

EBLES AGM  
Thurs., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7 pm

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

Attending: Dianne McGuire            Ted Simmons            Jennie Hutchison            Claire Vessey

Michelle Levesque???

Andy LaFontine???

Election of Officers

Dianne McGuire, President

Laura Foxgord, Vice President

Jennie Hutchison, Treasurer

---, Secretary (position vacant)

Claire Vessey, Membership, Riding Ring Bookings and Fundraising Secretary

CRD Liaison – Ted Simmons

Communications – Lara Ware

-----, Facilities Manager (position vacant)

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance from Nov. 11 – Jan. 12, \$40,730.83

Bank fee \$1.50

Website \$89.25

Insurance \$835.00

Water \$459.55 (only expensive water bill of the year is because the water was used to water the ring instead of trucking in water. Last most expensive water bill was only \$127.00. This water was used when they were rolling the ring.

4 deposits made:

\$1,000 donation from Joanne Nelson

\$127.54 Membership and donation?? Need to tell people not to include the Eventbrite fee of \$2.54 to e-transfers.

\$25 membership fee

\$100 donation from Sheila Skene

Total \$1,257.54 revenue.

Horse Council BC Club membership still to be paid. Dianne McGuire to pay same and send Jennie the receipt.

Closing balance: \$40,628.28

Jennie to forward the emails to Claire for her files

Project Budget:

\$40,000 less \$16,724.10 committed funds. Need to reserve \$5,000 for expenses, balance of \$19,000 which will bring us up to \$35,000 to reserve for the project. Screenings and sand will cost approximately \$15,000 to \$16,000 minimum. Up to \$5,000 for the compression. No quote for the paver. Kira looking to see if it can be donated. \$10,000 can be spent. The only cost we should have is for the sand. They will bring it in, dump it and we can spread it with our harrow.

Facilities:

Scott wanted a conversation with Dianne and Kira re setting a date for delivery of the screenings. Need volunteers, organizing lunch, work party before the screenings can be put down. Must be done at the very least the day before, early morning. Need to put this matter aside for now. Phone call to take place in the next day or so.

Membership report

4 Individuals, 4 Lifetime, 1 Coach, 2 Family = 11. Lifetime members: Berit Turner, Ted Simmons, Heather Cormie and Claire Vessey. Vote on giving Sheila Skene, long time member of EBLES, a lifetime member. All in favour. Claire to send her an email advising of same.

Need to think of a way to promote membership. Is that something we want to discuss now or concentrate on getting the ring finished? Jennie says "yes".

Stacey Carlos, President of the Appy Club wanted to attend this meeting.

Claire's voice not coming through. Claire said that Lara should send out the membership form to all old members.

Rentals & Fundraising

2022 Rentals:

August 13, 2022 – South Island Riding Club \$110 rental received plus \$35 for 7 riders (7 x \$5)

Sept. 24, 2022 – South Island Riding Club \$110 rental received plus \$50 for 10 riders (10 x \$5)

Total Received for 2022: \$220 rentals (\$110 x 2) + \$85 rider participation (\$35 + \$50).

Poker Ride

It was felt we should do this. Jenny is "game" to do a Silent Auction but needs help. Ted is in favour of the Poker Ride. It would be a good reason to get people to come out and see the ring and join EBLES. Once we have the completion date, then a Poke Ride can be organized. Dianne suggested that we could combine the Grand Opening and the Poke Ride. Jenny felt that needs to be discussed more.

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Trails: Ted advised that the trails were all very good except for the trails by the highway which are quite wet. The narrow trail heading to the fields near the 10K trail is starting to build up quite wet. Where you go towards the Haliburton Trail and the Governor General area from the little meadow area. That area of the creek is starting to flow into the gravel area. Wet but passible. Make sure your horse boots are well laced up. Ted had no problem at all the other day. In the days ahead the water will be a little deeper and muddier.

CRD: Ted advised that new crews at the park. About 13 people working there now starting this week. Most of the older people moving out to Atkins Road and Sooke. Three areas (North sector and West Sector – anything from Thetis Lake to the Islands and the Peninsula (North Sector) but putting in a Central Sector and West Sector (Sooke and Sooke foothill) Marc Solomon, Northern Sector moved to Western Sector. Neil and Scott just started this week. This should help keep things moving along.

Communications Protocol: Annual Report to the CRD needs to be done by month end. Dianne to work on this and Jenny to work on the financial report.

Jennie advised: Executive members now have access to Face Book. There is a standard protocol which we need finalize. Lara should be consulted on same. Jennie to speak to her and get back to us as soon as possible. To be finalized at next meeting.

\*\*To be put on the agenda at the next meeting.

### Ring Rentals

Nothing booked for 2023. Discussed what other facilities are charging for rental. Claire to contact the Saanich Fairgrounds, Sooke Saddle Club and Metchosin Riding Ring and report back to next meeting.

Current rates to rent EBLES is:

Ring Rental (all facilities) \$155 for members and \$180 non-members (Plus \$5 participant fee)

Ring Rental (one ring only) \$95 members, \$120 non-members (Plus \$5 participant fee)

Facility rental (Concession only) \$80 members; \$95 non-members

Damage Deposit \$50 (open dated cheque)

Jennie: Zilversprings Farm charges \$250 per day (they have an indoor ring). Jennie to ask Hunt Valley what they charge.

CRD has asked for an on-line License Agreement conference call meeting. Dianne asked that as many people attend as possible. The date is Tuesday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 sometime in the afternoon. Ted, Dianne, Jennie and Claire able to attend. Read License Agreement ahead of meeting (on EBLES Google Docs).

For next meeting, have people phoning in, go through the Team call in number.

No other business. Next on-line meeting set for Thurs., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Recommended that those phoning in, download Teams and participate that way.