

**BCEA**  
**Directors Meeting**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting**  
**February 22, 2023**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Julie Johannson, Debbie Dorosh, Ian MacLean, Jan Mills, Bob Mason, Maeve Conroy-Drew, Carol McDonald, Kathleen Weare, Sara Sellmer, Katy Ostberg, Sarah McKenzie, Nicole Kovacik, Sue Kovacik, Lynda Ramsay.

Absent: Brandy Saunders

Recording Secretary: Jan Mills

Meeting called to order @ 7:10pm by Julie Johannson, President

**Agenda:** we will discuss the details, of the ViaSport grants we received and specifics of how to use the money.

**Rally Together Sport volunteer grant \$15,000 received.**

Your project is to be completed by 2024/01/15

***Provide a short summary (4-5 sentence) of your project:*** Eventing is truly the equestrian sport that takes a village. With three distinct tests of the horse and rider, it takes many hands to make the sport accessible and fun for all. This program is designed to encourage further development of coaches, volunteer board members, officials and event volunteers to allow for better educated volunteers and an increase to the available volunteers in more areas of the province.

Following the parameters of our application we need to clarify details on how to best use the funds to support our volunteers, including the board of directors. Put some thought into specifics of use. Volunteer ideas go to Julie.

**Rally Together Sport Participation grant \$15,000 received.**

Your project is to be completed by 2023/12/31

***Provide a short summary (4-5 sentence) of your project:*** Covid and inflation have taken their toll and we feel the impact. Declining membership and loss of competition venues have us looking at our sport and brainstorming ways to bring our sport to new areas of BC. This program will bring our sport to local communities that have either lost appropriate venues or never had one. We plan to offer educational and introductory competitive opportunities to communities of low or non-existent membership. We are working with equestrian groups located in these regions to introduce our sport and energize riders of all ages to participate in a cost-effective, meaningful way.

Prince George/North, Kootenays, Island & Interior: what do we need to do to have a clinic with competition afterwards? What can we do for expansion? Jump building clinics? Local level building clinics to stimulate activities. Strategy for documentation to offer. Discussion and ideas of how to pull clinics/competitions together in these 4 areas.

Expansion/Participation ideas go to Lynda.

Please put your ideas together with a cost estimate attached. We want to make the most with what we've got!

Coaches – ask how we can help them best? Mentoring at the Spring clinic could work but the coaches will be very busy already. How do we find the coaches? Make a call out and those that want to participate will show up.

These thoughts and ideas need to tie into our strategic plan over the next 5 years. This programming can continue forward and we can look at how to make it happen.

Thanks to Lynda and Carol for all the work on the new provincial rules! You guys did so much work and we appreciate it. We have 6 divisions at the Provincial level and the rules are now with Horse Council.

Julie will reach out individually to each of us prior to our April meeting.

**Minutes:** minutes of January 24, 2023 meeting circulated by email. These minutes will be discussed at our next directors meeting.

**Next meeting date:** Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7pm by zoom.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm.