



2023 Annual General Meeting

Harrison Hot Springs

November 18, 2023

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Minutes of the 2022 BCEA AGM

November 26, 2023

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

Absent: none

Recording Secretary: Jan Mills

1. **Call to Order** - meeting called to order @ 9:05 am by Julie Johannson, President. Julie welcomes all attendees, it's so nice to see all the faces. The board of directors introduces themselves. Everyone please refer to the package you received by email. We will not read all the reports that have been included in the package and trust everyone has read the reports enclosed.

2. **Approval of Agenda** – addition of BC summer games update under new business following Election of New Directors.

MOTION: accept agenda with addition. Maeve Drew/Sarah McKenzie, carried.

3. **Minutes of December 11, 2021 HTBC AGM by Zoom** –

MOTION: to accept minutes of December 11, 2021 AGM as circulated by email. Kathleen Weare/Lynda Ramsay, carried.

4. **Scrutineers Report – Jan** – return to this after Presidents report. 38 in attendance, 34 eligible to vote.

5. **Business Arising from 2021 AGM Minutes** – none

6. **Presidents Report** – report as read by Julie Johannson. (condensed version typed)
This year we forged ahead with some long-awaited competitions and camps as the world slowly works its way to whatever the new normal is. Nice to see our alumni back home with Rebecca Howard coaching at Adult Rider camp. We were also able to watch Dana Cooke compete in Italy this year. BC Summer Games went ahead in Prince George in July. There were 10 riders in Eventing that rode a derby course. Thanks to PG for working hard to make this competition amazing for the riders. Thanks to our supporting board members who volunteered their time – Lynda Ramsay, Ian MacLean, Debbie Dorosh, Maeve Drew and Brandy Saunders. We are future focused this year and have been working closely with Equestrian Canada and HCBC to find ways to bring grass roots competitions to more parts of our Province. We need to support new

opportunities for our members in the years to come. There are lots of ideas and lots of interest so stay tuned as we roll into the new year. Our board of directors met in October for the first time since 2019. I want to thank each and every one for your commitment to the sport of Eventing in BC and for the hours of work you put in to keep the sport active and going. I want to thank the Holmes-Smith family for their hard work and dedication over the years. Life is taking them in a new direction and they will no longer hold their fabulous event. I'd also like to thank Ali for her hard work on the board. If you have an idea, suggestion or something to share please reach out. We can't wait to greet everyone in person at our 2023 banquet!

Treasurers Report –report as circulated by email - Ian

Since financial information has been distributed here is a summary.

1. BCEA's year end is the 15th of October.
2. Current bank balance and GIC in all accounts totals just over \$110,000; this time last year it was just over \$97,000.
3. We have no accounts receivable and \$3,200 in payables.
4. One thing that doesn't show because it happened after year end is that we will owe approximately \$5,000 for ribbons and prizes for our year-end high point awards.
5. Note that we no longer collect head fees from event organizers; neither do we distribute Organizer Funding Top Ups after the year ended 15 October 2021.
6. The separate funds we used to maintain for Enhancement, Course Development etc. have been eliminated. Funding for items that previously came from those funds will be allocated in the BCEA budget every year.

Myself and the program treasurers are happy to answer financial questions.

Sabrina Glaser: what is the cost of the directors meeting recently held in Whistler, I don't see it in the financials?

Julie: the Whistler meeting is in next years' books, the financials being shared currently are for yearend Oct 15/22. Standard cost for these face to face meetings is approximately \$3000. We chose Whistler as shoulder season offered greatly reduced rates and it was a convenient location for most directors.

Sabrina Glaser: I felt disappointed and discouraged when notified that I won a yearend award and that there would not be a banquet/gathering to hand out awards. So discouraging, with Covid over and still no yearend banquet. Globally our sport is suffering. The initiative of getting people excited about it is coming but we need to do more. If funding was the concern to cancel the awards banquet then I'd like to propose another idea. We could hold a gathering in my indoor arena, have a place where everyone can get together, foster the sport and feel the camaraderie. Some of the best times are not the competition but the celebration of our riders. I don't know where this stands but I'd like to offer my place, maybe Dec 10th. I have a loud speaker for music, we could order pizza etc. I would love the support of the board and this be a BC Eventing gathering. If there are physical awards they could be handed them out there.

Julie: thanks Sabrina, we appreciate the offer of your facility. We will never say no to an opportunity to celebrate our group & our sport. It mirrors what we would like to have in a perfect world.

Jan: shared the process we'd gone through in arranging our AGM and Year End awards banquet. It was a process that proved very difficult on the heels of Covid but with it still lingering. We had Harrison booked but at the time we were to sign the contract this spring there was still so much uncertainty that we felt we couldn't risk the funds of BCEA by locking into a contract that could potentially cost the organization a significant amount of money should we be unable to hold the banquet. Our concern at that time was the potential of not enough competitions to have awards and without awards we wouldn't have the people attend the banquet. When you sign a contract with a hotel we are making a commitment to them for the dinner etc. The hotel contracts have not changed over the years however there's never been the threat of cancellation before and just what that would mean to the organization. We tried again in the summer to choose a hotel in Chilliwack and proceed with the AGM and banquet in person. We ended up in the same position with terrible timing when it came time to sign on the dotted line. It was a decision that was not made lightly to have one more year with a zoom AGM. It is our hope that 2023 will see us together again to celebrate our membership and their accomplishments. Stay tuned as plans for November 2023 unfold.

7. HTBC Committee Reports – (condensed version typed)

- a) **Website, Nicole Kovacik** – the committee utilized our new BCEA website and social media channels to relay information. Our Facebook page is linked to the website which makes the website a central location for information about BC Eventing. We encourage you to interact with our social media pages and please send up pictures from the past season so we can share them to our website and media pages. Please reach out if you have questions or feedback.
- b) **Membership, Carol McDonald** – memberships can be purchased online on the HCBC website. There has been some confusion of which BCEA membership to purchase. We are working with HCBC to revise the wording to better help members. You are able to donate to BCEA through the HCBC membership portal. There are 365 members, down from 428 in 2019. There were 26 temporary memberships purchased, down from 38 in 2019.
- c) **Young Rider, Brandy Saunders** – this is the first year that BC was represented in the BC Summer Games, held in Prince George in July. There were challenges but the way the teams came together to support each other was amazing. The next BC Summer Games will be held in maple Ridge in 2024.
We are working on rebuilding post Covid and offering educational opportunities to the BCYR members. There will be spring clinic subsidies, return of the Jordan McDonald YR bursary, YR camp, BC Summer Games development and more.
- d) **Organizers, Carol McDonald/Lynda Ramsay** – organizers tried to find normal post Covid. The long wet spring forced the cancellation of the May MREC. Continued heavy rains in June forced MREC to cancel the cross country phase at the June

event. Mustang Powder was not offered due to the very busy schedules of Nick & Ali Holmes-Smith. Happily they will be open to hosting clinics. Organizers have submitted their dates for the 2023 season, these dates are posted on the website. BCEA is also working to support organizers across the province to offer low level, non-EC sanctioned eventing focused competitions and schooling days.

- e) **Scholarships** – the Mary Swanson scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Kya Zoretich. Congratulations Kya!
- f) **High Performance – Sarah McKenzie** – plans for 2023 include finding funding pathways for our HP riders. We take feedback from our riders to aid in supporting them in progress towards achieving their goals.
- g) **Education, Debbie Dorosh** – we offered an Education clinic combined with Young Riders in May at Chase Creek. The clinic was full with 120 riders. Out of Province coach Sandra Donnelly worked with 5 BC coaches. May 18 -21, 2023 has been set for Chase Creek
- h) **Funding, Kathleen Weare** – the committee went through some changes this year and there has been some changes for organizers. Moving forward we'd like to obtain sponsorship funding from outside corporate sponsors to expand the program. We'd like to support individuals in their continuing education and have more officials, TD's, Course Designers etc.
- i) **Championships & Awards, Nicole Kovacik** – exciting to see the year move ahead post Covid. We did however encounter some weather challenges which had MREC cancelling cross-country at the May & June HT's. We adapted and ran a modified Championship at Island22. There was not an in person awards banquet however we went ahead with our year end awards to acknowledge and celebrate our BC Eventers. Ribbons & prizes will be mailed out and award winners will be listed on the BCEA website.
- j) **Adult Rider, Brandy Saunders** – we ran a clinic in August at Chase Creek with headliner coach Rebecca Howard along with 2 BC coaches. Our goal moving forward is member engagement throughout the year in hopes to spark more interest and increase members.
- k) **AGM, Jan Mills** – the AGM was hosted through Zoom for the 3rd year. It was a tough decision but in the spring when the financial commitment was to be made to Harrison Hot Springs Resort there was still too much uncertainty in our world and the weight of financial responsibility to the organization became priority. It is our hope and plan to run and in person AGM & Awards Banquet in 2023 to celebrate and honour our members.
- l) **Safety, Rules & Officials – Lynda Ramsay** – only a few rule changes in 2022. For 2023 there will be new dressage tests offered, 2 for each level. Organizers may also use the old tests. EC has changed the names of the divisions. BCEA hopes to offer educational opportunities to Officials in 2023. Check the website.
- m) **Sponsorship - Kathleen Weare** – the committee has struggled with where potential sponsorship \$'s would be allocated and mapping a program for the sponsors. We've had good ideas with possibilities for a new direction. The program continues to

evolve and hopes we will have secured corporate sponsorship for the upcoming season.

MOTION: to accept committee reports as circulated. Darcie Kerkoven/Ian MacLean, carried. Voting done through show of hands.

Election of New Directors – 9 director seats up for election, all 9 are 2 year terms. Debbie Dorosh, Ian MacLean, Jan Mills, Sarah McKenzie, Lynda Ramsay, Kathleen Weare, Nicole Kovacik are willing to let their names stand. Ron Trickett & Ali Holmes-Smith have stepped off the board.

- Nominations from the floor – Katy Ostberg & Sara Sellmer. 9 names put forward and accepted by acclamation.
- Thank you to Ron Trickett and Ali Holmes-Smith for their valuable work on the board. Welcome to Katy & Sara and I look forward to working with everyone in the next year.
- Secret vote through Election Runner was not required, elected by acclamation.

We did so much work in whistler discussing ways to inspire our sport and keep it alive. We have had conversations with HCBC and EC to help us fit the mold to move forward. We need meaningful competition for everyone from lower level to upper level competition. We've been thinking outside the box learning from what our organizers are already doing. There are schooling competitions that are already running and are quite successful in what we are trying to capture. We are trying to create opportunities and there are a lot of people who are interested but need a way in through the grassroots area. We are looking to the North, Kootenay's and Island. We are looking at ways to support the sport differently – looking at schooling opportunities and talking to HCBC about how we can put things into place. Stay tuned as we have things that are coming together. We are literally brainstorming of what we can do rather than what we can't do. We want to open our sport in a different way even though it may not be the full spectrum of the sport we can work from there. We want more opportunities, more venues etc. We are working with other groups. Ways to support our current organizers and new opportunities. We are trying to find traction into different areas. We have done a lot of work so keep your eyes on the website and social media. We have also applied for a couple of grants to help grow the sport and grow the volunteer base. It takes a village. Always looking for new venues and opportunities. We are trying to work with everyone we do know and keep the door open for all. Once we have a more solid foundation we will share with the membership. We want meaningful competition for higher levels and more opportunity for lower levels to come and join us. We are very aware of where we sit and are working hard as a board of directors to find ways to grow the sport moving forward. Get everyone together and bring more opportunities.

Jaimie Kidston: wondering if part of the discussion would be along the lines of summarizing the knowledge of our current and past organizers? It would be helpful to new venues and schooling opportunities to have ideas to help get started.

Julie: you read our minds, this is exactly what we are working on. We are trying to put together a fulsome package of how to get started, officials, cost effective etc for just the reason you bring up. We want to support local groups and you are totally on point with what we are working on.

Jaimie: she's heard the hunter/jumper group are putting together a little circuit and what do we think about that.

Julie: yes we are thinking outside the box and trying to put something like that together. Reflecting back to 20 years ago and how can we recreate some of the same feel of what we used to have. Thank you Jaimie for your comments, this really lets us know we are heading in the right direction with our thoughts and plans.

8. **New Business** – BC Summer Games Update – this year was the first year we were part of the BC Summer games. This was an amazing time, competitors had fun and it was amazing to see

Paille did presentation

Maeve talked about the experience.

Julie – thanks so much for sharing with us Paile. We are looking forward to the next games at MREC. So exciting, fun and enriching for all. Maeve was the head coach for all disciplines and Brandy was a zone coach. These ladies gave up going to Rebecca to attend the summer games and we had the best coaches there! Not only do we grow great riders but we grow amazing coaches. Thanks so much for the presentation, we are thrilled to have you with us today.

Special presentations – Mary Swanson scholarship. This year to Kya Zortich. We want to acknowledge Kya, the application was great.

Give 2 honorary life memberships this year – to Len Kirby and Margo Kozak for all they have done for us over the year and we are pleased to add them as honorary life members to BCEA.

Year End awards – Nicole Kovacik - we are sorry we aren't doing this in person but in the mean time we will honor them today. Shout out to Lisa Thompson who's doing barn chores during the meeting! We are happy to have you all hear. It would be wonderful to do this in person maybe at Sabrina's on Dec 10th. Nicole made a powerpoint of all winners. It started out hairy with weather challenges but we did end up with 4 competitions in the end. Nicole read out the award winners. Intermediate/Prelim Senior/Prelim Jr/Training Sr/Training Jr/Pre Training Sr/Pre Training Jr/Entry Jr/Entry Sr/Pre Entry Jr/Pre Entry Sr

Congratulations to all, that wraps up our award winners. We look forward to seeing you all in 2023 and thank you to all.

Julie: thank you Nicole for putting that together and we will put it up on our website. We are proud of our riders and we feel honored to celebrate them. We would love to honor them in person and maybe we can do that with Sabrina's idea. We look forward to celebrating in person and we thank you all for being part of this today.

Open the floor to questions, thoughts, concerns. Any stories to share.

New award/idea: Leslie McGill - This year I want to bring in a new award/idea. I want to choose three events, the last one being the final for the award. Its going to be for Parent and child teams. Doesn't matter what level it will be based solely on scores added up. So mom and daughter, mom and son, dad and kid.... any levels. Three competitions, two with basic awards and the third will be a big award all sponsored by The Saddle Doctor.

I also vote that we bring back teams, when I was younger we had teams at every event and it added a lot of extra excitement. Have a look at what Dressage BC is doing now with teams - really increased interest in the sport... its been very exciting being a part of that with Leslie Reid and Wendy Christoff.

Margo asked about Championships – those were awarded at Island 22 on site so because we are on zoom we only dealt with the yearend awards.

Leslie McGill: also we need to bring back more team work towards young riders championships. Alberta seems to be doing a lot. Helps gets the kids focused on qualifying etc. We used to have The Talent Squad etc..

Door prizes – Jan – we will put all attendee names in a draw and pull 10 names during our next directors meeting for door prize GC's. Jan will mail them out to winners and names will be posted on the website.

Julie: we thank everyone for attending today and we hope to hear from you in the future and hope to see you soon in person. Will the BOD please stay on the zoom call so we can have a quick Post AGM meeting and welcome our new directors to the board.

9. Adjournment:

MOTION: to adjourn meeting. Sara Sellmer/Bob Mason, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am

BCEA President's Report

It is once again my honour to report to you as President of BCEA about the year that we have all enjoyed. This year felt like a true return to "normal" or perhaps to a new normal. We worked closely with Horse Council BC this year to create provincial rules for derbies. These rules are still a work in progress, but their existence is progress in itself, as we have not had a provincial level of competition for many years. The board had a focus this year – a focus to get more competitive opportunities to try our sport or enjoy a version of our sport in more areas of our province. I am proud to say that I feel we were successful this year in achieving a monumental movement in this direction. To have schooling or provincial competitions on the Island, in Prince George, in the Kootenays, in the Okanagan is more than we have had in some time. We also have organizers that were ready and willing to hold their competitions this year but were unable to but are still on board for the future. This feels like a future that is bright for our sport.

We have 3 venues that continue to run full Eventing competitions... I like to call them the Big 3. We are so appreciative of these organizing committees for all the hard work they do to keep our sport alive in its entire form. It is always sad to lose venues and we have lost a number over the

years. But we remain hopeful that we will start to grow venues and that we will continue to be here to support each and every one of them as best as we can.

We were lucky to obtain grant funding this year through viaSport for the expansion of our sport into these new areas and to attract new members, and to support our volunteers, both board volunteers and event volunteers. Grant writing is an art, but we were successful in our application for these two grants for \$15,000 each. These funds were utilized to support our new facilities by helping pay their officials costs and allowing us to offer or support two cross country building clinics to educate more people about how to safely construct cross country fences. Brian Vickers was in the Kootenays for a clinic there and Dylan Barry was in Langley to share his knowledge. The clinic with Dylan was on very short notice as he is very busy but we were able to invite 30 people to join him over the span of 3 days, and I hope the impact of this will be seen in the months to come. We are also able to celebrate one of the most important groups of people we have – and that is our volunteers. These grant funds have allowed us to help each venue hold a volunteer celebration to thank these amazing people. We also asked our Big 3 Event organizations to nominate a volunteer of the year for each venue – and we have invited these individuals to join us in Harrison so what we may celebrate them together. Our board also was able to hire SportLaw – a Canadian company that does a lot of work with sport non-profit organizations to help with education centered on the board level. We had Cheryl Humphreys join us just before our AGM for a day of training centered around membership engagement and writing grants and sponsorships. This board continues to work hard to keep our momentum going and keep our sport progressively moving forward.

You will hear from all the committees what happened this year, what went well and even what might not have worked. I feel that we are at a transitional point in our development – and that we need to hear from you, our members, about what you think our current reality looks like and how we can meet your needs today and those of tomorrow. So please, look around the room, and put your thoughts down on paper for us as we pose questions to you during our time together. We want to know what you would like to see us do differently and what you think is working well or what you think we need to change. We are here to serve you – and we keep this in mind constantly.

You will see in the coming year new policies that we are working on as well as our 5 year strategic plan. It is time we move forward as an organization and make sure we have in place all the policies and processes that we need to serve you today and tomorrow. Your feedback is always welcome.

I am so proud of our sport (yes – did you see the gold medal for Canada?) or our members (BC grows amazing Eventers!) and of the board that sits with you today to keep our sport going. We are all volunteers and spend our spare time here with you – because you are very important to us. Thank you so much for all your support this year! I will leave you with one ask – if you see a volunteer, say thank you. If you see an organizer, say thank you, if you see a board member, say thank you.... Without these amazing people we would not have our sport today. And to all the

members reading this...Thank you! We hope you have enjoyed your season of Eventing -no matter the level or success – the community we have is like nothing else!

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Johannson
President
BCEA

Committee Reports

Media and Website

Committee members: Nicole Kovacik (chair), Jan Mills, Julie Johannson, Brandy Saunders, Carol McDonald, Ian MacLean

Non-board members: Marilyn Gregory

Social Media Pages and Website:

Instagram - @goeventingbc

Facebook - BC Eventing Association

Website - www.bceventing.ca

The goal of the Media & Website Committee is to utilize our online platforms to inform our members of important eventing related content. By using multiple platforms (Instagram, Facebook, Website) in a cohesive manner, our hope is to reach a larger target audience and to

make our information easily accessible to our members. The Media & Website Committee also hopes to create a sense of community amongst BC Eventers through our online platforms.

Throughout the 2023 season the Media & Website Committee used our website and social media platforms to share eventing related content with our members. This included information about competitions, clinics, championships, awards banquets, and more. Our Instagram page, in particular, was useful in helping garner some sponsorships for the BC Championships and Year End Awards prizes.

2024 Goals:

The Media & Website Committee will continue to keep the online platforms updated throughout the 2024 eventing season. The committee is also hopeful to increase our following and have our posts reach more people as this would be beneficial to our association for matters such as sponsorships and grants. As always the Media & Website Committee is looking for feedback and is happy to answer any questions relating to our online platforms.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Kovacik

Membership

In 2023, there were a total of 381 BCEA members compared to the 2019 pre-pandemic total of 428 members. We have seen a significant increase in the number of Non-Competitive Supporting (NCS) members since 2019. These Non-Competitive members play an important role in our organization. They are often parents of competitors or are past competitors who still want to support our sport of eventing in BC. NCS members do have a vote in matters at the AGM and can influence the direction of our sport.

Membership Type	2023	2022	2019
Junior	115	107	134
Senior	211	193	257
Non-Competitive Supporting	49	59	31
Honorary Life	6	6	6
Total	381	365	428
Temporary (allowed for one competition only)	24*	26	38

*An additional 10 riders purchased a Temporary for one event but then decided to enter a 2nd so contacted HCBC to upgrade to a Full membership. They are counted in with the Junior/Senior.

While we don't have a way to track how many new members we have each year, this year BCEA member Rachel Spencer came up with the idea to offer a My First Event Award. This award was

a draw sponsored by Spencer Stables, for anyone competing in their very first event. The entries for this award show us that there were at least 22 brand new eventers - 12 at CVHT and 10 at Island 22. What a great idea and it gives us an inkling of how many new eventers we are gaining. We hope they had a great time and are now hooked on eventing.

There still seems to be some confusion about which membership to purchase on the HCBC website with several people choosing the Non-Competitive Supporting membership instead of the Temporary membership that they need to be able to compete. We are working with HCBC to revise the wording on their website to better help members decide which membership type they should choose. Please read the options carefully. Only Full memberships or one Temporary membership per year can be used to enter competitions.

We are happy to share that HCBC members are now able to donate to BCEA through the HCBC membership portal. There is a button that you can click to donate when renewing and any amount, large or small, is very much appreciated and will go towards support for eventing in BC.

BCEA memberships for 2024 have been available since October 16th, 2023 so you can renew yours any time now.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol McDonald, Chair
Committee members:

Ian MacLean,

Marilyn Gregory (Non-Board) – A huge thanks to Marilyn for keeping track of the numbers!

Young Riders

Committee members for 2023

Chairperson Brandy Saunders

Maeve Drew, Jan Mills, Sue Kovacik, Ali Holmes-Smith, Lesley McGill, Sara Sellmer Nicole Kovacik, Sarah Mackenzie, Colleen Willms

Registered members

58 total, 42 (19yrs or under), 16 (20-25yrs)

Spring Clinic Subsidies

33 subsidies x \$50 = \$1650

Jordan McDonald Bursary \$500

Recipient Austine Adamski

BCEA YR Camp July 3-5th

33 attendees

Location: Chase Creek Eventing

Feature Coach: *Rebecca Howard (Current team Canada Chef d'Equipe)*

2-time Olympic Athlete including 10th place at 2016 Rio (top female)

Former BC Young Rider now based in the UK.

Lectures:

Rebecca Howard - Rebecca's path from BC Young Rider to present.

Lesley McGill (The Saddle Doctor) – Saddle Fitting and the facts, including demonstration. She also offered a very discounted saddle fitting for the Young Riders.

Games: Brave and Mandy – Scavenger Hunt

Food: Delicious potlucks and pancake breakfast

Campbell Valley HT

YR pizza party + new logo vote

Planning for 2024

Reviewing stats + structure of YR program + programming within it.

Brandy Saunders

BCEA YR Chairperson

Organizers

Committee members: Carol McDonald (Co-Chair), Lynda Ramsay (Co-Chair), Debbie Dorosh, Brandy Saunders, Kathleen Weare, Ian MacLean

In 2023, five sanctioned competitions ran at the three BC venues.

Three at MREC- June Event, Mrs T in July, and Mary Swanson near the end of September; Campbell Valley HT in August; and Island 22 in the beginning of September.

	June	July	August	September	end of Sept	Total In Division
	MREC June	MREC Mrs T	CVHT	Island 22	MREC Mary Swanson	
2023						
CT				1	3	4
EV110	4	5	7	3		19
EV100	8	13	9	10	10	50
EV90	13	18	26	22	10	89
EV85	15	19	32	25	19	110
PE77	19	29	35	44	26	153
S69	11	13	32	32	34	122
Total	70	97	141	137	102	547
2022						
Starter	7	16	17	22	17	

The 2023 total of 547 entries from Starter to Preliminary is up from last year's 425 entries but still significantly lower than the pre-pandemic total of 825 entries in 2019. It is interesting to note the large increase in number of entries in the S69 (Starter) divisions at the last 3 events of the year compared to 2022 and earlier this year. We are hoping that this is the result of all of the

venues providing grass roots, low-level Eventing Derbies and Kindergartens that encourage new people to give Eventing a try.

Organizers are struggling to find enough volunteers to run events, not just during the competitions but for the prep in the weeks before. It takes a huge number of people to help make an event run smoothly and we count on the eventing community's support to be able to continue to run events so please look for opportunities to help whenever you can, and keep eventing going strong in BC.

Organizers have submitted their planned competition schedules for 2023 and the dates are posted on the BCEA website. The Omnibus pages for EC sanctioned competitions should be available on the EC website in January.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol McDonald
Lynda Ramsay

Expansion Working Group

This year BCEA decided to add a committee to aid in the Expansion of Eventing in BC.

Goals:

- * To find ways to increase membership.
- * To increase schooling opportunities for Cross Country.
- *. To increase competition opportunities for both present and future members.
- *. To help increase venues throughout the province to offer both schooling and competitive opportunities.

The Problem

In recent years BC has seen a decline in venues able to offer the complete Eventing experience. Along with that decline our ability to use cross country courses to school on has also disappeared in many areas.

Lack of those venues leads to not enough young and green horses and riders being able to increase the education to a safe enough degree that they may go forward to participate in a full Eventing Competition.

Financial considerations become a much bigger issue for families with riders travelling from outside the lower mainland where our 3 main Eventing competitions currently take place.

Our Solution

The idea of Derbies is not new but we thought this idea may be worth targeting as our first inroad into making a difference for our dwindling membership.

It ticks all the boxes. Allows for much smaller facilities to host these competitions and allows for

different make up of competition according to venue needs. Jumping phases can be mixed cross country and Show Jumping obstacles and dressage can be included or not. All in all they're super fun and educational!

Organizers can now enjoy the safety net of Provincial Sanctioning, adding more insurance capabilities.

It's been a great start in 2023 to see Derbies offered from Prince George to the Kootenays. From Kelowna to Vancouver Isl.

These all add to the larger more established Event sites, some of whom have also offered Derbies for many years.

2024 will grow into more opportunities for many more riders and families can enjoy these competitions without the need for as much financial commitment.

Regards,
Lynda Ramsay, Chair of Expansion Group.

Scholarships

The Mary Swanson Scholarship is given in her memory in recognition of the huge contribution that she made to eventing and BCEA over many years. The aim of this scholarship is to assist BCEA members or their immediate family in pursuing post-secondary education

The 2023 Mary Swanson Memorial Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Jessica Spoletini. Jessica is from Salmon Arm and will be studying Biomedical Sciences at the University of Calgary.

Congratulations Jessica and we wish you all the best with your studies.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol McDonald, Chair

Committee members: Maeve Drew, Julie Johannson, Ian MacLean, (Non-Board) Ron Trickett

High Performance

Committee Members 2023:

Sarah MacKenzie (Chair), Debbie Dorosh, Maeve Drew, Carol McDonald, Nicole Kovicik, Lynda Ramsey, Kathleen Weare

Communications:

Have been via email amongst the members of the committee.

Goals:

- To promote and support knowledge and excellence of BC-based riders competing at the Preliminary level and above in the sport of eventing.
- To identify BC-based high-performance riders and to communicate with them regularly.
- To organize activities that further the education of identified riders, with the aim of a minimum of one BCEA-organized activity per year.
- At all times the HPC's actions will be based on the principles of BCEA, the safety and welfare of the horse and rider, inclusivity and equality.
- To assist in and help fundraise for our HP riders to get to qualifying events and/ or mandatory training camps, clinics, etc.

What is High Performance?

High-performance, in the context of this committee and its goals, is defined as:

- a. Rider has completed a minimum of 3 Preliminary HT with MER and has declared they are aiming for minimum FEI CCI2-S or Intermediate Horse Trials: or
- b. Currently competing at a minimum of either Intermediate Horse Trials or FEI CCI2-S; or
- c. Rider has previously competed at minimum FEI CCI2-L or Intermediate Horse Trials and is bringing along a horse going at least Training level.

There is no age-limit to the high-performance definition, other than the minimum ages required by the rules to compete at each level, as young and adult riders alike can benefit from education opportunities.

Plans for 2024:

To work towards finding funding pathways for our HP riders.

To work with AR and YR to see if we can find ways to incorporate a HP section in any activities that are applicable.

To take all the amazing feedback from our riders and use it to make progress towards helping them achieve their goals.

Education

Members of the Education Committee are Debbie Dorosh (Chair), Margo Kozak (Treasurer), Julie Bion, Sarah Bradley, Marcia Cooper, Maeve Drew, Jaimie Kidston, Sarah McKenzie, Jan Mills, Lynda Ramsay, Leahona Rowland, Brandy Saunders, Sara Sellmer.

The 2023 Spring Clinic had a \$ 4,125.63 loss this year luckily, we had a surplus in funds.

In 2023 there were 112 starters compared to 119 in 2022.

The 2023 clinic had more scratches/refunds \$ 5,735.00 just before the clinic which was higher than in 2022.

Riders and Groups ranged from Starter to Intermediate. The bulk of the entries was Pre-Training and below.

Some costs were higher this year. Terry Jessup's fee is now \$ 500.00 per day and the portable toilets increased to \$ 2255.00

We had airfare to pay and included an extra clinician in 2023.

Last year the 2022 Education clinic was combined with Young Riders. The Young Rider Committee donated

\$ 1500 towards the clinic costs and paid for Maeve Drew's Coaching and travel expenses. \$ 2888.70.

In 2022 we also had gaming funds for Education of \$1316.00.

This year since our clinic balance was a loss, we only gave 8 travel subsidies of \$ 100.00 each.

Going forward to 2024 we will need to increase the fees for the Education clinic as we already know there will be increased costs in 2024 such as 2 more portable toilets and the need to pay a farrier to be on standby for 2 hours each day for the 3 days.

We created a chart this year of what items need to improve for next year's clinic and not having a reliable farrier who will answer calls is one of the top items.

Thank You to Jaimie Kidston for updating the Education Incident Form and attending all falls to document the incidents along with Julie Bion's help. These forms will be stored with the BCEA Safety Committee.

At Island 22 I asked Ali Holmes-Smith if the 2024 Education Spring Clinic could be held at Chase Creek. Ali asked me to check in with her in 2 weeks which I did. On September 17th Ali emailed to say she was sorry but did not wish to host the 2024 Spring Clinic the May long weekend.

Since that time, we have been searching for an appropriate venue. Education Spring Clinic dates that we wish to use are May 16 to 19th 2024

Respectfully submitted.
Debbie Dorosh

Funding and Enhancement

No requests this year for funding.

I think we maybe need to put a little more emphasis on making the membership aware of this money available.

Will re vamp forms for the AGM for 2024.

Respectfully submitted – Kathleen Weare

Championships, Teams and Awards

Committee members: Nicole Kovacik (chair), Sue Kovacik, Carol McDonald

Non-board members: Ron and Barb Trickett

2023 BC Championships:

Seeing as our 2022 eventing season limited us to a modified BC Championships, the CTA Committee was very excited to offer a proper BC Championships competition at the Island 22 Horse Trials this year. Leading up to the championships, the CTA Committee determined a list of eligible horse and rider combinations using the criteria provided on the BCEA website. The horse trials used to gain eligibility were as follows: the 2022 MREC Mary Swanson HT, the 2023 MREC Spring HT, the 2023 MREC Mrs. T HT, and the 2023 Campbell Valley HT. As per usual, the BC Championships was offered for eligible competitors in divisions EV77-EV110. The CTA Committee budgeted for ribbons to 4th and prizes to 3rd, and with the help of some generous sponsors we were able to hand out prizes to 4th and stay within our original budget. Some of the prizes did not arrive on time and will be handed out at the Year End Awards banquet at Harrison Hot Springs on November 18th.

2023 Year End Awards:

Throughout the 2023 eventing season, the CTA Committee kept track of competitors results and created a year end leaderboard for divisions EV77-EV120. The leaderboard was determined based on the criteria provided on the BCEA website, and the horse trials included for EV77-EV110 were the 2023 MREC Spring HT, the 2023 MREC Mrs. T HT, the 2023 Campbell Valley HT, and the 2023 Island 22 HT & BC Championships. The CTA Committee also followed our upper level BC eventers' results as they traveled out of the province to compete in the EV115 and EV120 divisions. The upper level leaderboard was determined based on the same criteria, and the cut-off for earning points in any out of province horse trials was Sept 25 (same as the last BC horse trials), in order to have ribbons and awards organized in time for our Year End Awards banquet. There were no BC horse and rider combinations who competed in the EV120 division this year. The CTA Committee budgeted for ribbons and prizes to 4th place which will be handed out at the Year End Awards Banquet at Harrison Hot Springs on November 18th.

Update on Trophies:

The 2022 Year End Award winners have been engraved on the trophies; however, with recent changes to the names of our divisions (e.g. Preliminary to EV110), the decision to combine Jr. and Sr. for EV100 and EV110 in our year end awards, and storage/transportation complications, we are turning to our members during the 2023 AGM and awards banquet to help determine the future of our Year End Trophies.

2024 Goals:

Some of the goals the CTA Committee has for 2024 are to work with the BCEA Sponsorship Committee to obtain more sponsored prizes for the 2024 eventing season, to improve our leaderboard updates, and to hopefully bring back/reinvent a 'Team Award' aspect to BC eventing. As always, the CTA Committee is looking for feedback and is happy to answer any CTA related questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Kovacik

Adult Rider

This year the Adult Riders held a social on the Friday night of the spring Education Clinic. The desserts were donated, and the social was well received.

Unfortunately camp this year was not a success.

We booked the Kelowna Riding Club mid-week in July, hoping that there would be a draw, but we only received a few entries.

Due to changing financial institutions this year we ran into access issues for refunds, and we have fixed this issue and apologized to those involved.

After speaking to some of the members, it seems mid-week was too difficult for people to get off work or other obligations, also timing in the season is tough being right after Rebecca Farm.

We can brainstorm some ideas for next year to see if we can make a camp happen. Perhaps a combined camp with Young Riders would make a lot of sense, as a lot of the parents ride and would love to get some fun in while their young riders do their thing.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Sellmer
Chair Adult Riders

Sponsorship

Committee Members

Kathleen Weare - Chair

Bob Mason

Maeve Drew

Sara Sellmer

Below are the notes from our last meeting which was in fact almost a year ago, so to say we were not successful in execution is a blatant understatement!

1. High Performance Team Sponsor - This could include sponsoring every aspect of the High Performance Program, from subsidizing high level clinicians and travel subsidy for team members traveling for FEI competitions, or even intermediate as we don't have those in our province. The sponsor would get naming rights, signage at the clinics, maybe signage that went with the riders when they traveled to be put up on stalls etc. Recognition on all our social media platforms. Then we put a dollar figure to that, like say \$1,500.00 or \$2,500.00 per Sponsor per year.

2. A Derby Series Sponsor - With more and more small derbies starting up and with the push toward building our grass roots membership this could be a popular sponsorship. We could offer of course naming at the venue, possibly a jump being named after the sponsor and then maybe have a year end high point for just the Derby series. Again, the dollar amount would be very arbitrary, but I think we would want it to stay the same as the HP Sponsorship because I don't really want to steer sponsors to one group or the other based on price.

After a very successful workshop with Cheryl from Sport Law I think we have some great input for direction and what a sponsorship package will look like. There is the possibility of combining the Sponsorship committee with the Year end / Championship committee.

Input from the membership with questions or ideas moving forward would be most welcome and can be sent to kathleenweare@gmail.com

Input and ideas welcome.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Weare

Safety and Rules

We saw some changes in our EC rules this year, from Division name changes to dimensional numbers. Coaching at competitions changed quite radically which affected pretty much all of us one way or another and left us scratching our heads a few times. The new dressage tests were well received by many, but some didn't agree with some of the content. I have asked for a further test to be offered for 2024 for the 20x60 for 110m 105m and 100m as the Western Provinces like to have the option.

The great debate about nose bands and the tightness at EC competition has reared its head again. All EC members can offer their opinions on this which I did on behalf of BCEA.

There is supposed to be a new "Tack and Equipment" separate document being put together for 2024, much like the FEI one. Much greater detail and photos available. Separate from the EC rules so changes are easier to implement.

Finally, EC offered some Officials upgrading and maintenance courses this year, which we sadly needed after many got behind with course requirements during Covid. Hopefully by next year all will be back on track again.

A great course building clinic was held at Campbell Valley this fall with Dillon Barry. Dillon is very experienced building up to the FEI 4* level. He came with some great ideas and was able to handle a varied degree of abilities and needs for the participants taking the clinic. Canada is in short supply of Course Designers, Builders and TD's in particular. More are always encouraged!

Submitted by Lynda Ramsay

AGM

Committee members: Jan Mills (chair), Julie Johannson, Ian MacLean, Sue Kovacik, Nicole Kovacik

After 3 years of zoom AGM's it is wonderful to plan a face to face AGM once again. We are back to Harrison this year, where we have gathered many times in the past. Unlike the past though we will try a new format for our AGM. Our hope is to have a more interactive meeting, offering the opportunity for members to mingle with the board of directors and participate in a review of the year. As per every AGM there is a certain amount of business tasks that must be addressed. Committee reports need to be shared and of course there are director elections to be done. Each year approximately half the board seats are open for election.

We appreciate member involvement at the AGM and any time throughout the year. Your thoughts and input are important and welcome, let us know what we are doing well and what we could do better or differently. Help guide us in the direction the members would like to go as we move forward in an ever changing world.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Mills

**B C Equestrian Eventing Association
Statement of Financial Position
for All Accounts
as of 15 October 2023**

Assets

Cash		
Cash in bank	85,878	
Contingency GICs	35,000	
Accounts Receivable	521	
Prepaid Expenses [1]	3,000	
Other Assets		
Visa Avion Rewards points	627	
Field radios	250	
PA system	3,224	
Total Assets		\$128,500

Liabilities

Accounts Payable		
Visa card	565	
Other accounts payable	922	
Deferred Revenue [2]	595	
Total Liabilities		\$2,082

Members' Equity	\$126,419
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Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	\$128,500
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[1] AGM expenses paid in F/Y 2023

[2] Banquet tickets paid for in fiscal year 2023

B. C. Equestrian Eventing Association
Financial Statement -- General Account
October 16th, 2022 to October 15th, 2023

	<u>2022-23 YTD</u> <u>Actuals</u>	<u>2022-23 Annual</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>General Fund Revenue</u>		
Membership fees - Senior	\$14,765.00	
Membership fees - Junior	7,450.00	
Membership fees - Temp	1,250.00	
Membership fees - Supporting	1,025.00	
Membership fees - total	24,490.00	22,280.00
Organizer Head Fees	-	
Organizer Funding Top Up Reimbursement	-	
Sponsorships & donations	233.90	-
Sport BC Volunteer Funding	15,000.00	
Sport BC Expansion Funding	15,000.00	
Misc revenue	-	
GIC & bank Interest	862.57	110.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$55,586.47	\$22,390.00
<u>General Fund Expenses</u>		
Directors' Travel & Accommodation	4,852.47	5,000.00
Insurance	1,307.80	1,308.00
Website & e-mail	31.74	100.00
Scholarship	500.00	500.00
Zoom	190.75	191.00
Bank charges	290.71	150.00
HCBC membership processing charges	1,265.75	1,200.00
Year End Award funding (2022)	3,768.80	3,769.00
Championship Prizes	2,384.24	
Year end party, December 2022	555.30	
Championship host	-	300.00
Officials and coach funding	250.00	2,000.00
November 2022 AGM	150.00	150.00
HCBC Affiliate Membership	199.00	199.00
Supplies	860.82	800.00
Equipment	484.44	200.00
Admin	152.74	100.00
Prelim subsidy	880.00	600.00
Misc		
Expansion working group		4,000.00
Purchase of additional PA speaker		
Sport BC Volunteer Funding	624.31	
Sport BC Expansion Funding	4,760.95	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,509.82	\$20,567.00
General Fund Net Income (Loss)	\$32,076.65	\$1,823.00

MREC and Island 22

Bank balance of BCEA General Account as at 15 October 2023

\$60,674.63

**BC Equestrian Eventing Association
Education Account
Year Ending 15 October 2023**

		Actual	Budget
Opening Bank Balance as of October 16, 2022		\$10,963.40	
REVENUE:			
Clinic Registration Fees	51,087.50		43,000.00
From Young Riders	1,650.00		1,000.00
Total Income		<u>52,737.50</u>	<u>44,000.00</u>
EXPENSES:			
RBC charges - prior to switch to Envision	(18.00)		
Overpayments of clinic entires	(477.50)		not budgeted
Scratch refunds	(5,735.00)		not budgeted
Catering	(1,542.40)	(1,900.00)	includes Pony Club
First Aid	(2,000.00)	(1,800.00)	
Volunteer Assistance	(722.00)	(1,000.00)	includes Debbie, office,
Debbie Dorosh - clinic related expenses, including travel	(585.20)		
Misc Swaan - clinic complaint resolution	(100.00)		
LuxLo - Porta potties for Chase clinic	(2,255.05)	(1,900.00)	
Armstrong Pony Club - Thursday Grab and go dinner for clinicians and volunteers	(195.00)		
Swag	(693.03)		not budgeted
Office Supplies	(233.68)		
Clinicians	(21,050.26)	(16,000.00)	
Venue All Holmes Smith	(19,666.50)	(19,000.00)	
Bank Charges - Envision Credit Union	(70.27)	(200.00)	
Kendall's flight	(737.24)	(1,000.00)	
Travel Subsidies	(800.00)	(1,000.00)	
Officials Education		(3,000.00)	
Total Expenses		<u>(56,881.13)</u>	<u>(46,800.00)</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR:		<u>\$ (4,143.63)</u>	<u>(2,800.00)</u>

Reconciliation:

Opening Bank Balance	\$ 10,963.40
Net Income (loss)	\$ (4,143.63)
Closing Bank Balance as of October 15th	<u>\$ 6,819.77</u>

BC Equestrian Eventing Association
Young Riders Account
Financial Statement for the Year Ending 15 October, 2023

Opening Bank Balance as of Oct 16th	\$29,918.92
<u>Revenue:</u>	
YR registration fees	860.00
Education	10150.00
Bursary	500.00
Adjustment	343.71
Total income:	<u>\$11,853.71</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Bank charges	24.00
Education	18346.80
Bursary	500.00
Adjustment	250.00
Total expenses:	<u>\$19,120.80</u>
Closing bank balance Oct 15, 2023	\$ 22651.83
Net income (loss) for 2022-23	-\$ 7267.09

Note: the adjustment is for \$250 charged to YR & then corrected (Heath Purdy charged to YR in error)
and in the transfer from RBC to Envision \$93.71 is not accounted for in the YR account.

Note: the banking fees reflects all monies withdrawn from RBC and deposited to Envision.
It also reflects monthly fees charged by RBC and etransfer fees charged by both banks.

BC Equestrian Eventing Association
Adult Rider Account
Financial Statement for the Year ending Oct 15, 2023

Opening Bank Balance as of Oct 16th \$5,303.44

Revenue:

Clinic registration fees	\$1,910.00
Misc income	\$0.25
Education portion of dri bags	\$424.23
Total income:	<u>\$2,334.48</u>

Expenses:

Clinic facility fees	\$2,757.50
Refund of clinic fees	\$1,555.00
Dri bag purchase	\$1,272.71
Misc 2022 Corrections *	\$320.00
Bank Fees	23.25
Total expenses:	<u>\$5,928.46</u>

Net income for the year -\$ 3593.98

Reconciliation:

Opening bank balance	\$ 5303.44
Net income (loss)	-\$ 3593.98
Outstanding Accounts Payable **	\$ 355.00
Less: funds not yet deposited	\$ 424.23
Closing Bank Balance as of Oct 15th	<u>\$2,488.69</u>

* Refund from 2022 taken out of YR in error - correcting entry

** 2023 Refund not yet sent Reid

B. C. Equestrian Eventing Association
Financial Statement – Consolidated Accounts
October 16th, 2021 to October 15th, 2022

	<u>General</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Adult rider</u>	<u>Young Rider</u>	<u>Gaming</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue - All Accounts						
Membership fees - Senior	\$14,765					\$14,765
Membership fees - Junior	\$7,450					\$7,450
Membership fees - Temp	\$1,250					\$1,250
Membership fees - Supporting	\$1,025					\$1,025
Membership fees - total	\$24,490					\$24,490
Sponsorships & donations	\$234					\$234
Sport BC Volunteer Funding	\$15,000					\$15,000
Sport BC Expansion Funding	\$15,000					\$15,000
Misc revenue	\$0					\$0
GIC & bank Interest	\$863				\$1	\$864
Clinic registration fees		\$52,260	\$1,910	\$10,150		\$64,320
Contribution from AR for Dri Bags			\$424			\$424
YR registration fees				\$860		\$860
MacDonald Bursary			\$0	\$500		\$500
Correct expenses paid from wrong account				\$250		\$250
Misc Revenue				\$94		\$94
						\$0
						\$0
						\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$55,586	\$52,260	\$2,334	\$11,854	\$1	\$122,036
Ajust for revenue from internal sources				(250)		(250)
Consolidated revenue	\$55,586	\$52,260	\$2,334	\$11,604	1	\$121,786

B. C. Equestrian Eventing Association
Financial Statement -- Consolidated Accounts
October 16th, 2021 to October 15th, 2022

	<u>General</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Adult rider</u>	<u>Young Rider</u>	<u>Gaming</u>	<u>Total</u>
Expenses - All Accounts						
Directors' Travel	4,852					4,852
Insurance	1,308					1,308
Website & e-mail	32					32
Scholarship	500					500
Zoom	191					191
Bank charges	291	88	23	24		426
HCBC membership processing charges	1,266					1,266
Championship and Year End Award funding	3,769					3,769
Championship host	2,384					2,384
Officials and coach funding	555					555
2021 AGM	-					-
HCBC Affiliate Membership	250					250
Supplies	150					150
Admin	199					199
Prelim subsidy	861					861
Misc	484					484
Admin	153	1,641				1,794
Clinic facility fees	880	19,667	2,758			23,304
Clinician travel		737				737
Clinician fees		21,050				21,050
Clinic refunds		5,735	1,555			7,290
Clinic catering		1,737				1,737
First Aid		2,000				2,000
Sport BC Expansion Funding	4,761					4,761
Sport BC Volunteer Funding	624					624
Travel rebate		800				800
Porta Potties		2,255				2,255
Swag / Dri Bags		693	1,273			1,966
Clinician bonus						-
Misc expenses						-
Pertaining to prior year			320			320
Education				18,347		18,347
MacDonald bursary				500		500
Expense paid from wrong account				250		250
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,510	56,404	5,928	19,121	\$0	\$104,963
Adjust for expenses from internal sources		(424)		(1,900)		(\$2,324)
Consolidated expenses	\$23,510	\$55,979	\$5,928	\$17,221	\$0	\$102,638
ConsolNet Income (Loss)	\$32,077	(\$3,719)	(\$3,594)	(\$5,617)	\$1	\$19,147