

EBLES MEETING January 12, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

PRESENT Lara Wear, Heather Afford, Claire Vessey, Kristin Hoel, JoAnne Nelson, Dianne McGuire, Nicky Wade, Rod Phillips, Gillian Phillips, Ted Simmons

- Lara called the meeting to order and proposed that the November minutes be approved. All in favour.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Heather reported the current balance is \$6176.00. This does not include payment for fencing repairs and tractor maintenance/oil change.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Fence Posts

- Kristin oversaw Jason Teale's post and rail replacement. There are still a couple of rails to be replaced. It was decided this can be done at the spring work party.
- The new fencing needs to be painted.
- Kristin reported that there is a pile of old fence posts/rails behind the concession that should be removed. Kristin volunteered to cut it up and burn the scraps.
- Jason Teale broke a couple of sprinkler heads in the process of fixing the fences but he will replace them.

Tractor Servicing

- Kristin arranged to meet Denson Mobile Mechanic Ltd (Wayne Rostron) who has now completed the oil change. Discussion was held about having this can be done a little cheaper next time.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Correspondence

- Lara reported she has had a lot of emails including one from White Knight Painting. Ted reported EBLES needs to put an application in to CRD for park use permits for the poker ride. They need a list of events from the past year and for the coming year.

Trails

- Lara – the three problems she reported over the recent months (sink holes and fallen logs) were all promptly taken care of within two days.

Facilities Rentals

- Claire reported the following 2017 rental bookings:
 - Greater Victoria Pony Club - May 13
 - Appaloosa Club - May 7, June 4, July 9, August 27, September 17
 - VTRA - requesting a date

NEW BUSINESS

- Lara requested that she be informed if anyone notices out of date information on the website. Lara will update the membership forms and names of the new positions.
- Heather mentioned that she will be doing the annual report within 30 days of the AGM to the CRD and needs updated information on the current directors before it can be submitted.

- Heather reported that she has registered an account with the BC Society Act and will file a report online when she has the correct information.
- VTRA is requesting a date to use the facility for their poker ride/fun day. Discussion held about allowing them free use of the facility as long as it doesn't conflict with any revenue generating bookings.

Fundraising

- The poker ride/memberships and ring rentals are the main source of EBLES income. Claire Vessey and Renata Kolodzi volunteered at the November meeting to work on fundraising initiative.

Member Recruitment

- Dianne McGuire volunteered to take this on. Ideas including distributing posters to barns, at washrooms on the trails, and the bulletin board at the ring with a brief explanation of the benefits of joining EBLES.
- Discussion held about possibly renaming EBLES to generate interest. It was decided that instead of changing the name, promotion about who EBLES is would be more beneficial and much easier than carrying out the renaming process.
- Many good ideas were brought forth needing implementation and promotion regarding fundraising, member recruitment and educating the public about EBLES.

Spring Work Party

- Sunday, April 9, 2017

Poker Ride

- A date for the poker ride was discussed. Vote held and motion carried to hold the poker ride on April 30, 2017.

NEXT MEETING:

- February 9, 2017 @ 7:00 pm
- Move to adjourn at 8:10 pm.