

## SLOV Regional Meeting

28 February 2022, 7:00-9:30pm (Zoom)

**ATTENDANCE:** Sabrina Gifford, Amanda Dunklin, Christine Estermann, Allie Vieweg, Angel MacKenzie, Brittany Durham, Cat Hunter, Kelli Carswell, Jen Distefano, Katiana Fleck, Karla Graungaard, Susan Lorden, Gillian Walter

- Minutes of the last meeting were approved
- **MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Sabrina):**
  - 5 active clubs, 26 registered pony clubbers, 1 horsemaster, more to register soon.
  - If you haven't sent branch reports, please do so. Associate membership forms and updated volunteer roles are needed. 7 associate members are registered so far.
  - Send branch reports, membership forms, etc. to [slovmembership@canadianponyclub.org](mailto:slovmembership@canadianponyclub.org)
- **TREASURER REPORT (Brittany):**
  - Bank balance at \$30964.42
  - Had a deposit at the Morrisburg branch for \$500, not sure what it was for. Katiana said it could be a test grant from 2019; Christine said it could be from a condo board that donates (ask Susan).
  - Brittany has done the treasurer handover from Brenda.
  - **Best practice recommendations:**
    - All e-transfers need to go to the slov treasurer email account for continuity of record keeping between handovers.
    - If depositing directly into SLOV, at least send information about what it was for, how much, and where it was deposited to Brittany. It seems to be common to deposit directly into SLOV rather than going through Brittany, which makes traceability difficult.
  - Amanda recommended that Brittany email these guidelines to the group through Angel.
- **WINTER CAMP (Angel):**
  - Angel asked what we want to book for next year, as nothing has been booked yet for next year. Cat recommended booking half of MacSkimming (the Village Inn half).
  - Angel will ask Allison if she is willing to run it next year.
- **QUIZ (Christine):**
  - Christine spoke to Brenda regarding how to book a school for quiz. Brenda had done it through a friend, but there is an online form. Christine needs more info to book it.
  - Volunteers needed to run it. Cat commented that each team needs to bring a chaperone, and each branch also has to provide 2 additional volunteers. The number of volunteers needed depends on levels- need 2 per game, and need one game less than the number of teams at the biggest level. 3 volunteers needed for visuals, some for marketing. Probably 30 volunteers minimum in total.

- National rulebook has rules for quiz.
- Cat will coordinate with Christine on who sets up, brings games, is there to greet people. In past, Temperance Lake did 80% of the prep work. Diana has also run quiz.
- Cat recommended posting on the SLOV page for volunteers, and booking the school from 8:00-4:30.
- Christine needs to fill out a school board insurance form and send it off in order to get the insurance certificate. Cat will try to find it.
- Thinking of running quiz on April 25<sup>th</sup> (the weekend after Easter) or May 1st
- Christine asked if everyone was okay with Kemptville for the location, there were no objections.
- Diana is happy to help with quiz, Kelli will see if Melissa could also help
- **PPG REPORT (Allie):**
  - Jim Dunn (past team Canada coach) proposed some clinic dates: May 14 or May 28. Could even do a 2-day event.
    - Topics would be foundation skills, advanced game skills.
    - Could do 2 groups if there are a lot of people.
    - **May 28** would work better for Appleton, clinic could be run at Heroncrest.
    - Allie needs level of interest, Angel suggested to post on SLOV page to get feedback on interest.
  - Possible regional activity: Saturday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-10:00pm slot is available for Kingston Fair for PPG. Could possibly invite COR and WOR and pull ponies from them.
  - Discussed required numbers of ponies for various types of events: Cat thought that ~35 or so would probably be needed for Nationals if 7 teams came; IMDB selection camp would not require as many (probably only around 10 ponies).
  - Kingston and Appleton would be interested in the Kingston fair slot; might be a bit far for Eastwind.
- **DRESSAGE REPORT (Jen):**
  - Budget sent to Angel and Amanda
  - Asked Sherry about judges, do not need qualifications.
  - Will not do a virtual contest in conjunction this year.
  - Need more 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbons and a portapotty (\$200).
  - Facility cost \$500, split with show jumping. Can use Prestige Woods in Osgoode on June 24.
  - Discussed the Admin fee, Cat suggested waiving it for members
  - Cat made a motion to approve the dressage and show jumping budgets; Kelli seconded, no disapprovals
- **RALLY REPORT(Kelli):**
  - Trina and Robyn were going to lead this, but are no longer part of the branch or Pony club. Diana has agreed to take over Rally.
  - Not sure whether it will be at Heroncrest or elsewhere (Richmond fairground, Lonestar ranch).

- Would be in the last couple of weeks of August (second last or last).
- Amanda: Need to book facility ASAP. Suggest Richmond fairground. Use email, facebook to get interest by next week.
- Kelli: If there is a past budget to work off of, that would be great
- **TETRATHLON REPORT (Angel):**
  - Angel has not heard from Shauna yet, asked about guns. Will need to follow up.
- **EDUCATION REPORT (Sabrina):**
  - MJ has been posting online lessons others may want to use
  - Acacia's powerpoint has been circulated
  - Nancy (education chair) is not online and may need guidance, Angel will follow up
- **TESTING REPORT (Katiana):**
  - Regional test info was circulated
  - Intent needed by March 14<sup>th</sup> for regional testing
  - Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup> for regional test fees
  - Could test Easter weekend or +/- one week for written tests. Katiana is picking April 23<sup>rd</sup> for now.
  - SLOV branch tests from 2021 have been submitted to national.
  - Katiana: Should we have high test mark certificates?
  - Cat: used to have them when we did banquets, have not done them consistently since. Most other regions do present them and have banquets.
  - Angel: Christine has nice templates, but Angel would need to sign them unless we use digital signature software.
  - Katiana: Attended several test-related meetings over winter. Was reminded about protocol for multi-level tests. National advised that candidates only need a mark for the highest level of a multi-level test.
  - National will host D-C and B-A virtual examiner clinics in spring (first few weeks of April) and fall. Katiana proposes not offering local clinics and just have people do these ones. National can provide quality and consistency in their clinics. Angel approves this idea. This would be for new examiners as well as renewing.
  - Questions for national can be sent to Katiana.
- **NATIONAL REPORT (Cat and Susan):**
  - Susan has not had more info other than virtual minutes for National meetings.
  - Cat attended a national conference, they went over covid rules.
  - Hosting rotation has been tentatively set up to 2027
  - This year:
    - Quiz: COR (Toronto)
    - PPG: None
    - Rally: Alberta South. Qualifications: anyone who qualified in 2019, 2020
    - Show jumping: NB/PEI
    - Dressage: virtual
    - Tet: None

- Starting 2023, events will go to every 2<sup>nd</sup> year, but members from previous 2 years will get to go.
- Selection camps still will run every year.
- SLOV not in the rotation for anything up through 2027
- Will standardize awards for national events
- Hosting grants: \$3200->quiz, \$2000->anything else. For online versions, grants are halved (\$1600->virtual quiz, \$1000->virtual other events).
- 3 provinces must participate for it to be national.
- Dress code loosening up for dressage (e.g. white breeches not needed)
- Armband requirement was removed.
- Will add noseband tightening to rulebooks
- Breakaway jump cups rules: plastic pins are needed for jumps, some are tentative
- National focus groups: times were awkward, over a few weeks. Minutes only sent to attendees. Not really sure how valuable the sessions were, few people attended, not enough expertise at the table. Angel only got one link, Cat did not get any. Only national directors and chairs were invited. Time zone differences were an issue.
- **WEBSITE REPORT (Allie):**
  - Terry has been working on it, and is working on a French page now. Links to FB, IG, twitter.
- **HORSEMASTERS, MARKETING REPORTS (Susan):**
  - No news.
  - Ingrid currently the only horsemaster
- **YOUTH REPORT (Acacia):**
  - Mikayla started a SLOV tiktok account
- **FUNDRAISING (Kelli):**
  1. Easter chocolate (Purdy's) fundraiser planned. 25% profit. Need one contact per branch to accept orders. Will get them up as separate campaigns by branch, and will send fundraiser #'s to branch contacts. You sort and bag it, and have people pick it up. All ordering is done online. 50% to branch, 50% to region. Need 3 weeks to sell.
  2. First aid kits: can have the SLOV logo go on the safety kit for a single up front fee.
  3. Tack sale- end of April or beginning of May
  4. 50/50 draw to cover guns
  5. Little Caesar's pizza kits. Can be ordered online or in person.
  6. **ACTION:** Send Kelli one contact per branch
- **INCORPORATION REPORT (Angel):**
  - Done nothing, heard nothing from National. Parking it for now.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - Trina and Robyn wondered if you can do testing without 60% participation. Cat: it is up to the branch to enforce or make exceptions (e.g. for kids who are working or at school). Katiana: national also doesn't care about the 60% attendance, it is basically there to

ensure that candidates are prepared. If you know that they are prepared and safe, it is okay.

- Angel: May want to reflect on the 60% attendance requirement and discuss to create a policy as a region.
  - Cat: Branches are only responsible for lower level test education, but for C1 and up, it is a regional responsibility, many branches don't have the expertise to teach beyond that.
  - Angel: Sue Waugh found the book of motions and sent it to Louise.
  - Angel: requested google info from Cat for meetings
  - **NEXT MEETING DATE: March 28<sup>th</sup>**
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30