

BCEA
Directors Meeting
Zoom Virtual Meeting
August 20, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Debbie Dorosh, Ian MacLean, Jan Mills, Bob Mason, Maeve Drew, Carol McDonald, Kathleen Weare, Sara Sellmer, Brandy Saunders, Sarah McKenzie, Nicole Kovacik, Melissa Reimche.

Absent: Julie Johannson, Katy Ostberg, Lynda Ramsay.

Recording Secretary: Jan Mills

Meeting called to order @ 7:16 pm by Debbie Dorosh, Vice-President

Agenda: no agenda

Minutes: minutes of June 11, 2024 meeting circulated by email and discussed within the meeting group. Errors or omission, none

MOTION: to accept Minutes of June 11, 2024 as circulated & discussed. Carol McDonald/Ian MacLean, carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Strategic Plan Review – No update at this time.

→ **Clothing** – 3 directors have not paid yet, please send etransfer to treasurer@bceventing.ca. Brandy & Julie have not received their coats yet. Nicole has been working on selecting sun shirts but this won't be organized until the AGM this fall or early next year.

Some discussion about other items to identify directors such as hats. We will revisit the clothing conversation during our next meeting.

→ **Director Bio and Picture for Website** – Carol & Jan are working on this. We realize we need more specific guidelines on size and we need to learn more on how this will fit into the website. Carol will work on the website plan and Jan will create a rough template to follow. Please don't send your director bio or picture right now.

Correspondence – discussion on the request for funding of the extra judges required for Championships at Island 22. Janice would like coverage for 2 extra judges required for this year @ \$250 per judge.

MOTION: BCEA to cover the cost of 2 extra judges @ \$250 each for championships at Island 22 August 2024. Maeve Drew/Nicole Kovacik, carried.

→ **Committee Reports** – updates –

Memberships: we need to think about switching to Horse Reg, If we are to do this we should have it ready to go for October to use next year. Carol is waiting for pricing from Horse Reg. Ian is going to check with Pony Club as to how it is to reconcile etc. More on Horse Reg at our next meeting.

Total Members currently 397. Senior 202, Junior 126, NCS 69, Temp 8+

Organizers: Lynda - A bit of an update on the Officials clinic planned in August. Everything was ready to go for the clinic, including using the golf carts for people who were unable to walk much. Hotels and flights booked, and the HCBC website had been updated for the dates of the clinic twice since the spring when they first advertised. Then a bombshell from the Clinician, Gretchen Butts on the weekend prior to the clinic to ask if we could possibly forward the clinic up to start a day early and finish on Sunday so she could fly home to attend a very important ceremony to honor her Farm at home on Monday. Long story short.....there was really no way to have this change occur and she felt she really needed to attend at her end. I checked with EC and they as well as HCBC felt it was too late to re organize anything and that the safest thing to do was to cancel. All participants were to get their money back from HCBC. I personally followed up with all participants who were registered and potential people who had talked about coming, so everyone knew ahead of time of the cancellation. Hopefully people were able cancel any bookings they had so no one was out of pocket.

I'll do a follow up with EC in the fall at the first meeting. It's quiet for the summer.

Funding: working on sponsorships, we will have a committee meeting before year end and will have more to report after that.

Champs, Teams & Awards: there was a team competition organized at Campbell Valley. Very well received with 26 teams signed up & fun team names. Results were tracked and posted. The winning team won gift cards to Equine Essentials.

Next year we are looking at season long team competition with awards being given at the yearend awards banquet.

Treasurer Report: we are doing well, slightly ahead of budget. Carol has posted the cheque requisition form on the website so it's easy to find. Ian is out of the country Sep 4th to Oct 8th. Signers on the accounts – General - Carol, Bob, Julie, Ian. Young Riders - Jan, Brandy, Ian. Adult Riders - Julie, Sara, Ian.

Scholarship: no applications received this year. All members were emailed the information. Lets extend the deadline and post on social media. No age limit on applications but they must show that they have applied to post secondary and been accepted. Extended deadline is September 30, 2024.

New Business:

Grants: have any grants been applied for this year? Jan & Julie have not applied for any. Lynda applied for an equipment grant and was successful.

Correspondence: Nicole received a letter asking about funding for 5* competition? Athlete funding should come through the PSO. BCEA has no funding available for athletes. What about Sport BC? Is this still happening?

Summer Games, Melissa – they used a lot of local coaches. Melissa did attend as a coach but the info to her was unorganized, timing was unknown, didn't know where she was staying etc. They had discipline coaches (not regional) which was good. Lisa Schultz & Melissa Reimche were the event coaches. The organizing group asked about using Startbox on the Friday night (short notice). Startbox made it work and Ian did the scoring. The schedule was too tight for the riders, not time to braid etc, & in general not enough time to look after the horses. Parents weren't supposed to help but this year they needed to help. It was unfortunate for those that didn't have a parent there. Suggested that we discuss if Eventing should be part of this? After Prince George there was a lot of positive excitement for the next Games. There were a lot of issues this year that need to be ironed out. It was very hard to get any information ahead of time. Brandy as chair of YR was frustrated with this. The selection and qualifying is not transparent, there was not a space for scores to be indicated on the form. This needs to be addressed for next time, clarity & transparency of qualifications.

Should we form a committee for Summer Games? In 2 years it will be held in Kelowna. Melissa has notes & will help with the games in 2026. Lets revisit this conversation during our next meeting.

Organizers, Carol - BCEA YR's organized a pizza night at CVES. This went well but Carol asked that they please give more heads up of such things so we avoid any conflicts.

Next meeting date: TBD.

Adjournment:

MOTION: to adjourn meeting. Maeve Drew/Carol McDonald, carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.