

**EBLES Executive Meeting:**

**Date: March 14 2024**

Meeting was held virtually using teams conference call

**ATTENDING:** Dianne McGuire, Ted Simmons, Jennie Hutchison, Claire Vessey,

Michelle Levesque, Kira Carnell

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Approved minutes

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Opening balance: \$14,534.85

Revenues since February 8<sup>th</sup>:

-Could not cash the insurance cheque for the blower as it was made out to incorrect recipient, but they are sending replacement check. (\$1467.83, tallied as a minus until it is deposited)

-membership revenues: \$295.00

Expenses since February 8<sup>th</sup>:

-Graeme irrigation repair of sprinkler head main \$1552.47

-BC Hydro- \$24.22

-Replacement door for Judge's booth: \$759.33

-Bank fees \$3.00

Reconciled balance: \$11,023.00

Expected revenues and expenses:

- water bill expected to be \$90.00,

- projected \$50 expense for work party snacks and coffee on March 17<sup>th</sup>

-Received a \$500.00 bill for spring water turn on and testing full system. And a rotor on the small ring was seized required repair

-expected revenue- \$200.00 contribution from Cadora for door replacement.

-\$90.00 expected for additional membership fees

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#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

-current membership: 45 members consisting of 25 Individual, 10 family, 5 lifetime, 3 coach, 2 club

-Claire mentioned when Cadora members join EBLES through their Cadora membership application, they do not actually sign an EBLES waiver. 5 Cadora members have not signed a waiver yet. If anyone who has not signed a waiver registers for an event at the ring a waiver could be signed at the time of the event.

-Coaches provide a certificate of insurance. They could add us to their insurance policy as additional insured at this site (EBLES)

-Draw for gift basket. Jenny has been adding additional items to gift basket and posting new items online.

- further advertising. Posters have been distributed and posted at the ring

-Proposed to put membership forms up at the ring.

-Jennie suggested possible use of QR codes for membership

#### **FACILITIES:**

-Water was turned back on and sprinkler head tested- one rotor from small ring has been replaced.

-Door on judge's booth has been repaired, work done by John. John did have to purchase some supplies out of pocket to complete the repair (\$29.50). Proposed to provide EBLES membership at no charge to cover John's out of pocket costs. Claire will ensure appropriate forms filled out.

-Ted had to buy a metal plate for installation of dead bolt. Will do this Sunday.

-Patching of concession roof. Motion passed to patch roof rather than do roof repair in order to buy time to fund raise. Ted will reach out to Proline roofing and Gutters to arrange repair.

- Sale of C rake: \$1200.00 is very fair asking price. There is an Individual interested in purchasing it for \$900.00. If the individual interested in purchase is agreeable with asking price, EBLES will accept IOU for the difference.

-HCBC grant application- Claire needs final quote from Proline for roof repair. Hoping to have 75% covered, Jenny needs to send budget and financials for completion of the grant application

-March 17<sup>th</sup> work party, clear leaves off small ring-starting at 9 AM

-Adding sand to warm up ring: Jennie will order 2 loads sand for Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> delivery. Will request Fred to harrow as soon as possible following the delivery. Still need to ask Appy club if will contribute to cost of additional sand.

- Repairing harrow rake: Removed bent rake this week and will repair tomorrow March 15th
- Sign to acknowledge contributors to main ring project: Proposed to hire Lorna Moth or other professional photographer to take pictures of riders for the sign . Ideally photos that are inclusive of both English and western disciplines
- turtle fencing: March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting with Cam Ward to discuss work during work party. Will be at the ring this Sunday to look at turtle fencing and indicate what needs to be done
- Dates for work parties- Ask Cam for best timing as there is a short window between hatching and breeding. Dates for work party will be determined after consult with Cam
- Soliciting volunteers: will talk to Cam about getting his volunteers to assist.
- Requests for reports on sightings of turtles- will post on Horse Connection and Face book page to ask members to take pictures of turtles if possible. Western painted turtle is the species of turtle that Saanich parks is most concerned about. A notice regarding turtle reporting can be sent to the membership also
- Plans for round pen-deferred. Jennie has looked into 2 different funding options should EBLES decide to move forward with the round pen project. The Outdoor rec application can supply up to \$10,000, but is more restrictive about the timing for completion of work, especially with respect of the turtle breeding issue. The other funding option would be for a Capital Grant. They can donate up to \$10,000, BUT EBLES would have to match the amount with cash. They allow 3 years for completion of projects.

#### **FUND RAISING AND RENTALS**

- Bookings: Appy club shows will be June 9, Aug 18, sept 22
- Possible show and tell dressage show for fund raising for EBLES in the works. Any profits would go to EBLES. Sheryl Williams will be the judge

#### **EVENTS:**

- Poker ride-permit approved for JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Arranging lunch hot dog guys- Laura has rebooked to the new date
- Soliciting prizes-under poker rides donations list 2023 – has list of previous donors. Moving it to file that says 2024. Need to start working on this as soon as possible

#### **TRAILS:**

- Report on the condition of the trails: no updates available.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Proposed to put a poster up at the ring with pictures of the 2 kinds of turtle and asking anyone that sees a turtle to report it report to EBLES

**OTHER /NEW BUSINESS**

Report on licencing agreement meeting with CRD: It was a friendly meeting. Bartlett took off all limbs from the fir tree overhanging the concession building roof, and also topped the tree to reduce debris falling onto the roof. They will fill potholes on access road. Water line was replaced at the beach. Will be putting a metal roof on washroom at ring.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 11<sup>th</sup> 7 pm online

Minutes Submitted by Michelle Levesque