

EBLES Meeting – 7:00 pm May 11, 2017

PRESENT: Lara Wear, Heather Afford, Joanne Nelson, Dianne McGuire, Kristen Hoel, Renata

- Minutes from April meeting accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The account balance is \$5691.19, not including expenditures of the Poker Ride.
- Net revenue from the Poker Ride was \$1080.57
- There are some unaccounted for deposits which Heather will ask Nicki about.

POKER RIDE

- There were 77 poker hands sold at the poker ride, compared to 85 last year.
- There were at least 24 riders, not all riders completed a poker ride registration form so the actual number of riders is not known.
- 18 non riders bought hands
- There were 16 riders in the trail class compared to 12 last year
- Revenue from the poker ride was less this year than last year, \$1080 compared to about \$1700 last year

TRAILERING CLINIC

- Ads for the trailering clinic are out. Cadora, LIEC have been informed about it. Ads are posted on Facebook and at the barns around the park.
- Currently there is one registrant.
- There is no minimum number for holding the clinic
- Volunteers are needed. Lara will send the list of volunteers to Joanne so that she can solicit the help she needs
- A straight haul is needed for the demonstration.

FACILITIES

- The Appy Club will likely pay for painting of the announcers booth. They need to have a meeting to finalize the decision. The cost will be about \$1600.
- Ted replaced two sprinkler heads at the work party but there is still a broken line that needs to be fixed. The sprinklers cannot be operated until the broken line is fixed. It will need to be fixed by the next Appy show on June 4. Jason says he will fix the broken line but it is uncertain when he will do it. Ted will not be back until the end of May. An alternative would be to pay someone to come and fix the line. It was decided to wait for Ted to come back and then get 4 or 5 people together to help.
- Kristen and Jan will paint the fence boards that need painting, tentatively in the first week of July. Lara will ask for volunteers to help paint.
- A decision was made not to do the electrical upgrade to the announcer's booth. The heaters were removed.

MEMBERSHIP

- There are currently 81 individual and 2 club members.

RENTALS

- Adriana has booked the ring for June 18.

TRAILS

- The tree that was down across a trail has been removed.

DANGEROUS DOGS

- Joanne was at a CRD Parks committee meeting and learned that their main concern about dogs is over professional dog walks having multiple dogs that are sometimes off leash and out of control. There is a proposal to limit the number of dogs a single person can have in the park.
- There is still a problem with single dogs but it is already on the books that dogs must be under control and must be leashed if approaching a horse.

PAVING OF ROAD SHOULDERS

- Lara pointed out that the shoulder of sections of Oldfield Road and Brookleigh Road have been paved so there is no longer a gravel shoulder to ride a horse on. Lara suggested that EBLES should get involved with other interest groups and advocate for maintenance of walkable/rideable corridors in rural areas. It was decided that EBLES should.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The lease agreement with CRD ends this year. The executive needs to discuss if we want any changes and discuss any changes that the CRD might want. Discussion was tabled until Ted and Claire are present.
- Lara will send out a digital copy of the agreement to the Executive for them to read.

NEXT MEETING: June 8, 2017, 7:00pm