

## **EBLES Meeting – 7:00 pm March 9, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Lara Wear, Heather Afford, Ted Simmons, Joanne Nelson, Dianne McGuire, David Lietch,

- Meeting called to order at 7:00
- Minutes from February meeting accepted.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

- The account balance is \$2996.
- See the spreadsheet on Google documents for more details.
- All tax receipts have been sent in the mail, except one to Pat Lee.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Dangerous Dogs:**

- Last meeting Kristen raised concerns about dangerous dogs.
- Ted picked up some brochures on dogs in the park from CRD but they were not what he hoped for and not appropriate.
- Ted would like to create a brochure with the by-laws in it.
- Colleen Long, CRD Coordinator of Volunteers would like to organize a day with the horses to hand out brochures to dog walkers.
- Claire said that the police recommend taking a picture of the dog, its tag and its owner if a dog behaved aggressively toward you or your horse. You can also report aggressive dogs to the Saanich Pound at 250 475-4321.
- Joanne would like to put something out to the membership saying what to do if you are attacked by a dog. Lara would include this in a message to the membership.
- Lara pointed out that both horse people and dog people sometimes violate the bylaws.
- Joanne suggested that the CRD might put up a sign saying dogs need to be leashed. Lara said this was suggested before and CRD was reluctant.
- Ted will continue the conversation with Colleen Long.

#### **Society Act:**

- Lara and Heather provided the updates required under the Society Act.

#### **Facilities:**

- Kristen will need help a couple of days to prepare for rentals.
- David will meet with an electrician to get an estimate of the work that needs doing, i.e. upgrade the wiring to the announcer's booth and the judge's booth.
- The feet of the shelter are rotting.
- There are some rails that need replacing.
- There is painting of rails and posts that needs doing in the summer.
- It may be a good idea to move the bulletin board so that it faces the parking lot.
- The announcers and judges booths need painting.

- We need to raise money for these projects.

#### Membership:

- There are now 35 members.
- People are joining online.
- Nickie will get rid of the box of paper membership forms going back to 2012.
- Dianne and Joanne visited the barns around the south and west side of the lake and handed out Poker Ride and Membership forms and talked to people about joining EBLES.

#### Rentals:

- Thirteen rentals are booked plus the tack sale and work parties.
- See attached rental report.

#### Correspondence:

- EBLES can collect Horse Council of BC memberships at the Poker Ride.
- Bear Aware 7:00 March 24.
- If anyone has messages for the membership send them to Lara and she will consolidate them into a single message.

#### Trails:

- Kristen reported a long on a trail – the log is gone.

#### Fundraising:

- See attached report from Claire.
- Claire will look into using artwork for a greeting card.
- Maureen Crosby donated a whole box of horse stuff for the tack sale.
- Clair is accepting donations of items to sell at the tack sale. She will run the EBLES table.
- Clair will apply for HCBC core funding.
- Ted has a logo that was used on membership forms and tax receipts.

#### Trailer Clinic:

- Joanne suggested a trailering clinic. It could include trailer maintenance and practise backing up. It might be possible to get Cunningham trailering or OK Tire to give a course on trailer maintenance.
- Joanne will organize a trailering clinic.

#### Poker Ride:

- Draw prizes need to be gathered. Everyone needs to get prizes. See the document on Google Drive to see who has already been approached and record who you approach
- Adriana Ham will judge the trail class.
- Mrs Tube Steak is confirmed.
- Ted will bring cards and envelopes etc for next Executive meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Thursday April 13, 2017 at 7:00

## **2017 EBLES Ring Rental Activity Report**

(As of March 22nd, 2017)

Sat., April	8	EBLES Used Tack Sale
Sun.,	9	EBLES Work Party
Sat.,	22	Heart Horse Healing Session (Round Pen)
Sun.,	30	EBLES Poker Ride
Sat., May	6	Victoria Therapeutic Riding Assoc.
Sun.,	7	Appy Club Show
Sat.,	13	EBLES Trailering Clinic
Sat.,	20	Heart Horse Healing Session (Round Pen)
Sun., June	4	Appy Club
Sat.,	24	Heart Horse Healing Session (Round Pen)
Sun., July	9	Appy Club
Sat.,	15	Heart Horse Healing Session (Round Pen)
Sat., August	19	Heart Horse Healing Session (Round Pen)
Sun.,	27	Appy Club
Sat., Sept.	9	Heart Horse Healing Session (Round Pen)
Sat.,	23	Heart Horse Healing Session (Round Pen) **TENTATIVE**
Sun.,	24	Appy Club

## Report to EBLES Meeting, Thurs., March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Item 3:       **Dangerous Dogs** – take picture of dog, its dog tag and picture of owner. Report to CRD & police, be aware of silent dogs as they are the most dangerous. **Yell at dog not owner.** Much more effective.

Item 4C:       **Rentals** – As of today, we have 13 paid events plus a tack sale, work party & poker ride. Pat Lee of Heart Horse Healing has now booked her dates (see list).

Item 4F:       **Used Tack Sale**

- Should we charge the sellers 10% on their sales in addition to the entry fee?
- Posters on the table for distribution around town. Posters have been posted at (see list). I will be putting more up next week. I have also posted the poster on the following websites: EBLES, VSC, LIEC, Appy Club, Garden City Riders, Back Country Horsemen, Mini-Horse Club and soon, the Horse Council BC website.
- 5 tables booked so far
- Renata to bring a clean horse trailer, which will be used as a change room
- Need someone to run the BBQ. We can have the regular concession run on the “honour system” (not staffed by anyone).
- Set up is 9 am with the sale running from 10 am – 2 pm
- Need membership forms printed with correct Membership Secretary’s name on same (need to replace the ones on the EBLES bulletin board).

### **Fundraising Ideas** (from meeting between Claire Vessey & Sandy Hamel)

- **HCBC Core Funding** – Need a project complete with estimates i.e. painting of the out buildings. Applications due April 15, 2017.
- **Charitable Donation Tax Receipt** (see attached sheet)
- **Provincial Government Grants.** Get on the BC Gaming Branch’s Casino List.
- **Used Tack Sale** – twice a year (spring & fall)
- **EBLES Logo** – we need to “brand” ourselves. Could have a contest for someone to design same or we could pay a company to design one for us. Cost is between \$5 and \$70. See <https://www.fwerr.com/nashagen>
- Once we have a logo, we can go to a supplier who has blank stock on hand i.e. ball caps, sweat shirts etc. We can advertise these goods for sale on our website, get our logo put on the item and get person to pay for same. Our

fee is added to the cost of the goods. Need to work out a deal with the supplier.

- **Home Party for Equestrians** – active wear, jewellery etc. EBLES gets a commission for holding same.
- **Estate Planning**
- **Promote Co-op Gas Card #**
- **EBLES Photo Calendar for 2018** – do a photo shoot of horse and rider at a cost of \$50 per person. See if Maureen Garrity would be willing to donate her time or give us a discount on her fees. (Offer her a tax receipt?) Add a fee on same for EBLES and then sell the calendars.
- **Host a clinic with someone** i.e. Sandra Kennedy from Comox or Craig Nunn from Falklands, BC. He is a saddle fitter, does healing touch and horse whispering.