

EBLES Meeting – Minutes
March 12, 2020

PRESENT: Dianne McGuire, Joanne Nelson, Ted Simmons, Lara Wear, Claire Vessey

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- February minutes adopted

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Current account balance is \$7457.17
- Revenues since February 13, 2020 were 306.91 including a donation of \$50 and Eventbrite receipts of 256.01. The Eventbrite receipts include some donations
- Expenses since February 13, 2020 were \$42.00 which was the payment of 5% of facility revenue for 2019 to CRD
- Expected expenses, and revenues include a \$2400 cheque from Gemstone for use of the parking lot.
- The yearend report to CRD was submitted
- Claire gave Dianne receipts for deposits she made on Jan 10, 22, 24 and Feb 18. Dianne will pass them to Jennie

MEMBERSHIP:

- Current membership is 30 members including 2 instructors, 1 club (Victoria-Saanich Cadora) and 2 families
- Dr. Lori Vogt wanted to join EBLES but is not a member of Horse Council of British Columbia (HCBC) and doesn't want to join HCBC. It was discussed and agreed that based on EBLES's License Agreement with CRD all members must be members of HCBC therefore she can not be a member of EBLES without HCBC membership. Therefore, the money from Dr. Vogt will be considered a donation in accordance with her instructions.
- People are not attaching proof of HCBC membership to their EBLES applications and Claire is having to check with HCBC to confirm that they are members. Claire has found that only the head of the families appear as HCBC members. She will check to see if they have family memberships with HCBC that includes all members of the family.
- Claire will check with Pony Club and Victoria Therapeutic Riding Association to see if they want to become EBLES members given they will get a discount on their rental of the ring if they join.

FACILITIES:

- Jennie has obtained quotes for replacement of the footing ranging from \$25,000 for replacement of the hog fuel to \$80,000 for top quality. Jennie will send out an email to the Executive with the details.
- It was suggested that the price of hog fuel may come down given the mill strike is over and therefore the cost of replacing the hog fuel may also come down.

RENTALS:

- Currently there are three ring rental dates:
 - Sunday April 26 – EBLES Poker Ride
 - May 24 – Pony Club
 - June 20 – Victoria Therapeutic Riding Association

FUND RAISING:

- Use of the parking lots by Gemstone Pictures Inc.
 - Last year Hallmarks use of the parking lot and their donation to EBLES was based on a handshake. Hallmark donated \$1600 for using the parking lot for 2 days.
 - This year Gemstone wanted to use the parking lot for 1 day for \$400. Joanne pointed out that Hallmark had contributed \$800 per day and did not receive an immediate response.
 - Then the CRD told Gemstone that they needed a letter of permission from EBLES in order to get a Park Use Permit for the parking lot, demonstrating that CRD is completely behind EBLES receiving donations for the use of the parking lot.
 - Joanne asked for a written agreement which Gemstone provided. The agreement is in EBLES Google docs.
 - It was agreed that Gemstone would still allow two horse trailers to park in the lot. When Ted went there on Friday morning, he was initially stopped by a security guard. However, he was allowed to enter when he explained he was on CRD business. Apparently, some riders had already been turned away. The security guard had apparently not received instructions that two horse trailers should be allowed to park in the lot. This misunderstanding was quickly resolved.
 - Gemstone reported that over the three days they were there 30 riders came through.
 - Ted sent a thank you note to Gemstone.

- Poker Ride:
 - Adrianna Hamm has agreed to do the Trail class again.
 - Claire will make copies of the Poker Ride poster that Ted put together. Dianne will load an electronic copy of Ted's Poker Ride poster onto Google Docs so that everyone has access to it.
 - People can register for the Poker Ride online through Eventbrite.
 - Ted has added the list of past donors to the back of the letter requesting donations.
 - Playing cards will be stuffed into envelopes at the next EBLES meeting. Ted will bring all the necessary supplies.
 - Laura had more Thank You cards printed. Everyone is encouraged to approach potential donors. The spreadsheet to record who has been approached is on Google Docs.
 - Mrs. Tube Steak had been booked.
 - Ted has submitted the Park Use Permit application.
 - Lara has created a To Do list
 - The course will be the same as last year. Kristen has the ribbons

- Claire is not going to organize a Tack Sale this year.

TRAILS:

- Lara contacted Saanich about the trail down from Forest Hill road being washed out and they fixed it. Lara will send Saanich a thank-you letter.
- CRD removed a leaning tree from the trail behind the washrooms that Janey had flagged.
- The willows around the round pen need to be pruned back
- CRD will remove the dead grand fir beside the bulletin board.
- Hazard trees that are to be taken out are flagged with an orange slash.

COMMUNICATIONS

- As noted above Lara will send a thank you note to Saanich
- Ted sent a thank you note to Gemstone Pictures.

- There were a lot of posts about the Gemstone Pictures use of the parking lot on social media
- Lara posted the Poker Ride on the EBLES Facebook site and got lots of likes and shares.
- Lara posted Terry Forsyth ad about self board at his place and it also go lots of likes and shares.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- None

NEXT MEETING: 7:00 pm, April 9, 2020