

**BCEA**  
**Directors Meeting – Budget**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting**  
**February 15, 2022**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Julie Johannson, Debbie Dorosh, Ian MacLean, Jan Mills, Bob Mason, Maeve Drew, Carol McDonald, Kathleen Weare, Brandy Saunders, Ali Holmes-Smith, Sarah McKenzie, Sue Kovacik, Lynda Ramsay.  
 Absent: Ron Trickett & Nicole Kovacik

Recording Secretary: Jan Mills  
 Meeting called to order @ 7:06pm by Julie Johannson, President

**Resignation from the BOD received from Ron Trickett** – Julie read Ron’s letter of resignation to the BOD. After many many years of devotion to the sport he is ready to step back from committee work. He’d like to continue to support the organization in other ways. Thank you to Ron for his years on the BOD and involvement with Horse trials since the beginning of Eventing on the West coast.

We need to bring new Chairs to the committee’s Ron chaired.  
 Champs, Teams, & Awards –  
 Funding & Enhancement –  
 Organizers –

**Financial Proposal to the Board of Directors resulting from a meeting of the Financial Committee** – the proposal created by the Finance Committee was shared with the board of directors. Julie explained the rationale behind the proposal and our thoughts and theories supporting the proposal.

**Proposal:** *The ad hoc financial committee has reviewed the levies charged to the organizers over the past 6 years as well as the amount of funding provided to the organizers over the past 6 years, and have found the organizers are actually paying more in levies than they are receiving in funding. To reduce the financial burden to the organizers we propose the following pilot project -*

1. *In 2022 BCEA will no longer charge the \$15 per ride levy to the organizers*
2. *In 2023 we will eliminate the course funding paid to the organizers*

*Part of this review is the use of the Enhancement fund. We suggest the Enhancement fund be relabeled as Course Enhancement Fund. This fund will no longer receive membership funds but will be used to receive donations targeted for x-country course upgrades & maintenance.*

*We further suggest that Championship and Year End Award expenditures be maintained at their current level but become a line item in the general budget. This may be an opportunity for sponsorship in the future. The Enhancement funds derived from the 2021 year allocated for the current organizers will be disbursed in 2022. All other enhancement fund monies from 2021 will revert to general revenues.*

*We hope this proposal will simplify our financial structure and provide clarity to the BOD and general membership.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Ad Hoc Financial Committee*

*Julie Johannson, Ian MacLean, Debbie Dorosh, Jan Mills, & Carol McDonald*

MOTION: to accept the above proposal. Carol McDonald/Lynda Ramsay, carried.

**Budget Review – Ian.** Ian talked about the process of him taking over the role of treasurer and creating the budget. He shared the committee budgets one at a time so the committee chair could speak to it. Young Riders, Education, and Adult Rider. Discussion around these budgets.  
 Ian spoke to the BCEA proposed budget.

Ian went through each line item of the proposed budget. With not much happening over the past 2 years it's hard to look at actuals. The financial picture looks pretty good. We will need to look at a membership drive in the future to bolster the sport and increase the membership revenue source.

Budget review in May, just to check in, as part of our directors meeting.

Kathleen spoke to the sponsor opportunity. Bob spoke to the idea of generating a survey – 1. it tells a bit about who we are 2. it gives the potential sponsor commercial justification 3. it arms the person asking for the sponsorship with relevant information.

The committee will look at this closer and settle on the format to send out.

Island 22 update: Bob coordinated machinery to dig holes to check what is below the ring surface. There were some branches & debris found buried in the ring below the footing. It is proposed to go in with a subsoiler (small plow) that goes down 2 ft. It breaks up the soil and will remove the rotten buried branches. Then there would need to be a contractor. Total treatment approx. \$3000 (perhaps higher dependent on the amount of sand required for the ring). The regional district has now come back with a proposal to send in a consultant to assess the situation. This is budgeted at \$10000 by the regional district.

Next meeting date:

By zoom Wednesday April 27, 2022 at 7 pm

MOTION: to adjourn. Ian MacLean/Sarah McKenzie, carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:20pm