

EBLES Meeting
February 7, 2019 – Minutes

PRESENT: Dianne McGuire, Pamela Pack, Ted Simmons, Lyn Cullen and Carol-Ann Sigurnjak

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- Approved subject to changing Heather's last name to Simpson

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Pam met with Heather Simpson. They discussed the 2018-19 report to CRD which Heather sent in.
- They have yet to go to Coast Capital to change the signatories on the account. Pam will replace Heather, Ted and Lara will remain as the other two signatories.

MEMBERSHIP:

- The membership spreadsheet on Google Drive showed that as of mid January EBLES had 16 paid members. In an email, Nicki Wade stated that there were a few more to be added.
- Claire received a cheque from Victoria-Saanich CADORA to join EBLES again. They mistakenly made the cheque out for \$30 so she will get another cheque for \$20 from them. She will deposit both cheque into the EBLES bank account and send confirmation to Nicki.

FACILITIES:

- At the previous meeting Lara Wear said she would add material to the bulletin board at the ring. Dianne will check to see if this has been done.
- Kirsten Hoel did a temporary fix on the boards that were bowing out from the pressure of the sand on the West side of the sand ring. A more permanent fix is still needed. Whether someone should be hired to fix it immediately as it presents a hazard or should it be done at the same time as the other work on the fences was discussed. It was decided that we should get an estimate for fixing it from Jason. Also Lyn suggested that Jarod Pierce might be willing to do it. Dianne will phone Jarod. Ted could pick up the needed materials. Dianne will discuss it with Kirsten before contacting Jason or Jarod.
- Lara checked the January minutes for Garden City Horsemen's last meeting. There was no mention of when the loafing shed would be rebuilt. Kirsten ran into Sean and prodded him a little.
- Kirsten noted that there is an almost dead tree behind where the loafing shed will go and asked Ted to check with CRD to see if they would remove it. Ted emailed Mark/CRD. Darren from CRD went and did an assessment and found one tree that needed to be removed. He tested the tree that Kirsten was concerned about and found it to be still solid.
- Kirsten said that April 7 would be a good day for the spring work party. Dianne will ask Lara to send an email out to the membership about it and post it on the website and on face book.
- Joanne Nelson and Dianne did an assessment of the fence posts around both the hog fuel and the sand ring by shaking them and attempting to push a screwdriver into the posts as far down the post as possible. They labeled all the posts and recorded which ones were in good, fair or poor condition. Many were found to be solid but there were some that were in poor condition, i.e. the screwdriver sunk in easily just below the ground line. Dianne will do further work with the data to determine how many posts should be replaced.

- Ted contacted CRD about the access to the horse beach. He received a reply from Darren i.e., “ I was looking at the signage at Ski Beach and I can look into having a sign fabricated stating that Horses take priority due to the limited areas around the lake that allow horses. I will have to get approval from management for this request to go forward .”

FUND RAISING:

- Lyn asked if we could put up signs acknowledging donors. Ted confirmed that we could and there are already a number of signs acknowledging donors on the bleachers, the announcer’s booth, and the judge’s booth.
- In the past Lyn has raised money for her horse shows by taking a letter requesting donations and presenting them in person to people she knows who might be able to and interested in supporting horse events. She would be willing to do this to help raise money for EBLES for the fencing repairs. Pam said she would help.
- Lyn also suggested we could hold a silent auction.
- Dianne phoned several companies to get estimates for the fencing repairs.
 - Costa Verde and Ferris Fencing do not do work in Victoria.
 - Ferris Fencing suggested calling White House Stable, who recommended Bryce Rashleigh. Bryce said it was the sort of thing he could do but he is booked until August.
 - The guy who advertises on Used Victoria, High Meadow Fencing, charges \$150/hour for work time and \$120/hour for travel time, this includes equipment to vibrate the poles in. He said cementing them in would result in a straighter fence line and more accurate spacing of the poles. He thought that for it to be worth it we would have to have at least 20 posts replaced. With fewer posts he thought it might be better to do them by hand.
 - Jason said he would take a look and provide an estimate.
- We need three estimate so we need to call a few more people. Lara provided the contact information for Bob Balentine of Amity Tractors. Lyn will provide the name of one other person who might be able to do it.
- Ted pointed out that whoever we get will need a tractor to pound the posts in.
- Dianne will get more estimates.
- Claire had 50 copies made of the Used Tack Sale poster that Lara made. Ted distributed them to people at the meeting to put up. People should let Claire know where they have put the posters up.
- The Used Tack Sale will be held at Pink Coat Equestrian on Bear Hill Road just off of Oldfield Road on Sunday April 7 2019. Renata and Claire will be going to the farm to get a ‘lay of the land’ in the next two weeks. If you want to reserve a table let Claire know.
- Claire is willing to put together an application for funding from Horse Council. We will need 3 written estimates of the cost to replace the posts, any boards that are damaged and labour. The deadline to put the application in is April 1.
- The Poker Ride will be April 28th.
- Ted will do the announcing

RENTALS:

- No new bookings
- Claire will be sending out the rental package to all those who have booked the ring in the next couple of days. She will also include a membership form so that they can encourage their members to join EBLES as well as the club’s membership.

TRAILS:

- The bridge going toward the golf course is a bit narrow for horses. As the bridges are to be replaced with aluminum ones, Ted will raise this with the Capital Regional District (CRD)/Mark Solomon.
- Ted sent an email requesting signage on the horse beach saying horses take priority to Mary-Anne/CRD who forwarded it to Darren. Darren emailed back saying that he could get a sign saying horses take priority and put it up, subject to management approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Dianne to follow up with Heather to see if she submitted the names of the new directors to the Societies (Charities) Association and the 2018-19 report to the CRD.
- Ted and Dianne will take responsibility for doing the 2019-20 report but this does not have to be done for quite a while.
- Dianne to contact Lara about reviewing the Land Use Agreement and about the two big black binders.

NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2019