

EBLES Executive Meeting  
Thurs., Feb. 9th, 2023, 7 pm

Meeting was held using a Team Conference call and was recorded.

Attending:     Dianne McGuire                     Ted Simmons                     Jennie Hutchison  
                  Claire Vessey                         Kira Carnell

Treasurer's Report

Opening balance \$40,628.28. Only expense this month was HCBC Club fees of \$85 + \$1.50 for the e-transfer.  
Closing balance \$40,541.78.

Revenue collected through Eventbrite for memberships but not received yet. Expected upcoming expenses:  
Hydro bill of approx. \$30, \$10,000 for the cost of the next layer of base for the ring, cost of the backhoe and  
truck, food for the workers (8 trucks) and the cost of the sand \$9,000 or so).

We have earmarked \$36,000 or less to finish the ring. Expect a balance of \$4,000 at the end of the project.

Memberships

Claire advised that we have 19 members, 11 individual, 5 lifetime, 1 coach, 1 club, 2 Family. Just waiting for  
Victoria-Saanich CADORA to send me a cheque for \$125 for 5 new members.  
A few members of the Executive have not joined yet.

Lara to send an email to old members reminding them to join for 2023. Also the need for volunteers for the  
Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> work party.

Facilities

Screenings delivered on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, need volunteers to work on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. Three people have volunteered and  
need more people from 7 am – 5 pm (2 - 3 – 4 hour shifts. Bring a chair for you to sit down where the trail  
crosses. Need flaggers. Ted advises he can help and be there at 7 am, Dianne to be there all day.

Kira advises no more word from Scott re trucks coming – possibly 6 trucks. May need to stock pile of sand if  
we can't get anyone. Need to hire someone with a backhoe and 2 trucks for the afternoon.

Jennie advises that there will be a power outage on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Reminder to unplug battery packs. Power poles  
are being replaced. Work party on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> to remove leaves from the ring.

Ring Rentals

Claire advised that Saanich Fairgrounds rents their facility at an hourly rate of \$58 or a daily rate of \$400.  
Fairlawn Equestrian (have an indoor ring) charges \$350 per day plus GST  
Metchosin Equestrian Society charges the following:

Full Day or Multiple Days – Includes one harrowing and one watering \$100  
Additional harrowing \$25  
Additional watering \$25

Half Day – 3 – 4 hours includes set up time & break down time \$50.00  
Participant Fee – Each rider who participates \$5  
Concession – Available to rent as a stand along \$50  
Damage Deposit – Open dated cheque \$200

No ring out in Sooke area.

Our current rental rate is:

All facilities \$155 members & \$180 non-members  
One ring \$95 members & \$110 non-members  
Concession \$80 members, \$95 non-members  
Damage deposit \$50

Discussion on increasing the cost of rental.

It was agreed to increase the costs as follows:

All facilities \$175 members & \$200 non-members (includes 1 harrowing and 2 waterings)  
One ring \$100 members & \$120 non-members (includes 1 harrowing and 2 waterings)  
Concession \$80 members, \$95 non-members  
Damage deposit \$200  
Make a note that the damage deposit includes the proper clean-up of rings and parking areas.  
Motion passed, all in favour.

Dianne asked if Kira Carnell if she wanted to be the Facilities Manager. She has accepted and Dianne and Jennie to meet with her to discuss her responsibilities. Claire to amend rental form.

Vancouver Island Appaloosa Horse Club is holding off on booking their shows for this year until a completion date has been set for the equestrian site.

### Trails

Trails are what you would expect for this time of year. Tree down and needs to be taken care off, but we can get by. Ted sent a report to Stewart re same.

A complaint was received from a Mrs. Hopkins about Laura Fanning and her daughter riding on a trail that Mrs. Hopkins feels wasn't authorized for horses to be on. Laura wants clarification on what trails in the area that she can ride on. Ted to look over Laura's and Mrs. Hopkins maps and clarify things with both parties. Jennie to send Laura's map to Ted.

Meeting adjourned.