

**EBLES Executive Meeting:**

**Date: April 11, 2024**

Meeting was held virtually using teams conference call

**ATTENDING:** Dianne McGuire, Jennie Hutchison, Claire Vessey, Laura Foxgord,

- Review and approval of March 14 minutes: approved, but Jenny has identified and corrected a typo in Treasurer's report

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

- Revenues and expenses since March 14, 2024 (rough summary provided, still awaiting some financial data due to Event Bright site down and Coast Capital site doing maintenance)

OPENING BALANCE: \$1276.32

EXPENSES:

- Bought door
- Paid Graeme's-\$501.28
- Paid Andy Slinger Service for sand-\$1720.15 for 2 loads sand
- Wood for turtle fencing wood \$2008.50 and \$4.50 in service charges

REVENUES:

- received 444.10 from Event Bright for memberships
- 35.00 deposit via interact
- Deposited 685.00- donations
- The Northbridge Insurance company has resubmitted the cheque for \$1467.83- has been received

EXPECTED REVENUES:

- Jim Gibson donated \$100 through Event Bright, Stacey will be donating \$200.00

EXPECTED EXPENSES:

- hydro likely \$40.00
- water bill approx. \$200,
- food for upcoming work parties approx. \$100
- Diane needs to be reimbursed for About \$100.00 for out- of -pocket expenses (key cutting and printing, food for last work party)
- expecting bill for roof repair \$750.00

Closing Balance: Jenny will provide an addendum to the minutes for full report

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

- Current membership- total 62, consisting of 41 individuals ,4 coaches, 2 clubs ,5 lifetime, 10 family
- Draw for gift basket using random number generator -Stacey Carlos won the Basket.

Laura will post picture of gift basket contents on website. Stacey to pick up from Jenny's place

## **FACILITIES:**

- Patching of concession building roof completed
- Report on March 17 work party- was a success, got leaves raked off the ring and rest of facility. Ted completed lock on door of Judges booth
- Sand was added to warm up ring
- Progress on sale of C-rake- Diane contacted Tractor time- they will pick up rake for consignment (there is a fee for the pick up) We are asking \$2000.00. Tractor time's commission rate is 15%
- Sign to acknowledge contributors to main ring refurbishment- Photographer Lorna Moss and her niece have confirmed they are available and will take photos during the Poker Ride (gratis). Ideally looking for a photo that has English and western riders in the new ring. Will need to have permission from people in the photo to use it on the sign. It was suggested to include photos of riders from EBLS executive. It was proposed to also schedule a photo shoot with non professional EBLES member that has a good camera for additional photos that can be used for multiple purposes. Michelle to confirm pixel quality requirements for enlargement purposes
- Turtle fencing
  - o Purchase and delivery of lumber-\$2000.00 spending for additional 2x8's approved for the main ring turtle barrier. Lumber will be delivered and will be ready to install at work party on April 22. There are a few spots that will need a 2x4 placed below the existing 2x8.Parks has offered to cover cost of wood for turtle fencing
  - need to purchase a drill for EBLES otherwise relying on volunteers to bring one. Jenny forwarded motion to purchase. – Approved. Will look for a sale and purchase. Dianne will Purchase a rechargeable Drill needed for Sunday work party.
  - o Sunday April 14 work party- only 3 people confirmed they are available
  - o Soliciting volunteers for April 21 and 28 work parties- Keep chats active on line, and email
  - o Sale of wildlife exclusion fencing. Motion forwarded to sell wildlife exclusion fencing that will not be used for exclusion fencing. Need to take a photo of it for advertising and will need to decide on asking price. Jenny can provide a link to the product.
- Plans for round pen- defer for now.

## **RENTALS:**

- Rentals booked-May 19<sup>th</sup> Victoria/Saanich Cadora Show
  - June 2 Poker Ride
  - June 9<sup>th</sup> Appy Show
  - August 18 Appy Show
  - September 22 Apply Show

- Rental prospects-none

## **FUND RAISING:**

- Request to Appy Club for help with sand for round pen: Stacy said they will donate \$200.00 for sand
- Horse Council of BC grant application: Is ready to send, but needs review by Claire prior to send
- BC Outdoor Recreational Grant: Jenny looking into still for round pen upgrade. Timeline tight
- Kiwanis Club: Claire has not applied to them yet for any funding. Need to have a specific project in mind, so will keep them in mind for the next project comes up, perhaps for the round pen project
- Stewardship grant :Need a conservation approach such as for turtle fencing.
- Claire suggested: Spark fund application might be an option but do not know their timelines/deadlines for applying for funding. Need to look into further. Claire will take this on

## **EVENTS:**

**Cadora Show and Tell, May 19th** -need ring harrowed prior to event, and send notice to the members

**Poker Ride June 2.** -Need to solicit more donors for prizes.

-Posters need to be distributed sooner than later. Some already put up by Claire at Bucker field's, Green Hawk, Victoria saddlery. Can download posters from google docs. Use the PDF version. Will post signs at various barns after the work party this weekend.

-Advertising-Lara had volunteered to advertise online for the Poker ride-Facebook, Facebook marketplace, Equine Connections. Consider advertising on Used Victoria, or Times Columnist where advertising is free.

- Recruiting and organizing volunteers for Poker Ride-Jenny will coordinate volunteers. There will be another EBLES meeting in May to discuss details of Poker ride. Executive members recruiting friends to assist.

-Need to get together to stuff envelopes with cards for Poker Ride. Ted has the box required containing cards and envelopes. \*\*May need to acquire new supplies if Ted away for an extended time\*\*

-Laura Foxgord to do judging for trail class

**Working Equitation Clinic** – Laura Foxgord request to defer committing to a date for now. Will rediscuss at May and June meetings. Participants must be members. Plan to see how successful the event is, how much work to organize.

**Jane Stone WORKING EQUITATION CLINIC proposal:** proposal reviewed and declined due to amount of organization and time required by limited number of volunteers.

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Notice to the Retriever Club- Diane to report to Retriever club

**TRAILS:**

- Report on condition of trails- no report available

**OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Used tack sale:** Proposed by Claire, all agreed. Date set is for June 22, 9am-12 pm. Bring your own “table, tarp or truck”. All we do is supply the venue. Charge \$20.00 per table for members, \$25,00 non members. There will be a membership sign up table with applications and a donation box. Will Update a previous poster from 2018 on google docs for advertising.

**NEXT MEETING:** 7 pm Thursday May 9, 2024 online

Minutes submitted by Michelle Levesque upon viewing recorded meeting.