

EBLES Executive Meeting:

Date: January 11 2024

Meeting was held virtually using teams conference call

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

Lara Wear, Kira Carnell, Michelle Levesque, Andy Lafontaine

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: accepted

TREASURER'S REPORT: Due to power outage at Jennie's home (treasurer, following numbers are approximate. (Accurate report to follow as addendum)

Current balance: As of today is approx. \$13000.00

Revenues anticipated- need to deposit insurance company payment for stolen leaf blower \$1400.00

All expenses are paid to date for this month (including purchase of new leaf blower)

Insurance premium is up slightly this year.

MEMBERSHIP:

-current membership: 19 members consisting of 6 Individual ,7 family, 5 life time, 1 coach,0 clubs

-discussion on boosting membership. We did not follow through with membership drive at end of 2023 as intended.

Re-discussed offering a raffle for gift basket including a Greenhawk gift card with deadline for the draw March 31st. Jenny will take a picture of the gift basket for on-line promotion

Lara will do online promotion for membership drive.

Dianne and Jenny will put up posters at the ring.

Victoria/Saanich Cadora has added a line on their membership forms to join EBLES also. Claire will ask the Apply club to do the same.

Set deadline for getting posters up by January 27.

Discussed placing posters promoting Poker Ride alongside membership drive posters

FACILITIES:

- Purchased a leaf blower for appox \$1967.00

- At the moment, current years insurance unaffected by leaf blower claim but next years deductible may go up.

- Insurance company was happy with preventive measures taken to prevent repeat theft. Deductible was \$500.00

- Locks were changed on shed. Currently only EBLES Exec have access to that code. Agreed to share code with presidents of the Appy club and Cadora Club. The code is not be shared with anyone else.

- Proposed to only have the main keys required by other clubs(for locker access) accessible inside the shed. Claire will ask clubs if they want to take charge of their own keys
 - Currently the EBLES locker key is missing. Dianne will check if she has a spare.
 - Proposed a lock box in the shed for EBLES locker key and the announcer's booth storage cubby. Motion passed to purchase and use lock box for this purpose
 - Tractor keys will also be placed in the lock box.
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- Leaves on small ring: someone was blowing the ring on Thursday (probably -Fred Suchododoski.) Dianne or Jenny to check if further leaf clearing needs to be arranged

-Harrowing of the ring is causing ruts/tracks. We need to change pattern to avoid tracks forming. Dianne will discuss with Fred. Also cannot rule out dent in harrow could be causing tracks

- sprinkler head arm needs repair. If done before end of February will be discounted. Motion passed to proceed with repair
- broken door on judge's booth: John has skills to fix it, Dianne will ask if he can do the work. Motion passed to spend the money to purchase new door.
- need additional roof quotes: Ted will do.
- adding sand to warm up ring. Diane will enquire if Appy club can donate \$500.00 towards project. As expect it to cost \$800.00. Everyone in agreement to proceed with C33. Slinger required. Andy will be asked, but can check with Island Equipment Owners Association also
- for harrow repair need to take it in to a machine shop for repair- ted will help disconnect part to take in
- will leave turtle fencing and round pen discussion for a later date (no funds for round pen upgrades). Turtle fencing needs to be done after mid April but before mid June.

FUND RAISING:

Poker Ride is great for driving membership. May 26th proposed for the poker ride. Dianne Check with CRD make sure no other events scheduled that day and will submit permit application for the Poker ride. Verify if there is a permit fee again, as there was last year

Rental prospects: a USA company Oregon Tails applied for a permit to rent the facilities June 28-30th for dog trials. They are waiting for confirmation of insurance assistance, so the tentative booking is uncertain

Claire to contact Stacey to get an idea of number and dates of Appy club horse shows in the coming year

TRAILS:

-Report on the condition of the trails: Good, no problems

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Jenny to contact Graemes to proceed with sprinkler arm repair

Jennie will be submitting reports before end of month to CRA, CRD, Societies of BC.

- Horse council membership for EBLES has been completed. Claire now has access again to Horse Council of BC Membership list to ensure our members are Horse council members.

NEXT MEETING: February 8 2024

Minutes Submitted by Michelle Levesque