



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Detailing Board Meetings held August 14, 2023.

Greetings/Bienvenue!

Sadly, the long days of summer are behind us and the leaves are changing to their fall colours.

The board met for the sixth time on August 14th. There were several items that needed Board review and approval heading into EC's September 19th AGM. The full AGM package was approved including the meeting agenda, the audited financial statements, and the governance renewal project phase 1 bylaw edits for membership vote.

Meg updated the board on the ever-evolving USEF reciprocal agreement. With both countries intense scrutiny and important policy around Safe Sport this agreement was being reviewed to ensure safety of all in cross border activities. The board was pleased to hear that negotiations are proceeding and that the agreement is targeted to be completed in the coming weeks.

Meg let the board know that the DEI Board analysis and education would be starting that week with a survey being sent to the Board and the new Board members to analyze the current state of DEI knowledge and preparedness for the work in this space coming in the new board year.

The majority of the meeting was spent on a presentation from Meg and team on the Canadian Equine Identification Program (CEIP). As many in the horse community know, this has been a discussion happening for the most part of two decades. It would be an understatement to say it's been a long haul but as I've learned it is a complex discussion, a program needs alignment with many key partners and if not developed carefully presents financial risk. Since I've been on the board, the EC staff have continued to work with the federal government and private industry to examine what would make sense for the Canadian horse herd, EC stakeholders (members, licence holders) and the federal government.

The presentation was fulsome and brought forward a recommendation for the board to consider. The board requested that the Finance and Audit Committee meet to review the financial models presented and bring back their analysis and recommendations. The Board set a special meeting specifically for CEIP decision making for September 11.

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As I wrap up my first year as President, I want to thank the voting members, licence holders and stakeholders for engagement with EC and myself this past year. I have been a part of many interesting, challenging and inspiring conversations all of which make myself and the organization stronger in its ability to make solid decisions and serve our community better.

Giddy up!

Lisa Robertson, President

On behalf of Equestrian Canada and its Board of Directors, this concludes the President's Report of the August 14, 2023 Meetings.

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