

EBLES Meeting
February 8, 2018

PRESENT: Lara Wear, Dianne McGuire, Kristen Hoel, Ted Simmons, Claire Vessey, Miki Dekel, Pamela Pack

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

- The minutes from the January meeting were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Heather filed the CRD report.
- Lara delivered the Greenhawk gift certificate to Julene Warwick for the “Buy Your Membership Online Before Jan 1, 2018” contest
- Poker Ride
 - Ted will bring materials to stuff envelopes for the Poker ride to the next meeting
 - Everyone should use the link on google docs to track donations for the Poker Ride.
 - There is a letter requesting donations on google docs that should be given to potential donors.
 - Kristen will flag the trail for the Poker Ride on the Friday night before, Nickie will help.
 - Lara and Kristen will take the flagging down, Ted will help if he can.
 - Joanne will oversee registration
 - Dianne will collect hands
 - Someone is still needed to oversee the parking.
 - Adriana will judge the trail class
 - Lara put up a facebook post about the Poker Ride. It got over 500 views in less than 12 hours.
- Pamela has prepared artwork for a card about EBLES that people can hand out to people riding at the ring or in the park. She will get prices on printing it.

FACILITIES

- EBLES did not win the White Knight contest for free painting.
- Repair of the horse shelter was discussed by Garden City Horsemen according to their minutes.
- Ted replaced the bolt on the door to the judge’s booth. The door is locked. However, the door frame is split on the inside. The door and the frame need to be replaced. Doing the repairs is not a high priority because the judge’s booth is not currently being used. Ted and Kristen will check whether they can get a door with a frame from Restore or Windsor Plywood.
- There is still no explanation for the high water bills from last summer. Ted checked the meter when everything was turned off and the meter was not running indicating that there is no leak. It was suggested that someone may be taking the water but it seems unlikely. The idea of putting a lock on the taps was discussed. It was suggested that it might be possible to calculate how much the sprinklers should be using. It was decided that once the water goes on the meter should be monitored weekly.

RENTALS

- Claire reported so far that there are 13 bookings for the year. The schedule is attached.

FUND RAISING

- Claire prepared and handed out posters for the Tack Sale. These have been posted in the tack shops and at some barns.
- Sellers will need to bring their own tables for the tack sale.

MEMBERSHIP

- There are currently 53 members, 1 club member, 1 instructor member and 3 families.

TRAILS

- Ted says the trails are finally drying out.
- Ted unplugged a few culverts that were plugged and causing trails to be flooded.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The account balance is about \$5,600, there is a deposit of \$480 coming from Event Brite for memberships and a \$750 water bill to pay.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Ted emailed Mark Solomon about a tree that was down by the judge's booth that needed removing. However, a member's husband removed the tree using a chainsaw before CRD was able to. Ted informed Mark Solomon, who said that in the future any work requiring chainsaws should be left to the CRD.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- The CRD will be discussing the land use agreement at their next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A Spring Work Party will be held on Sunday April 15, 9:00 to 12:00. The gutters on the concession building will need cleaning. Kristen will do it.
- Miki Dekel spoke about competitive trail riding. The club would like to get more people involved. They had an information night at Greenhawk a while back and will be having another one in April. They will be hosting a clinic, i.e. a mock up of a competitive trail ride, at the EBLES ring on April 28. They will be having their first ride of the year on May 12 at Twin Creeks, which will include a fun ride.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10

NEXT MEETING: March 8, 2018, 7:00pm

2018 EBLES Ring Rental Activity Report

(As of February 8, 2018)

Sat., April 21	Heart Horse Healing (Round Pen)
Sat., “ 28	BC Competitive Trail Riding Assoc. (clinic)
Sun., “ 29	EBLES Poker Ride
Sat., May 5	Victoria Therapeutic Riding Assoc.
Sun., May 6	Appaloosa Club
Sun., May 20	Greater Victoria Pony Club
Sat., June 2	Heart Horse Healing (Round Pen)
Sun., “ 10	Appaloosa Club
Sat., July 14	Heart Horse Healing (Round Pen)
Sun., “ 15	Appaloosa Club
Sat., Aug. 18	Heart Horse Healing (Round Pen)
Sun., Sept. 16	Appaloosa Club
Sat., “ 22	Heart Horse Healing (Round Pen)