

BCEA
Directors Meeting
Zoom Virtual Meeting
June 21, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: Katy Ostberg

Recording Secretary: Jan Mills

Meeting called to order @ 7:05pm by Julie Johannson, President

Agenda: no agenda circulated.

Minutes: minutes of April 5, 2023 meeting circulated by email. Errors or omission, none

MOTION: to accept Minutes of April 5, 2023 as circulated. Sarah McKenzie/Ian MacLean, carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

—————→ **Organizers committee** – Ian MacLean added to the committee. Jan to circulate the new committee list.

New Business:

Google storage – for all our documents. Julie asked Ian if he could initiate this.

Board Education – Ian has reached out to Sport Law in Ontario. Lawyers, coaches, sport experts – they offer a wealth of training. Webinars, workshops etc. We are interested in Membership development, Grant writing etc.

Perhaps we can meet as a board on Thursday before AGM for Board development. Maybe fly Sport Law into Abbotsford and we can meet there for the day of training. We can have good conversations in person and will get lots out of it. Does anyone have any concerns with this plan? Let Julie know if any concerns.

AGM – we will rework how the AGM is run this fall. Round tables with interaction and more engaging.

Expansion Committee – we have funding to spend for expansion. Where are we at with this? Lynda – Kathleen organized a clinic that went well. Brandy held a derby last weekend that went really well. Summerland plans to run a derby after Kelowna. We are working at supporting organizers that have stepped up to hold derby's. Derby in Prince George went really well. Southlands derby coming up next weekend and Campbell Valley “almost an event” is next weekend. Kelowna, Summerland and Princeton coming up. Jamie Kidston has offered to help.

What can we do to financially support these derby's? ViaSport funding must be spent by December so reports can be written and submitted by the deadline.

Carol suggests course building clinic & support. Kathleen had Brian Vicars come in to prep for the clinic. He's busy now in AB but could perhaps come for a couple of days later in the summer. Lynda will look into organizing bringing Brian in later in the summer or early fall. Extend invites to Southlands and Prince George.

Last weekend Prince George hosted their first 2 phase derby in conjunction with their dressage show and it was a wonderful success!! This was the first time riding a dressage test for lots of the competitors so that was super! The feedback was excellent and they had many comments from competitors and coaches that they would really like to see this become a standalone event, so they will be working towards that for next year. Thanks to Lynda for coming up and judging dressage.

Can we support course design as well? Are there other ways we can support? We have the \$15000 ViaSport grant to spend.

When will HCBC post our rules? Apparently there is a technical glitch that has prevented them from being posted. Lynda will check in with HC on this. We have competitors asking and they need them. We can put them on our website once they are posted on the HC website.

Money for Board Education - Money for energizing volunteers. How about a swag bag? Advertising what is coming up? CV, Isl22 & MR put forward a volunteer of the year name and provide them with a dinner ticket to Harrison. Perhaps a room as well at Harrison. Are board members included? The volunteer that stands out to the organizer. We can still put some money towards swag bags for the volunteers.

Perhaps derby organizers give a discount to BCEA members? Brandy's derby offered \$10 off the entry fee for BCEA members. Perhaps offer to our new organizers a banquet ticket to attend Harrison this fall? Maybe offer an organizers symposium at Harrison? Welcome them to our eventing community and offer them thanks & acknowledgement. Maybe pictures of all our competitions/clinics over the province to be shared at Harrison. To show where we are going. Lynda & Carol will ponder how to put this together.

Ian will work on a budget on how the funds will be spent and a time line.

Ian had a BCEA banner made. It can be shared around to the sites. Ian will hang it up at CV. Debbie will bring it to Kelowna for Lynda's derby. The banner has a QR code on it that takes you directly to the website.

Meeting with EC – working on agreement with PHTA's. They are working on a number of things for the high performance group. Webinars coming up - from Pony Club to High Performance, from Groom to Rider, etc. Competitions working group at EC & they are doing a survey to our organizers. Officials clinics. Julie offered to help with this.

Champs & awards – do we want to retire the trophies? Yes that has been agreed upon by the board, we moving in a different direction. Conversation on what to do with the trophies. Opening preamble at the awards ceremony on why we are moving away from the trophies. How do we tactfully say this is the time to retire them. There's been a lot of time and thought put into this and we'd like to make our movement forward tactfully. The trophies are being honored at Harrison – they are meaningful and valuable but we are going in a different direction now.

Sponsorship email from Kathleen – board members to reply to this please and give feedback.

→ **Education clinic** – lack of farrier a problem. About 10 riders that couldn't ride on Sunday because of missing shoes. Only 1 person taken to hospital. More portable toilets required for next year as there are no longer outhouses on the x-country course. Clinic ran at a loss this year.

Harrison – Marcia has agreed to spearhead the auction. Funding will support BCEA and the YR Program. There will be an online auction starting approximately 2 weeks prior to Harrison. There will be a silent and live auction during the banquet. Jan is working on details of the Harrison weekend.

Correspondence – none

Next meeting date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 7pm by zoom.

Adjournment:

MOTION: to adjourn meeting. Kathleen Weare/Carol McDonald, carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm.