

EBLES Meeting - Minutes
March 14, 2019

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- The February Minutes were accepted
- It was agreed that the minutes should be organized by date according by starting the file name with the yyyy mm so they are automatically sorted by date. Dianne will rename files.
- It was suggested that the current month's minutes should be posted on the website with a link to past minutes. Dianne to discuss with Lara.

TREASURERS REPORT (Pam):

- The account balance as of February 1, 2019 was \$7023.⁶⁶
- A cheque for \$78.⁴⁰ to Horse Council BC cleared
- There was a deposit of \$50 plus \$0.⁰⁵ interest.
- The March 1, 2019 balance was 6995.³¹
- Claire deposited \$100, which included \$50 from the Appy Club and \$50 from Healing Heart.
- Claire had a further \$50 to deposit from Victoria-Saanich Cadora.
- The signing authority forms were submitted. Signing authorities are now Lara, Pam and Ted.
- It was agreed that Dianne, as President, should also be a signing authority. Dianne to contact Pam about this.

MEMBERSHIP (Nicki or Dianne):

- The current membership is 23, including Appy Club and Healing Heart.
- Some people are under the impression that membership is life time and are not aware they need to renew each year. Dianne to ask Lara to send an email out to past members reminding them that they need to renew.
- The posters for the Used Tack Sale, Poker Ride and a notice about the Fence Repair project should be attached.
- Dianne and Joanne will go around to the barns in the area and post the Membership, Used Tack Sale and Poker Ride notices on Sunday March 24, 2019. Carol Ann will put up a poster at Linnet Lane. Ted has already put up Used Tack Sale posters at the stables on Lockside Lane.

FACILITIES (Kristen and Dianne):

- The bulletin board still needs work. Dianne to follow up with Lara.
- It was suggested that a plexiglass cover on hinges could be added to the bulletin board to keep the posted material in better shape and to prevent it from being stripped by the wind.
- Sean has materials for rebuilding the loafing shed and is waiting for a good day to build it he will contact us about getting volunteers to help.
- The water tub that was behind the concession building is gone. It may have been placed in the building as the water is off.
- Quotes for replacing 23 posts: Jason provided a quote of \$3900 plus GST, which included \$32000 for labour and \$700 for materials; High Meadow provided a quote of \$1650.
- Ted volunteered to pick up the materials to reduce the cost a bit.
- Work Party: Kristen will be here next meeting to talk about the Work Party, Kristen usually sends an email out asking members to participate, or Lara could send it out two weeks ahead of the work party. Dianne to determine which will be done.

RENTALS (Claire)

- There are 9 events booked so far.
- The Retriever Club provided dates of their events and there are no conflicts. The Retriever Club will be holding trials on April 14, a training day on April 21 and May 26. Dianne to ask Lara to post this on the EBLES website.
- Ideas to increase rentals: It was suggested that maybe the dog agility clubs might be interested in renting the ring. Claire will identify them and contact them.
- It was suggested that clinicians might be interested in booking the ring. However it was pointed out that most what stabling and an indoor. Claire will contact local clinicians that might be interested.

FUND RAISING (Claire):

- There are currently 13 tables booked for the Used Tack Sale. There is room for 28.
- Claire sent out notices about the Used Tack Sale to a long list of people and posted the event on multiple horse related websites.
- Renata and Claire met with Jen Pickerton. Jen said that if it is a nice day the Used Tack Sale can be held in the outdoor. Horse trailers are not allowed. Sellers can park on the property near the outdoor and will need to carry their goods to the site with wheelbarrows. Buyer will need to park on the road. Claire and Renata will do balloons and signs. Claire has spent 59.⁸⁵ on preparations so far.
- Horse Council application: We need letters of support. Dianne will ask the CRD for a letter of support when she contacts them about the Lease Agreement. Claire will ask VS Cadora and the Appy Club/Stacy Carlos for letters of support.
- It was suggested that EBLES might hold a fund raising dinner maybe in the Fall. There could be a theme to draw interest. Executive will gage interest at the Poker Ride.
- The Poker Ride: Everyone needs to get out and start asking for prizes. There is a spreadsheet on the EBLES Google docs site to track who has been asked, who asked them, what they have committed to provide, who picked it up and when. The executive will stuff the cards in envelopes at the next meeting. Ted will bring the materials. We will discuss what still needs to be done for the Poker Ride at the next meeting.

TRAILS (Ted):

- The trails are in good shape
- There is a tree down on the trail between the 9 km mark and the ring.

OTHER BUSINESS (Dianne):

- The draft Lease Agreement was reviewed and discussed.
- There is a typo on the first page 'expires' should be 'expired'.
- Note that the keys for the EBLES buildings are in the lock box at 720 Beaver Lake Road. Marc Solomon knows where they are.
- Section 3.4 (d) requires that EBLES obtain a Release and Indemnification in the writing in the form attached to the Agreement as Schedule "B" from all members of the Society who use the Equestrian Centre, and from all participants in any special use service, activity or event organized or conducted by or with the cooperation of the Society. This is not a new section but it has not currently being done. Going forward, Claire will ask those renting the facilities to include the Schedule B in their entry packages. However all EBLES members need to sign the Schedule. Dianne will check to see how this can be incorporated into membership purchases and renewals.

- It was noted that according to section 3.5 EBLES need to inform CRD about any improvements. It was concluded that this means will need to inform them about things like the fencing repairs.
- It was noted that there was a change to the parking arrangements, 'outside the Equestrian Centre gate' was replaced by 'by the parks yard'.
- It was confirmed that we still have a sign to put up during events indicating that non-competitors are not permitted in the booked area when a horse show or other event is in progress.
- Dianne needs to check with Heather that all the insurance requirements under section 4.3 to 4.6 have been met.
- It was agreed that EBLES does not want CRD to do the mowing for us as section 5.3 makes possible.
- The year needs to be changed on the signing page.
- It was suggested that the old map be used instead of the new one.
- Ted moved that the Lease Agreement be accepted subject to the typo being corrected, the date corrected and the old map being used. Joanne seconded. All were in favor.
- Mega phone: Ted checked to see what it would cost to have the megaphone repaired. It would cost \$45 for a diagnostic which would go toward the repair price. He checked the Source and Amazon and found that prices for a new mega phone ranged from \$10 to \$232.
- Whether or not we needed a megaphone was discussed. An alternative would be to use the PA system for the Poker Ride. This would involve a lot of rearranging of equipment.
- Joanne motioned that Ted take \$60 from the EBLES bank account and buy a new megaphone. Claire seconded and all were in favour.

NEXT MEETING: 7:00 pm, April 11, 2019