



BCTRA

BC Therapeutic Riding Association

BCTRA AGM 2023

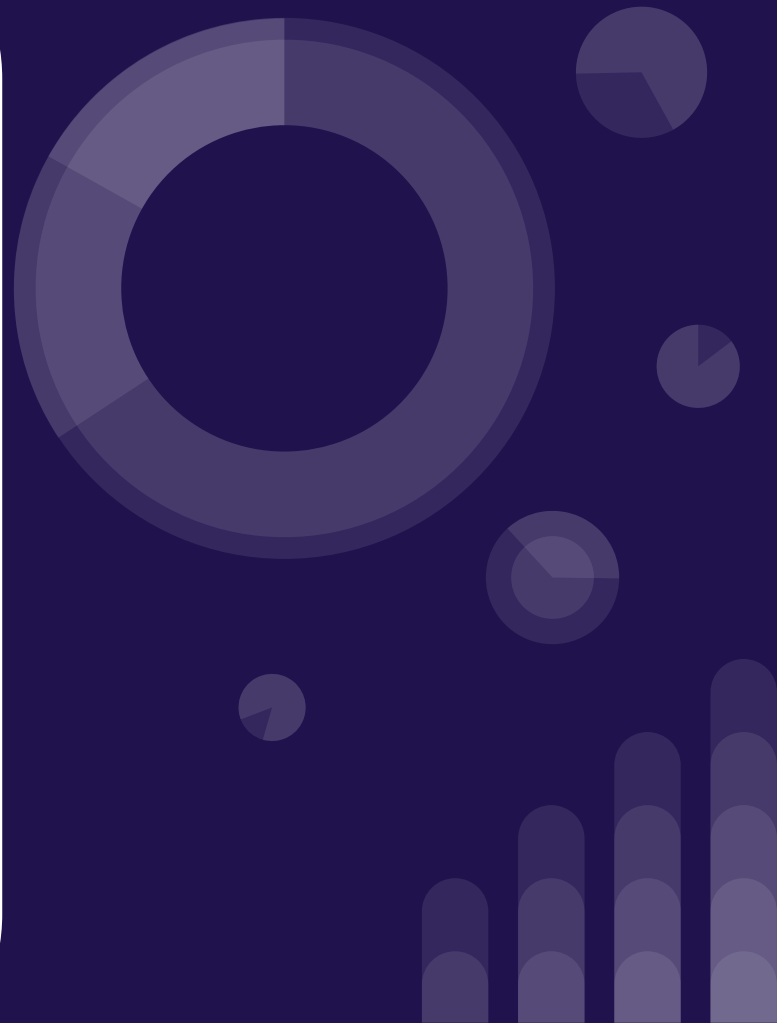
Year in Review

Nov 27, 2023 @ 7:30 pm
Via video conference (Zoom)

AGM package & online voting on website:

bctherapeuticriding.com

<https://bctherapeuticriding.com/bctra-agm-2023/>





BCTRA AGM 2023 Agenda

- 1. Year End Presentation**
- 2. Review Previous AGM Minutes**
- 3. Present Year End Financials & Budget**
- 4. Online Vote**



We envision a community of support where all British Columbians can partner with horses to reach their ultimate potential.

BCTRA Vision



Through networking, educational programming, and outreach activities we promote therapeutic riding, equine-based therapeutic services, and para-equestrian activities throughout the province.

BCTRA Mission



Respect

Integrity

Trust

Professionalism

BCTRA Values



Vintage 1986

Since 1986, with the horse as our common foundation, we now have members offering Equine Assisted Services (EAS) across BC in three pillars: Therapeutic Riding & Hippotherapy (TR), Para-Equestrian Athlete Development (ParaSport), Equine Assisted Learning & Therapy (EFW/EAL/EAP).



Committees

This year we continued to grow 5 committees:
Educational (Round Tables), Member Engagement,
Therapeutic Riding, Para-Equestrian, and
EFW/EAL/EAP.

Please email board@bctherapeuticriding.com if you wish to join any of these committees. *We encourage everyone interested in joining the BCTRA Board of Directors in the future, to join a committee today!*



2023 Highlights



BCTRA Para Clinics Across BC

CPC Grant | Equine Canada | HCBC

March 2023 | Clive Milkins, Technical Advisor for the EC Para-Dressage program taught 12 days of para-athlete clinics across the province: Lower Mainland (Langley), Kamloops and Vancouver Island (Duncan & Victoria).

Annual BCTRA Video Competition

BCTRA welcomed 62 video entries from riding centers across BC for our 3rd Annual event!

To give centers **across the province** who all have different program cycles we have new timelines for 2024 to give coaches ample time to prepare and submit videos.

The **4th Annual BCTRA Video Competition** will open Jan/Feb 2024 & close September 2024.

Round Tables

Added to the library in 2023:

Grant Writing Success, The Aging Horse-Retirement-
End of Life Plan, Growing Your TR Volunteer Team,
The World of Para-Driving

Membership Portal

We now have a MEMBERSHIP portal where you can renew membership and update your profile info. The members area will be updated to have member ONLY content - look for more updates in 2024!

Level A - Service Providers

Level B - Supporters

Level C1 - Participants (non-voting)

Level C2 - Participants (non-voting members outside BC)

Membership Searchable Directory

We are also adding a searchable directory and interactive map.

**Renew your membership
by creating an account on the website
before Dec 31st to GET ON THE MAP!**



Granting



For 2023 New Annual Granting Streams

We now have **3 annual** granting streams that are currently accepting applications.

- Ensure you are in **good standing** and your 2024 membership renewal has been completed by **creating a login** in the new membership website.
- Ensure your ***Grant Reports** are completed ***if** funds have been received in the past.
- **50K** has been budgeted to be handed out March 2024. **Applications will close Dec 15th, 2023.**

Annual GRANTS

Growth

For developing new programs, upgrading current programs, volunteer training and supports.

Operational

Support for program and facility support, expansion, location development, equipment. Utilize funds to build capacity or to cover increased expenses to provide inclusive, safe participant experiences.

Developing EAS Professionals

For continuing education and training to upskill professionals within the member organization. (CEU hours, advancing certification levels, conferences/ workshops).

OPEN GRANTS reviewed monthly

BCTRA Equipment (Safety and Adaptive)

Equipment, supplies or training (eg First Aid) to ensure the safe delivery and participation of participants in therapeutic riding, para-equestrian, or EFW programming. This open grant will be awarded to a maximum of \$500 per application.

BCTRA Bursaries Funding

Applicants must demonstrate an active interest in either therapeutic riding, hippotherapy, para-equestrian or equine facilitated wellness and be prepared to provide references stating their activities. This open grant will be awarded to a maximum of \$1,000 per application.

Education



Are you interested in BCTRA hosting a conference or educational event in 2024/2025?

!! Watch for a survey and call out to get involved !!

In person? Online? What Topics / Speakers?

Looking for an educational event to network with other professionals?

Education



And of course our bi-monthly BCTRA Member Round Tables are continuing throughout 2024.

Have a topic to present? Want a topic presented?
Let us know!

**What are the
numbers?**





30+

Service Providers

Level A - Group Members

centers/facilities, coaches/facilitators/instructors



40+

Supporters

Level B - Individual Members

volunteers, community members



70+

Participant Members

riders & para-athletes

BC Summer Games & BCTRA Video Competitions





\$235k+
awarded in funding
(since 2017)



15+

Educational Events

adding Round Tables every year!





5 Committees

Education

Member Engagement

Therapeutic Riding

Para Equestrian

EAL/EAP

(equine assisted learning & equine assisted psychotherapy)

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Countless & Priceless

The **commitment** of our members across BC, who are providing vital and distinctive programs in their communities, as well as supporting BCTRA efforts, is truly commendable. We eagerly anticipate ongoing **collaboration and engagement with all of you.**

In Appreciation



We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the valuable contributions of **Karen Swantje**, the BCTRA Board Director who is stepping down at this time. Your years of dedicated service, support, and insightful contributions will be deeply missed. We appreciate your steadfast dedication to supporting BCTRA in its efforts to assist programs throughout BC that partner with horses, facilitating individuals in reaching their full potential.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment.
Wishing you all the best in your next adventures.

Happy Trails Karen!

AGM Package

Voting closes at 9pm PST tonight.



Visit the website to review the package and cast your vote.

<https://bctherapeuticriding.com/bctra-agm-2023/>

- **Previous AGM Minutes (November 28, 2022)**
- **Financial Report Current Year End (March 31, 2023)**
- **Budget (2023/2024)**
- **Fill vacant Board of Directors positions**



Remember to VOTE!

Voting closes at 9pm PST tonight.



Thank-you

Looking forward to 2024!

Annual Granting cycle closes Dec 15, 2023

Membership Renewals are **due before Dec 31st by creating a login on the new membership website.**