

**EBLES Meeting
January 10, 2019**

PRESENT: Lara Wear, Dianne McGuire, Ted Simmons, Kristen Hoel, JoAnne Nelson, Pam Pack, Heather Afford, Claire Vessey, Lynn Cullen, Carol Sigurnjak, Pauline Loos

Meeting began at 7:25 PM, following the AGM and election of 2019 officers.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- The minutes for the November 2018 meeting were approved as posted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Heather reported that there is \$8746 in the Coast Capital account, with approx. \$600 outstanding for 2019 insurance and \$1000 for fence-repair bill.

2018 TOTAL RING BOOKINGS

- Claire reported total of \$1180 income from 4 Appy Club shows and 3 Heart Horse bookings. Total 189 participants. VTRA used facilities once, free of charge. BC Competitive Trail Association used the concession building.

2018 MEMBERSHIP

- As of December 31 2018 EBLES had 107 members including 3 instructors and 3 clubs (Appy, Cadora, LIEC)

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS (DIANNE MCGUIRE)

- Thanks (and cards and flowers) to outgoing president Lara Wear and Treasurer Heather Afford
- EBLES vision is to maintain the equestrian facility, advocate for equestrian activities in the park, and serve our members
- 2019 goals: increase membership; aim at replacing all or as many of the posts of the ring fences as we can; in this endeavor apply for grants.

FACILITIES

- Leaf raking party December 8 very successful; 8 participants, 2 leaf-blowers.
- Jason replaced the downed posts and boards to the left of the ring gate and has submitted a bill.
- JoAnne installed a sign next to the main ring gate requiring all instructors to be members of EBLES.
- Kristin will start work preparing for replacement of the boards along the base of the sand ring this weekend.
- Spring work party should be 2 weekends before Poker Ride, which is tentatively April 28.

TRAILS

- CRD Parks staff are clearing fallen trees from late-December windstorms really quickly, so no access issues have arisen.
- Claire reported that on November 14 the fire department assisted a horse who had fallen awkwardly upside down.

FUND-RAISING

- Need a location for the Used Tack Sale. Not at Forest Mere. Suggestions: Sharon Ball's place? Pink Coat? Renata has volunteered to help Claire on this.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Updating board: Right now has a membership drive sign and a montage from the leaf raking session. Lara will add basic club information.
- The Land Use Agreement with CRD expires at the end of 2019. Ted has been in touch with CRD staff about this (Michelle Rempel, Karen Ward, Jeannette Molin). Ball in CRD court to contact us. Ted will give Dianne McGuire's contact (which will also be in 2018-2019 report that Heather is now finalizing).
- Heather to submit 2018-19 report to CRD, which includes: financials, ring use, new directors. In 2019 new executive will need to take over this task. (See Google docs for past reports).
- Poker ride: Ted will try to fix megaphone and if unfixable will replace. He will ask if April 28 is acceptable to CRD as the date (no use conflicts). Lara will take overall lead on this event.

NEW BUSINESS

- Heather will update club report to Societies (Charities) Association with new directors.
- Will need to switch signatories on Coast Capital Broadmead account. Heather and Pam visit in person to change account registry. Others whose names are on the account or whose names are to be added can sign a form that Pam/Heather submit (i.e. they don't have to physically go to the bank to do this).
- 2019 proposed ring rentals: Appy Club 4 shows, Heart Healing 3 bookings of round pen, VTRA 1 event, Poker Ride.
- Executive can continue to use Hunt Valley North lounge (Kate Phoenix, owner, confirmed this).
- Several people raised safety question of increased fishing at the horse beach. Ted to ask CRD Parks for larger, more direct signage there "Horses have priority".
- Ted reports that park bridges will be replaced with aluminum.
- Brief discussion of the post-replacement project. Last significant fund-raising for footing, Lynn Husted and Claire were part of applications so they can pass on their experiences. Need to assess state of posts to see how many need replacing immediately vs. future years; get contractors' estimates; investigate possible sources of grants. Dianne, JoAnne with consultations with Claire.

NEXT MEETING: February 7 2019