

Ontario Equestrian Federation Quarterly Report

The Ontario Equestrian Federation (OEF) continuously works on behalf of its members to develop new programs, create new benefits and improve equestrian activity in Ontario throughout the year. To ensure its members are aware of the work being done, every issue of *WHOA!* includes a quarterly activity report that highlights current projects and those that have been completed. Articles within this issue of *WHOA!* will provide more details on these various projects.

ASSOCIATIONS

- Associations Council meeting took place Sept. 9
- Following a call for nominations for the position of chair, Allan Ehrlick was acclaimed as chair of the Associations Advisory Council.

FIRST SAFE STRIDES

- Since July 10, First Safe Strides has attended Odessa, Almonte, Lansdowne, Lakefield, Lombardy, Napanee, Merrickville, Sutton, Fenelon, Emo, Shedden, Markdale, Paisley, Arran Tara, Kingston, Madoc, Milton and Coldwater fairs.
- Attended Kawartha Hunter Jumper Association series show at Small Victory Farm regarding show administration support and sanctioning of local Hunter/Jumper shows.
- Six agricultural societies recruited as Affiliate members. Two applied for and received Recreation Fund money for ring improvements. One additional application is pending.
- Started the development of an outreach education program for school children to be delivered at fairs.

COACHING

- Travelled to Ottawa to meet with the new coaching manager at Equine Canada, as well as meet the program coordinators at Kemptville College.
- Visited several of our certified coaches and instructors around the province to discuss the programs we offer and ideas for training opportunities.
- Organized training and evaluation opportunities for fall and winter.
- Issued 110 English and 20 Western rider certificates from July 10 to Sept. 17.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Royal Horse Show tickets – members receive either 30% off two tickets on Tuesday or 15% off on other nights (excluding the last Saturday) – Sept. 4 to Oct. 15.
- TSC Stores – OEF/OFA Member Days Sale – Sept. 9-22
- Equine Nights – Lebovic Centre for Arts & Entertainment – Stouffville, ON.
 - o Waylon Roberts – Oct. 4 @ 7 p.m.
 - o Jessica Phoenix – Oct. 10 @ 7 p.m.
 - o Belinda Trussell – Oct. 17 @ 7 p.m.
 - o Dr. Bruce Watt – Oct. 30 @ 7 p.m.

HORSE FACILITIES COUNCIL

- Toured East and North region facilities and met 12 facility owners.
- Common themes were rider level testing/education interest (for riding schools); certification and education opportunities for coaches; and having OEF facilitating communications and education between facility owners.
- Attended a Dressage show at the Caledon Equestrian Park.

- Visited Saddlewood Equestrian Centre in Bethany, ON. to review camp program package.
- Congratulations to Grant Field, the newly elected chair. Grant is also the incumbent chair of this committee so he will continue his current term for an additional two years.

RECREATION

- Following a call for nominations for the position of chair, Jack de Wit was acclaimed as chair of the Recreation Advisory Council. The second round of the 2013 Recreation Funding Program is now open and is open to all current 2013 Recreation Advisory Council members. Application forms and information are available on our website at www.horse.on.ca

COMPETITIONS

- Team Ontario shipped horses to Calgary to compete at the Canadian Interprovincial Equestrian Championships. After three days of competition, they walked away with a gold medal for the Jumper team, gold medal for the Dressage team and bronze medal for the Reining team. Overall, Team Ontario came home with the silver medal!

CLEAN SPORT

- Drug technicians have attended over 100 shows in Ontario in 2013, and close to 580 horses have been selected for random drug testing.

GRANTS/FUNDING

- Cheques for eligible associations who participated in this year's base application process will be issued at the Nov. 18 meeting.
- Look for the 2013-2014 Quest for Gold information and applications to be posted on the OEF website in early November.
- 2014 Youth Bursary applications are due Dec. 6.

EVENTS

OEF Representatives attended the following events :

- CNE Light Horse Show – Toronto, ON. – July 30
- CNE Jumper Show – Toronto, ON. – Aug. 6
- Region 18 Arabian & Half-Arabian Championships – London, ON. – July 19
- Roberto Teran Clinic for OEF Members – Campbellville, ON. – Aug. 19
- Mustang Festival for Easter Seals – Harwood, ON. – Aug. 24-25
- Trillium Championships – BBQ Event – Palgrave, ON. – Sept. 5
- Canadian Interprovincial Equestrian Championships – Calgary, AB. – Sept. 7-14
- Ontario Equestrian Federation AGM – Sept. 23, 2013