

BECOMING A KRC BOARD DIRECTOR OR JOINING A KRC COMMITTEE

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Board Members from the Kelowna Riding Club are often asked about what is involved with being on the KRC board of Directors or volunteering on a committee, so here is an overview to help you decide whether you may be interested in being more actively involved during the upcoming year.

If you've ever been at the club and noticed where an obvious improvement could be made or wished that a particular clinic/show be held...if you've ever uttered the words: "They should..." or "Why didn't they..." Then you are exactly who the club needs and you should definitely consider joining the KRC Board or become a committee member.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In order for the board to meet its basic legal requirements, it must have a **President, Vice President, Secretary** and a **Treasurer**. Next on the priority list is **Membership** Administration, as without this the club would clearly struggle. Then of course, the KRC needs members to manage **Rentals** and **Education** to ensure a constant stream of activity and an additional source of income. There are two annual KRC Shows, the **Spring Dressage Show** in April and the **Hunter Jumper Show** in May, which in itself brings in a large portion of the Club's revenue. As long as these activities are managed by the Board of Directors, the KRC can "maintain" itself. However, for the club to thrive and be forward thinking the KRC Board also have people in charge of **Facility** and **Equipment** Maintenance & Improvements who offer the added effort of foreseeing budget requirements and planning for upgrades and improvements saving the Club thousands of dollars. **Gaming & Lottery** offer a huge potential benefit and requires diligent attention. The **website** and better communication can never cease to be improved. The balance of positions and a constant fundraising effort are all essential components and are generally managed by Board Directors as add-ons to existing roles. For example; the President has often been in charge of Rentals, the Vice Pres in charge of the Facility and the Secretary this year was the **Volunteer Coordination** and so on...

Ideal Board size is between 6 and 12. As long as all tasks are evenly distributed, the positions are ideally managed by 8 to 10 Board members. Fewer than 6 directors can create a bit of a dilemma where some important functions lag or are dropped altogether or alternatively board members take on too much and risk burn out. History has shown that with more than 12 Directors, the Board can potentially run into a higher rate of meeting absenteeism often due to a dilution of responsibilities or lack of engagement.

Being on the KRC Board of directors requires a full year commitment from December through to November. Each member must attend monthly meetings and is expected to take on his/her share of responsibility by heading up (being a Chairperson) one or more of the board positions. The main pre-requisite is that you must have been a KRC member in good standing during the prior year. Some positions require a more hands on approach where other duties are easily managed from the comforts of your own home. The business portion of meetings of the board are guided by the KRC Constitution and follow "Roberts Rules of Order" and are held once a month and generally last about an hour, usually during an evening and held mid week.

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Many of the Board positions listed require a team of supporters and depending on the Chairpersons (usually a Board Director) leadership perspective, he or she may want to form a

group who would get together and work independently from the Board to reach their goals. These groups/committees can be fun, informal and a great way to be involved in club activities. The Chairperson of each committee then reports their progress to the Board on a monthly basis.

The Spring **Hunter Jumper Show** (4 to 7 people) is the largest and most active group as this event brings in upwards on 150 riders and earns the greatest amount of profit for the club.

The Spring **Dressage Show** (2 to 5 people) also requires a committed group to ensure success. It is very well received and an important event for our Dressage community from newcomers to the show scene, all the way up to our top BC competitors looking to qualify for Championship Shows throughout North America.

Education Committee (2 to 5 people) focuses on learning and rider improvement and is very dependent on volunteerism and club support, this committee has tremendous opportunity to become whatever it wants to make of itself.

Activities Coordinator (2 to 5 people) This is a *NEW* position and can either be apart of Education or a separate committee (depends on 2010 board) This committee's main goal is to organize Fun Days and informal shows, events and activities for all disciplines.

Membership has traditionally been handled by one person but could easily grow by introducing such things as membership drives and so on... This position works closely with Coaches Liaison and Volunteer Coordinator. All three could easily be consolidated into one Committee... based on 2010 board guidance.

Coaches Liaison (1 person) This position has traditionally been an ad-on for Pres, VP ...any Director etc...

Volunteer Coordinator (1-2 people) This position has traditionally been an ad-on for Pres, VP... any Director etc...

Facility Rentals (1-2 people) This position has traditionally been an ad-on fro Pres, VP... any Director etc...

Facility & Equipment Maintenance and Improvement (2-6 people) There is no end to what can be accomplished as the list of what needs to be repaired or purchased is always growing. This can be broken up into two separate committees.

Website & Communications (1-3 people) One person to maintain updates to the events and to send group e-mail notices. Another to manage the Classified section. As a committee you could break it up further...even adding another person to sell web advertising would be of extreme benefit...

Gaming & Lottery (1-6 people) The club has relied on funding over the years, now with so many government cut backs to gaming funds this position may need to re-invent itself and become simply "Fundraising"

If you are interested in learning more or if you would like your name to stand for a Board position at the next AGM in November. Or if you are interested in joining a committee please contact any current board member by linking to : <http://www.kelownaridingclub.net/contact.cfm>