (Ian)

MOTION: to accept agenda as circulated with addition. Lynda Ramsay/Brandy Saunders, carried.

Minutes: minutes of April 27, 2022 meeting circulated by email.

MOTION: to accept Minutes of April 27, 2022 as circulated. Ian MacLean/Sarah McKenzie, carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- **Summer Games update - Lynda:** team selection is currently happening. Carol McDonald & Diane Spencer are the selection committee for Eventing. 1 person from each zone (8) plus 9 wild card spots. 17 in total from Eventing. 48 in total of all disciplines. Ian is scoring for Eventing, 17 riders in total. Competition is over 3 days – dressage, derby & show jumping. Eventing has the most riders qualified (22) of all disciplines. Participants arrive on Wednesday. Ian to be there Thursday. Brandy & Maeve asked about info available for coaches. Brandy & Maeve are looking at flights to Prince George. Games are July 20-24, 2022. Discussion around details etc etc. Things are a little vague but we will learn a lot for the next games at MREC in 2024.
- **Island 22 update – Bob:** at the last meeting Bob thought he'd have the report shortly after but he just received the report today from Janice Spence. The consultant has accepted our proposal for repair. Island22 made an application to BC Gaming for funding but it has not been accepted as it didn't meet the criteria. Carol will send Hildegard some other funding options.
- **AGM 2022 – Jan:** Coast Hotel, Chilliwack has sent pricing to Jan. The hotel rooms are a good price but the meeting room for our directors meeting is quite expensive at \$350 per day. Is there a hospitality suite or family suite we could use for the directors to gather instead of the meeting room at \$350 per day? Can we bring food in to our meeting room? Perhaps there's another location we could meet for Thursday eve and Friday directors meeting? Jan to check with Coast Hotel for answers to our questions. Julie to look into other meeting room options close by for the directors Thursday eve & Friday and maybe Sunday morning. Carol: how many events need to run for yearend awards to take place? Discussion – conclusion, 4 events (there are 4 still to run). MREC is not going to run a May event any longer as the weather is always too wet and they end up cancelling or altering.

- **Sponsorship update** – Kathleen: has results of the questionnaire and screen shared the results. 182 respondents and most are eventers that have equipment (tractors, ATV's, horse trailers etc). The survey helps us determine what companies to target for sponsorship. Discussion on what's the best approach. Next step is to put together the packages – bronze, silver, gold, platinum. We want to be careful regarding work for organizers. Are we in time to find sponsors for this year or do we get the packages ready for finding sponsors for next year? What will we give the sponsor and what will we ask in return? There will be a cost to what we are offering the sponsors so there needs to be a good balance between ask and cost. We've identified the target group. The committee will meet again in the next couple of weeks and work on the packages and then present to the board at our next meeting. The survey was very good and has given us really useful information. Thanks to Marilyn for sending out the survey, we appreciate all she does for us.

Correspondence - none

Budget Quarterly Review - Ian – most activity has been in the Education account. Debbie talked about the clinic. The May clinic went incredibly well. 119 participants in total, 104 in regular clinic and 15 in the intro clinic. Everything was budgeted on 80 riders so finances were quite different with 119 riders. 5 porta potties were down in the lower camping area and that seemed to be enough. The hand washing stations worked well and the potties were serviced ½ way through the clinic. Most things fell in budget. The concession went really well and fell within budget. First aid was more expensive but worth it as it was used and the high level is required. Ambulance and helicopter were used and riders are okay. Coaches were amazing, did a fantastic job and all went well. There were 4 groups out on x-country at the same time and they all worked together. There was also pace going on. The 5 BC coaches were offered an education bonus of \$250 each as their pay was lower than the out of province coach. Education came out \$6600 ahead. Extra money is earmarked for the official's support/education program.

Margo did a fantastic job working with Debbie to put the clinic together and her work is so greatly appreciated. Margo has spent many hours supporting HTBC and now BCEA but is no longer a member or director. Thank you Margo!!

Ian said we are down on membership dollars (from our budget) but there will be more members join as the year unfolds more. It seems to be easiest to access the membership renewal through our website. Discussion on the General account to date. We need to look at Champs/Teams/Awards and AGM to be realistic on our budget. Jan will provide AGM numbers when she has questions answered from Coast Chilliwack. Sue will provide numbers for awards.

Lynda – we have 3 official's clinics coming up. Does BCEA have a way of letting officials know they can apply for funding for a clinic? There was a form to request funds – we need to review that, clarify terms and get it posted on the website.

Travel funding for Summer Games is coming from the YR account. \$500.

Committee Updates –

- Education Clinic May 2022 update: as discussed above in the budget review.
- Scholarship update: Marilyn is sending a note to all members re applying for scholarships.

New Business –

- **New HCBC Eventing Division update – Julie:** this new division concept has gone to EC and sits with Meg Krueger at this time. The MOU has expired. New division concept, height went up to 2'9" and has some cross overs that are a bit concerning – it's an interesting concept but details are vague as we weren't involved in any of the discussion. The expertise in our sport is with us, creating divisions should have our involvement. There is a need for a new division but it is unfortunate that we weren't consulted for input. Do we support it or not

support it? We need some questions answered. Julie will update us as she receives information.

- **Pinnies loaned to Pony Club – Ian:** HTBC donated old pinnies to Pony club years back. They are no longer needed by Pony Club - should they go back to BCEA or be destroyed? BCEA doesn't need them back but perhaps there is another Pony Club that could use them? Brandy indicated the Kootenay's could use them if there wasn't another home for them. Full agreement that this would be the best use for the old pinnies. Brandy will pick up when she's next in the Langley area – perhaps the Campbell Valley event.

Next meeting date: Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7pm by zoom.

Adjournment:

MOTION: to adjourn meeting. Lynda Ramsay/Maeve Drew, carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:35pm.