

## **EBLES Meeting – 7:00 pm February 9, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Lara Wear, Heather Afford, Ted Simmons, Joanne Nelson, Dianne McGuire

- Meeting called to order at 7:03
- Minutes from January Meeting accepted.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- The account balance is about \$3000. Heather will email a more detailed report
- There were some deposits that Heather did not know what they were for. Heather would like Nicky and Claire to send her an email when they make deposits saying what the deposits are for.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Facilities:

- EBLES made the top three but did not get selected by White Knight for the free facilities painting. Joanne suggested we explore why so that we might win next year.
- A method for signing up volunteers for pre-show prep is needed. Ted suggested that Kristen send an email request to the whole membership. Lara suggested that an email request go to a short list of people who have offered to volunteer and only send a request to the whole membership if there are not enough volunteers from the short list. Lara will talk to Kristen about emailing.

Rentals:

- Pony Club has canceled their booking.
- VTRA has booked the facilities for May 6, 2017.
- There has been a request to rent the round pen only. Executive will discuss this via email.

Correspondence:

- Terry Forsythe indicated that he plans to have a ride up Hovey Road and through Centennial Park. It is open to EBLES members. He will inform EBLES of the date. It was suggested that we could include mention of the ride as a news item in an email to the membership. However, it would need to be clear that the ride is not an EBLES event.

Member Recruitment:

- Joanne and Dianne will visit barns around Elk Lake on Saturday and hand out posters and membership forms.
- Joanne volunteered to post membership forms at the ring.
- Current membership is 25

Volunteers:

- Lara doesn't want too many emails requesting help to go out to the whole membership. Joanne suggested one email to the whole membership to get a shortlist of people willing to volunteer.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Heather and Lara will update the EBLES registration under the Societies Act.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Notices to members:

- If anyone has announcements to go out send them to Lara and she will post them to facebook.

Poker Ride:

- Executive Members need to start approaching local businesses to get prizes for the Poker Ride. There is a list of businesses that donated in the past on the website.
- Lara will send a link to the poster for the poker ride.
- Kristen has reserved Mrs Tube Steak.
- Will be stuffing envelopes for the Poker Ride at the April Meeting
- Adriana has offered to judge the trail class. Need to check if a judge has already been arranged.
- Dianne and Joanne will hand out Poker Ride posters when they visit the barns around Elk Lake.
- Will collect Horse Council memberships at the Poker Ride if people don't already have a membership.

Dogs:

- There was an incident in which a pitbull with a pink collar attacked a horse. Ted will contact CRD to discuss if there is a protocol for dealing with dangerous dogs.
- Joanne would like to open a dialogue with CRD and dog groups about dog horse interaction.

### **CARRY FORWARD ITEMS**

- There are two broken sprinklers. There is a spare in the cupboard under the stairs in the Announcers Booth. Jason said he is going to fix them.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday March 9, 2017 at 7:00