

EBLES Meeting – Minutes March 11, 2021

PRESENT: Dianne McGuire, Lara Wear, Laura Foxgord, Claire Vessey, Jennie Hutchison, Ted Simmons

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- Nobody took minutes at the February Meeting. Dianne will piece something together.

TREASURERS REPORT:

- The February 11, 2021 balance was 2,463.18.
- \$1,220 was received in memberships and donations and \$259.24 was received from the CoOp.
- The hydro bill for \$23.57 and the Society Act Annual Report filing fee for \$40 and a \$1.50 service charge were paid.
- The balance as of March 11, 2021 was \$3877.35
- There is approximately \$1600 owing from EventBrite
- Lara will give Jennie access to Event Brite so she can check the balance owing from EventBrite if Jennie provides her email to Lara.
- So far this year \$5898 has been received in donations.
- The donation from Appy Club is expected to be received this week.

MEMBERSHIP:

- The current membership is 88, comprised of 48 individual members, 24 family members, 3 coaches, 5 lifetime members, 1 barn, 3 clubs and 4 donors.

FACILITIES:

- There is no need to turn the sprinklers on yet. The sand ring is fine for now. Someone will need to check that all the sprinkler lines to the hogfuel ring have been capped. The water is not turn on yet but will need to be turned on for fire protection and to wash the bleachers.

RENTALS:

- There are no rental prospects.

FUND RAISING:

- Claire has started on the Horse Council of British Columbia grant application.
- No answers have been received so far on the other grant applications.
- Jennie will talk with Lara about how money would be received from a Go Fund Me site.
- Jennie suggested that we might hold a silent auction. We could use that gift basket from Victoria Saddlery as an item in the auction. We could approach the Poker Ride donors for items. We don't need a gaming license for a silent auction. Laura would be willing to approach a couple of places for gifts. Jennie will talk to the farriers and vets. Ted pointed out that a lot of restaurants are suffering and it may not be appropriate to approach them for donations. Equine Emporium has been sold, has relocated and is reopening. We might approach them. Lara suggested looking for a free service to host the silent auction.
- Laura raised the question of whether we are going to hold a Poker Ride in the summer or fall possibly September or October, preferably September when the weather is more likely to be good.

- Lara suggested a virtual ride between July 1 and August 31. It would involve publishing a map with GPS coordinates. People would have to take pictures of the locations. Due to safety considerations we probably should not require people to get on and off their horses.
- We should probably only either hold a Poker Ride or have a silent auction.
- The question of whether we should do a virtual ride a poker ride or a silent auction was tabled.

TRAILS:

- The fields are still muddy and the trails to them are too muddy to ride.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Jennie is checking the EBLES email regularly
- The Your Membership Matters post has gotten a lot of shares and likes.
- Lara will add Ted as administrator to the website.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Jennie has prepared the Annual Report to CRD and will email it to them. She just needs the email from Dianne
- Jennie filed the BC Society Annual Report.

NEXT MEETING: 7:00 pm, Thursday, April 8, 2021