

OnTRA AGM Minutes
November 19, 2011
Trade Mark Industrial, Kitchener, Ontario

Present:

Kate Day (SARI), Janine Langley (OnTRA/SARI), Josette Woolf (TFTRC), Ian Woolf (TFTRC), Heather Mackneson (Pride Stables), Kirsten Smith (OnTRA), Megan Watson (OnTRA), Gary Brown (TEAD), David L. Mitchell (TEAD), Dave Hanley (KR Equestrian), Les Barsony (Windrush), Lesley Ridout-Gaur (Windrush), Viki LaCombe (OnTRA), Virginia Pohler (OnTRA), Sherri Archdekin (OnTRA)

President Viki LaCombe called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

A motion was made by Kirsten Smith, seconded by Megan Watson to approve the agenda.

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Presidents Report

Viki LaCombe reported that OnTRA hosted 2 clinics in 2011. We were disappointed in the turnout for both clinics however OnTRA did end up making a bit of a profit on them. Not all of the money allotted for the "Show Your Stuff" grant was given away. After extending the deadline for the "Leg Up Grant", OnTRA distributed \$38,000 which is the most money ever given away by OnTRA. Thanks to Megan Watson and Fiddicks, the OPSP's turned out great. OnTRA is partnering with OEF to offer the Ribbons for Rides Program. Everyone is eligible to participate so please make use of it. Viki announced that effective today she is stepping down as President of OnTRA. It has been an honour to service OnTRA and she has met some wonderful people.

Treasurers Report

Virginia Pohler distributed the Financial Statements. As of June 30, 2011 OnTRA had \$102,046 in the bank which is down from \$110,727 in 2010. A motion was made by Kirsten Smith, seconded by Ian Woolf to approve the financial statement pending making a correction to add in the expenses/revenue from the clinics.

OEF Report

OnTRA's grant cheque from OEF will be picked up on November 25th, 2011 at the AGM. Changes to the grant procedures are being worked on and will be discussed at the meeting on March 26, 2012. Horse Day in June was excellent with over 1200 people attending. OEF office is moving 2 blocks south at the end of February 2012. Jack De Wit of Equine Canada spoke at the last OEF meeting. In 2012, 10 provinces will be joining Equine Canada. A motion was made by Kirsten Smith, seconded by Megan Watson to approve the OEF report.

Membership Report

2011 – 32 centres, 87 individual and 12 life members

To date for 2012 – 13 centres, 23 individual.

Viki spoke of the benefits of being a member of OnTRA as OnTRA is here to educate and assist the centres in many ways.

A motion was made by Kirsten Smith, seconded by Megan Watson to approve the membership report.

Education Report

Janine Langley report that OnTRA hosted 2 clinics in 2011. We had 22 registrants at the Sonia Koszekan clinic at CARD on March 26 and had a profit of \$683. Pippa Hodge put on an excellent clinic at TEAD in May for 24 participants with a profit of \$697.

It was decided that due to lack of interest and registration numbers, OnTRA may shift back to doing trade shows and demonstrations rather than organizing clinics. It was also suggested that OnTRA look into online training or webinars.

A motion was made by Megan Watson, seconded by Kirsten Smith to accept the Education Report.

Competition Report

Megan Watson reported that the only competition held in 2011 was the OPSGs held at Fiddick's on August 20th. There was a gold show in the morning with 5 competitors and an entry level show in the afternoon with 8 competitors. It was a fun, social weekend for all of the participants. A motion was made by Kirsten Smith, seconded by Heather Mackneson to approve the Competition Report.

Fundraising/Grants Report

Kirsten Smith reported that we only had a couple of applications for the Show Your Stuff grant. For the Leg Up grant OnTRA supported 83 riders at 12 centres.

OnTRA received \$14,000 from OFCP, \$2,500 from Glaxo Smith Kline and \$1,000 from RBC. OFCP application for 2012 has been started.

Les Barsony from Windrush mentioned that we need to raise the awareness of therapeutic riding and the benefits which in the end would save a lot of healthcare costs to MPP's. This discussion was tabled to a committee.

A motion was made by Megan Watson, seconded by Janine Langley to approve the Fundraising/Grants Report.

Communications Report

Sherri Archdekin reported that the OnTRA website receives approximately 2,000 visits per month. If any of the member centres have any news or events that they would like to see advertised either on the website or in The Maneline please forward them to us. We would like to help promote our centres activities.

A motion was made by Kirsten Smith, seconded by Ian Woolf to approve the Communications Report.

Nominating Committee

It was noted that Pat DiMambro will stand on the board again.

Janine Langley has obtained 3 people wishing to assist on the OnTRA board - Kate Day who is a volunteer/instructor with SARI, Maryanne Kjemtrup, a SARI volunteer and Krista Breen who is the head instructor at Sunrise.

All were acclaimed.

A motion was made by David Mitchell, seconded by Gary Brown to accept the slate of directors.

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A motion was made by Kirsten Smith, seconded by Les Barsony to adjourn the meeting.