

**EBLES Meeting**  
**February 8, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Lara Wear, Dianne McGuire, Kristen Hoel, Ted Simmons, Claire Vessey, Miki Dekel, Heather Afford

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- The minutes from the February meeting were approved as posted.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- Lara reported that Joanne says the business cards are 'under way'.
- The envelopes for the poker ride were stuffed at the meeting
- Lara reminded people that donations are needed for the poker ride, people need to get out and ask for them. Please record who you approach and what was donated on the spreadsheet on the google doc site. See the links on the agenda.

**FACILITIES**

- People from the Garden City Horse Club will be removing the remains of the horse shelter on Saturday March 10 and recovering reusable materials. They have approved the budget to rebuild the shelter.
- The work party will be held on April 15. Kirsten has already cleaned the gutters on the concession building, but not on the outhouses. Wire mesh is needed for the drains. The bleachers need to be power washed either the weekend before or after the work party, not at the work party because it makes too much noise.
- Lara will put a notebook for recording water meter reading in the box the water meter is in.

**RENTALS**

- No new rentals.

**FUND RAISING**

- Organizing of the tack sale is going well. Claire met with Karen Brain about arrangements. There is one lady coming from Salt Spring Island. Victoria Therapeutic Riding will have two tables. EBLES will have a table. Donations for the EBLES table are welcome.

**MEMBERSHIP**

- Claire is encouraging clubs to join EBLES. Victoria Saanich Cadora has joined. BC Competitive Trail Riding Association may join.
- There are currently 56 members including one club and one instructor.

## **TRAILS**

- There is a snag on the trail between the two ponds. Ted will call Mark Soloman about getting it removed.

## **CORRESPONDANCE**

- Lara has contacted Islandhorse.com and asked to have contact information for EBLES updated and the Poker Ride included in the list of upcoming events.
- Claire will get the used tack sale advertised in the featured ads spot on Used Victoria.
- Ted received a letter from Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks and Trails Division, Land Use Services Department, Cowichan Valley Region District indicating that the Cowichan Valley Trail is open to equestrians from the south end of Shawnigan Lake to the Glenora Trailhead Community Park and from the Duncan area to the town of Lake Cowichan. Also, the connection of the Cowichan Valley Trail south to the Galloping Goose Trail is by way of Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Trail. Portions of this trail are not open to equestrians, inclusive of a pedestrian/cycling only suspension bridge. There are horse trailer assessable parking lots at Stebbings Road parking lot at the south end of Shawnigan Lake and at Glenora Trails Head Park west of Duncan.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Any capital projects for the year will have to have a volunteer to act as project manager, they will have to fit into the budget, and a decision will need to be made as to whether to hire contractors to do the job or not.
- Possible projects include painting of the announcer's booth, repair of the round pen and fixing the soft spots in the large hog fuel ring.
- It was agreed that we should get professionals to paint the announcer's booth as scaffolding will be needed and there are risk and liability issues around having volunteers do it.
- The Appy Club estimated it would cost about \$1600 to have the announcer's booth painted.
- The judge's booth also needs painting. Claire will ask Victoria Saanich Cadora and Lower Island Equestrian Club if they would be willing to split the cost of painting the judge's booth.
- It was suggested that we get quotes for the painting from White Knight.
- Respreading the footing in the round pen will require a tractor. Kirsten will ask Janey Turner about using her tracker to do it.
- The railing of the round pen also needs cleaning and painting.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

- The current balance is \$5820. There is \$668 coming in from memberships and a \$750 water bill to be paid.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- It was agreed that Lara would write a letter in her capacity as President of EBLES to the CRD asking for speed bumps on Beaver Lake Road and signage asking vehicles to pass horses slow and wide.
- Lara will speak to Saanich about the high water bill.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 12, 7:00pm