

Elk & Beaver Lake Equestrian Society
November Meeting Summary

6 members present

Treasurer, Lynn Husted reported the current bank balance to be \$5759.49. The Society received a \$300 donation from the Appaloosa Club for the landscape rake purchased earlier this year. The paint debacle was concluded with Behr Paint refunding \$744.52 for the paint we used with bad advice from their representatives at Home Depot.

- The new membership database project is continuing. The current membership info is being refreshed into an excel spreadsheet. We hope to be up and running with a new system for the new membership year.
- Repairing the footing of the main ring is a priority. In some areas, the base has clearly lost its integrity. It was agreed to mark off these areas for the winter riding season, so they do not create a greater problem. A plan to repair the areas in question in the spring is underway.
- This year has quietly gone by with little notice that EBLES has now been in existence for 25 years! A celebratory cake was shared at this meeting to mark the event. (Thanks Lynn). Our yearly group dinner is planned for January 16th at Fireside Grill starting at 6:30. This should provide an opportunity to recognize some of the great achievements over the past quarter century.
- Monthly Trail Rides will continue as weather permits. Sunday December 18th is our Santa Clause ride. Starting at 11:30 at the rings, Santa and Co. will make a slow loop of the park, giving out candy and dog treats. Everyone is invited to join the ride. Please consider dressing festively.
- Pam sent an e-mail to Ruth Donald, Horse Council Recreation co-ordinator, about including Elk/Beaver lake and Thetis lake trails in the BC Trail Guide. For your reference the BC Trail Guide website is: <http://cnw.hcbc.ca/GMaps/Trail>
- A discussion of trail conditions in and around the park ensued. Ted Simmons spoke to CRD regarding the trail through the fields by the highway. They summarized that the problems are too expensive to fix at this time. Lynn Husted also spoke with the municipality of Saanich regarding the trail between the lake at the 6 km marker and Forest Hill Road. This trail also runs through CRD property. Lynn is currently planning a "field trip" with municipal and CRD representatives once the rainy season is fully on us.
- A winter work party still needs organizing as the tentative date of December 4th has been missed.

Next meeting is our AGM on January 12th, 2012 at 7:30. Executive elections will be held at that time.