

This meeting opened at 9:55 am with President Bob Berry welcoming 44 members in attendance with a special welcome to today's guest speaker, Kevin Jones.

Bob also welcomed and introduce three guests: Kornelius (Case) Klevering, Earl Evans, and Dan Landry. He also welcomed back member, Len Bickerton, after a prolonged health issue. Bob also informed us that Ken Alsop has returned home from his lengthy hospital stay following a bike accident.

### **Announcements**

President Bob reminded members of the approaching fall flu season and stated that in consideration of all members, if you're not feeling well .... stay home. If you're concerned about yourself or others, feel welcome to wear a mask.

Notice to members whose dues are outstanding: Dues for this fiscal year are due as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are tardy, pay up.

### Activities – Ken Marchant

Upcoming events:

- A night-at-the-Races at Elora on Friday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, at a cost of \$30 for entrance and supper. A menu is available at the welcome table for you to pre-select your meal.
- A show of hands was requested to determine interest (to include spouses) in attending the Mount Hope Warplane Museum at a date to be determined. (there was significant interest from the members).
- Sign-up sheet is available for members and spouses to attend a Guelph Storm vs. London Knights hockey game on Wednesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, including admission to the lounge for wings and beer.
- There is a sign-up sheet for a Drayton performance of "Evita" at Hamilton Theatre (in Cambridge) on Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, @ 2:00 pm.

President Bob Berry introduced Kevin Jones who hails from Barrie and has driven down today to present to us.

### **Kevin Jones**

#### Bio and Presentation:

Kevin Jones calls himself an "unexpected business owner" because, back in 2009 he never imagined becoming the founding partner of what would later become a successful organization in the mass gathering Event Medical space. Fast forward 15 years and Kevin finds himself fulfilling the position of Executive Director and Managing Partner which involves guiding Odyssey's clients, patients, and people towards positive outcomes.

*"Working at Odyssey is a natural culmination of everything that I love to do – working with the public, working outdoors and bringing calm to chaos."*

Prior to his time at Odyssey, Kevin worked in various capacities in risk services management, emergency communication and event operations. His experience ranges from remote wilderness expeditions to large-scale, multi-day urban sporting events and outdoor musical festivals; where peak attendance capacity can easily reach over 300K people.

Regardless of the size, scale or complexity of an Odyssey event, Kevin continuously relies on the fundamental teaching skills he developed during his 20-year tenure as a faculty member at Georgian College in Ontario. Kevin's emphasis on knowledge sharing and developing highly skilled cross-functional teams is what he values most when working with Odyssey crew and clients.

*"My favorite part of the job is the customer. I love when we get on a site for an event, and the client just naturally says, 'I'm glad you're here.'"*

Kevin has worked diligently to create an atmosphere at Odyssey where the traditional hierarchy of medicine doesn't define each person's role and contribution. The Odyssey team consists of a wide spectrum of individuals ranging from novice first aid certificate holders, established paramedics and nurses, to professional doctors. Yet, Kevin has brought together a group where "titles" aren't as important as the unique skills, strengths, and lived experiences each person shares with the larger team.

Kevin is excited about the future of Event Medicine and Festival Health services, "It's so fluid right now, post pandemic, it could grow in any direction." Kevin remains ready and confident knowing he's pulled together the Odyssey team who are prepared to face the future, head-on.

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□ [Hear Kevin's Guest Appearance - Trillium Running Podcast](#)

Kevin gave us an explanation of event planning with respect to managing the health and safety of people in large events such as indoor and outdoor events where and when a large contingent of patrons would be attending an event. Kevin explained the logistics of planning for the unexpected.

Kevin's slide presentation can be found on the Club website. He concluded his presentation by responding to questions from Club members.

President Bob Berry thanked Kevin Jones and presented him with a token of appreciation.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2023 with Marva Wisdom: *Securing our Collective History*

Adjournment @11:00 am

Recording Secretary: Kerry Gennings