

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!* will now include a quarterly activity report that will highlight current projects and those that have been completed. Articles within this issue of *WHOA!* will provide more details on these various projects.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2012 ELECTIONS

- 2012 saw a record number of votes during the OEF board of directors election that resulted in Andrea Clarke, Isabel Dopta, Paul Richardson and Claudia Wagner-Wilson being elected to the board.
- Members of the 2012 executive committee are Grant Field (president), Allan Ehrlick (1st vice president), Ken Denouden (2nd vice president), Paul Richardson (treasurer) and Al Patterson (secretary).

GRANTS/FUNDING

MINISTRY OF TOURISM, CULTURE & SPORT BASE FUNDING

- Breed & Discipline Association grant allocations were distributed at the 2012 AGM.

RECREATION FUNDING

- Applications for the second round of funding were due on Nov. 30. The following clubs will be receiving funding: Bright Water Pony Club, South Algonquin Trail Riders Club, Ontario Trails Council.

OEF YOUTH BURSARY

- 2013 bursary applications were due on Dec. 7. Recipients will be announced in the next few weeks.

QUEST FOR GOLD

- 2013 applications closed on Dec. 10 and the list of nominees will be submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport in early January. Selected athletes will be announced by early spring.

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

NEW PARTNERS

- The OEF is proud to announce the following new partners: Henry Equestrian Insurance Brokers (platinum), Mackie Research (silver), Cornerstone Insurance Brokers Ltd. (bronze) and Windy Hill Farm (bronze).

OEF T-SERIES VIP CORNER

- The OEF and Tipperary Equestrian collaborated together to host the OEF/T-Series VIP Corner, a feature at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair that allowed equestrian fans to meet an assortment of Canadian and international riders.

OEF and TSC

- The "OFA Member Days at TSC" was a great success and the OEF is pleased to announce that OEF members will receive incredible savings again during the spring shopping event. More details to follow online and in the spring issue of *WHOA!*

LISA MACLEOD, MPP NEPEAN-CARLETON

- Lisa Macleod, MPP is a strong supporter of Ontario's horse racing industry and is the author of the Private Member's Bill requesting that the Auditor General investigate the new gaming plans of the OLG. Dianne Graham hosted Lisa and her family during the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Dianne took the time to discuss the negative impacts the horse industry is experiencing, ways to help strengthen the industry and introduced her to a variety of industry stakeholders.

NEW PROGRAMS

HORSE FACILITIES COUNCIL

- An electronic survey was circulated to all OEF members on Nov. 16, 2012 to measure awareness of the Horse Facilities Council and the program's value within the industry. To date more than 2,000 participants have responded to the survey.
- In December 2012, the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville proposed to repeal the current Horse Riding Establishment Licensing by-law and enforce a regulatory by-law that would be based on complaints only. The proposed by-law would mimic Bill 12 and would exclude

the requirement for insurance, proper care of horses, training for coaches, first aid training, etc. Pam Coburn (program administrator – Horse Facilities Council), Grant Field (president) and Sara Runnalls (BFL Canada) made deputations at the town council meeting to reconsider the repeal and the council voted unanimously against the staff recommendation to repeal the by-law, and instructed staff to consult with us before bringing the matter forward again.

COMPETITIONS

CANADIAN INTERPROVINCIAL EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (CIEC)

- The 2013 CIEC will be held at Rocky Mountain Show Jumping in Calgary, AB and will include the disciplines of Dressage, Jumping and Reining
- Athlete applications and qualification requirements will be available in the spring issue of *WHOA!* and on the OEF website.

EQUESTRIAN COMPETITIONS IN ONTARIO

- 2013 sanctioning applications will be available in January 2013

EQUINE MEDICATION CONTROL PROGRAM

DRUG TESTING

- In 2012, 115 competitions were tested, with 679 horses pulled and 492 samples tested

CLEAN SPORT

- FEI Veterinarian Dr. Mary Bell and Ontario Master Learning Facilitator Danielle Yaghdjian presented a free NCCP workshop on Nov. 23 at the Delta Meadowvale Hotel & Conference Centre. The workshop discussed the current competition medication rules, acceptable treatments within the parameters set out by the various national and international competition guidelines and the best course of action for equestrians to maintain clean sport.

COACHING/EDUCATION

2012 COACHING RESULTS

- 31 English Instructors became certified
- 1 Competition Coach became certified
- 3 Competition Coach Dressage Specialists became certified
- 1 Competition Coach Hunter/Jumper Specialist became certified
- 2 Competition Coach Eventing Specialists became certified
- Several Competition Coach Specialist at various stages in the Certification Program looking to complete in 2013
- New Western Learn to Ride and Instructor workshop a great success run in Spring and Fall 2012
- 3 English Instructor and 1 Competition Coach Mentoring Workshops were held
- 2 NCCP/EC Eventing Specialist Training workshops for Competition Coach were held
- Learning Facilitator training workshop held with six new Learning Facilitators in training in 2012
- Close to 700 English and Western Rider Level Certificates processed

EVENTS

OEF REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS IN THE FALL 2012:

- Trillium Hunter/Jumper Association Championships
- Jumping for Dreams Celebration
- Erin Fair Equine Tent
- Agribands Purina/Ian Millar presentation
- Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies District 4 meeting
- Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
- Jump Canada Hall of Fame Gala
- A Day Of Caring For CARD
- Dressage Canada Royal Reception
- Joker's Hill Horse Sale
- Ontario Has Talent Inaugural Fashion Show and High Tea
- Donkey Sanctuary of Canada Open House