

EBLES Executive Meeting:

Date: February 13 2025

Meeting was held virtually using teams conference call

ATTENDING: Dianne McGuire, Ted Simmons, Jennie Hutchison, Claire Vessey, Laura Foxgord,

Michelle Levesque

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: There was a discrepancy in the Annual AGM minutes regarding Ring rental income for 2024 between the treasurers report and Claire's report for CRD on ring rentals. The correct amount is \$1620.00, and this will be amended . Minutes approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Revenues and expenses from January 10th-February 13 as follows:

- balance forward: \$10,290.57

-revenues: Membership \$210.00

 Donations \$120.00

Total revenues \$330.00

-expenses: Dianne McGuire reembursement \$54.14

 Bank fees \$1.50

Total expenses \$55.64

-Closing Balance \$ 10,564.93

-Expected revenues - unable to predict how many members will join in next month

-Expected expenses: Saanich water \$100.00

 Society Report \$40.00

 BC hydro \$170.00

Total expected expenses \$170.00

-Projected balance: 10,394.93

MEMBERSHIP:

-Current membership: 32 members consisting of 17 Individual, 6 family ,5 lifetime, 2 coach, 2 barn

-\$590.00 in total donations so far.

- draw for gift basket for joining before March 31 : there is currently a post on Facebook and also on horse connection, this should be repeated generate interest in early membership
- a swag bag from HCBC will be added to the gift basket (from Claire)

FACILITIES:

- Dianne and Andy went to ring to assess what needs doing
 - Lumber behind concession Building- is now neatly stacked. has not been moved due to snow. Will be used to make mounting blocks. Make 3- one for each ring and one outside the ring if there is enough wood
 - Repair of places where sand is leaking out of rings-proposed to repair issue from outside. Andy -will put a black dot on rotten rails that need replacing
 - Gutter guards proposed, estimates needed. Michelle will measure width of gutter. Dianne will look into gutter guard options.
 - Plans for next work party. April work party 26th. 9 am

EVENTS:

- Poker Ride: tentative date June 8th. Need to apply for a permit ASAP (Back up date June 1). Dianne will apply to CRD
- Working equitation clinic: Laura unavailable for this year.

RENTALS/FUND RAISING:

- rental prospects: none yet. Victoria /Saanich CADORA may do one show, Adrianna Hamm may do two clinic, Appy club likely will do 4 shows.
- outdoor rec grant—still trying to contact them about timing issues
- Claire will be attending HCBC seminar on obtaining grants

TRAILS:

- Report on the condition of the trails: no one has ridden the trails since the snow

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

- CRD report has been prepared, needs to be reviewed, then signed
- Sign to acknowledge donors to ring project: We cannot prepare a sign without a set of high-resolution photographs. Michelle has quotes from several sign companies. We need to locate and assess photos that were taken during last year's Poker ride. Also, we can schedule a photo shoot with EBLES executive members when the weather is more suitable. Ideally photos should represent both Western and English riders/events.
- need ear protection purchased for use with weed whacker
- Fire Extinguishers need to be replaced. Check Id CRD will provide that service
- Picnic tables at the horse beach. There used to be 2. Did CRD remove one of the tables, and if so can it be returned?

NEXT MEETING: 7 pm Thursday March 13, 2025

Minutes Submitted by Michelle Levesque