

BCEA
Directors Meeting
Zoom Virtual Meeting
January 17, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: none

Recording Secretary: Jan Mills

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

Agenda: additions to the agenda. Under Committee Reports: Coaching Discussion. Under New Business: AR Program & YR Program.

Minutes: minutes of Nov 17/24 Pre-AGM meeting & Nov 19/24 Post-AGM meeting circulated by email. Errors or omission, none

MOTION: to accept Minutes of Nov 17/24 & Nov 19/24 as circulated. Kathleen Weare/Sarah McKenzie, carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Grant update – all the paperwork is in. Final report is submitted with financials. Haven't heard anything back so all must be fine. Vests are on order for the 4 volunteers of the year. All funds have been spent.

Correspondence: thank you messages from the volunteer of the year celebrations

Committee Reports:

Education – the spring clinic is May 16-19, 2024 at Johvale. 100 paddocks are ready now. Christine Rennie has another 30 paddocks near Johvale. Heather will see if she can get some more paddocks made. Dana is the “out of BC” clinician at \$1100/day. Debbie has reached out to EC for answers regarding licensed coaches. L5 USEA coach – is this considered reciprocal? There aren't enough licensed coaches in BC right now. Licensed coaches will get \$800/day. Others will be \$750/day. March 15 opening day for entries. Working on selecting BC coaches now.

We need to be on the same page regarding payment to our BC Coaches. \$750 & \$800.

Coaching discussion around licensing & certification of BC coaches. Very confusing, interpretations are different. By 2025 EC wants everyone to be licensed and certified. If you're current with your certification you can automatically get licensed.

Sponsorship – elevator speech, short and succinct. We need to get the ball rolling now so we catch the season. Bob & Kathleen have put the speech together. Lots of discussion around the sponsorship package & how it will be circulated. Sponsorship will not be exclusive or even tied to a specific event. We want the businesses to have exposure. Time wise, for this year, lets focus on year end awards and championships.

Once a sponsor contact has been made, give it to the committee to follow up on. Everyone to read the story that Kathleen circulated and provide input to her by Sunday. Kathleen needs to move forward with the package. Also indicate to Kathleen if you are open to circulating the package.

New Business:

2024 Competition & Derby Schedule – is everything on the schedule. Summerland? Princeton June 22-23? Sara Sellmer, Derby at Poschner Park, Langley. Up to entry height. Weekend before CV.aug 2-4. Princegeorge, Katy, summergames camp May 1st weekend, Derby youth only May 10-12. Derby open Sept 14-15. Maybe a derby in August during the fair. Katy will share details as they come together. Carol will post on the website. Katy is grateful for the financial support the past year.

Summer games date at MREC July 18-21. Derby at Maeve's April 14th – maybe a qualifier for Summer games. Gerald Bloomer from Ireland is coming to do a clinic in April at Maeve's.

Looks like the calendar is quite full and spread throughout the Province. There is some sort of eventing competition throughout many areas of the Province. It amazing how things have moved forward and this bods well in years to come.

Can the organizing committee collect entry numbers from competitions and clinics. It's valuable to have this data gathered to help continue to build our sport. Grant writing, sponsorship etc. We need to know if we are growing.

Governance Committee Update – we will postpone the update until we have more accomplished. Can the committee please respond to Julie's email. Cheryl from Sportlaw was excellent and so helpful. She left us with clearer direction in updating our Mission Statement, who we are etc. Directors Handbook is also being worked on, we are amending/updating everything. We will have a lot to work through in our next face to face meeting. We should also do a quick review of our bylaws to be sure everything meshes.

Face to Face Meeting date – Jan circulated a doodle poll to determine what dates would work for a face to face meeting of the BOD. The March 2/3 weekend works for at least 12 directors and maybe 14. Katy cannot attend and Maeve & Sarah are maybe. All others can attend.

→ Jan will look into the Coast Hotel in Chilliwack, check room rates and what they can offer for lunch options, working lunch. Jan will compare pricing to the Clarion Hotel we used in November. Meetings will start at 6pm Friday March 1, carry on all day Saturday, and until lunchtime on Sunday. Kathleen fly or drive? She will let us know. Brandy will drive.

Young Rider/Adult Rider Clinic – the clinic will be held at MREC June 28-30. We have the opportunity to have Gerald Bloomer from Ireland. He coaches the YR team, he's very good. He is \$2000/day plus expenses. We need to look at budgeting, can we afford to have him teach. Maybe apply for funding? Maeve & Brandy will work on a budget and share with Julie, Jan & Ian for approval before booking Gerald. Discussion around the High Performance group of riders and how the clinic can serve them. High Performance is now under the umbrella of the Education Committee.

→ **Budget** – committee's need to submit their budgets to Ian by Feb 20th. Ian will email budget directions & template to committee chairs. He will get the general budget put together for discussion on March 1st at our face to face meeting.

Officials – Carol & Lynda: plans are underway for an officials clinic to be held the 2 days following CV in August. For TD's & Judges. Lynda will follow up with details. Possibly hosted at CV.

Next meeting date: Friday March 1, 2024 at 6pm in person in Chilliwack/Abbotsford. Meeting Saturday all day and Sunday until noon. Hotel location to be confirmed.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm by Julie