

EBLES Meeting
May 10, 2018

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- The minutes from the March meeting were approved as posted.

FACILITIES

- The work party went ahead on Sunday April 15 as planned. All items on the To Do list got done. The turnout was low.
- The announcer's and judge's booths got painted by White Knight. The balance of the bill needs to be paid.
- The Garden City Horsemen Club has obtained six logs for rebuilding the horse shelter. They are being debarked. Ted still has the anchor bolts from the old shelter that could be reused. It was decided that EBLES should pay some part of the expense.

FUND RAISING

- The Poker Ride went well.
- Thanks to all the volunteers.
- There were a few more riders and hands than last year.
- There are some business donors that still need thank-you cards. Pam has given out some thank you cards and will write them down on the tracking spreadsheet. Ted will follow up with her.
- Some of the flagging was taken down on the day of the ride. The rest was taken down the next day.
- The CRD contract says we have to pick up all the manure from the Poker Ride. Ted did it this year. It took about two and a half hours. Next year volunteers need to be assigned to this task. Ted confirmed with Jeanette at CRD that we are supposed to pick up manure for organized horse events.
- The CRD contract also says that we are not to use flagging. Ted discussed this with Jeanette and she was O.K. with it. It was decided that we will continue flagging unless we are told to stop.

MEMBERSHIP

- We now have 95 individual members, 2 club members (LIEC and CADORA) and 3 instructor members.
- Lara asked Heather, Claire and Nicki if they had seen an application from the Apply club. None had. We need to check for it again and follow up with the Appy Club.

TRAILS

- CRD has done a lot of flailing. The trails are looking good. They are drying up.

- There is a wet spot by the fishing dock that seems to be from a spring. Ted has called Saanich about it. They will look into it.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Lara suggested that EBLES do a survey of members regarding the need for speed bumps and 'Horses on the Road, Pass Slow and Wide' signs on Beaver Lake Road.
- It was also suggested that if we do a survey we could also ask other question like those posed to the Executive in previous meetings, e.g. what should EBLES' purpose and priorities be, do you think dogs are a significant problem, ... ?

CORRESPONDANCE

- Lara asked Mark Solomon about putting up 'pass slow and wide' signs on Beaver Lake Road. He said he would pass the question on to the sign committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Pam is working on getting EBLES business cards printed.
- Kristen turned on the water and wrote the starting meter reading in the note book. She will do it again next week. She will watch the readings to see if there they are unusually high.
- It may be necessary to check the sprinkler lines for a leak. Pam knows someone who knows how to check them. Kristen will talk to Pam about getting her friend to come out and do it.

TREASURERS REPORT

- There were 43 Poker Ride riders and 45 extra hands sold at \$10 each generating \$880 in revenue.
- There were 22 entries in the Trail Class at \$5 each generating \$110 in revenue.
- There were 37 memberships purchased at \$20 each generating \$740 in revenue.
- The 50/50 draw generated \$175.
- There was a \$10 donation.
- Total revenue accounted for was \$1915. Cash collected was \$2010. There is a \$95 discrepancy.
- The cost for lunches by Mrs. Tube Stead was \$441.00
- Net income from the Poker Ride was \$1474.00
- The balance in the account as of May 1, with the Poker Ride deposit, is \$8771.82
- The \$1000 bill from White Knight for the painting needs to be paid.
- There needs to be a meeting at the bank of the people with signing authority to change Heathers name and add Lara as a signing authority.
- The bank has informed Heather that cheques need to be made out to Elk and Beaver Lake Equestrian Society not EBLES. They accepted the deposit of cheques made out to EBLES but will not do it in the future unless we provide a letter from a lawyer stating that cheques made out to EBLES can be accepted. Ted will arrange to have a lawyer provide such a letter.

- We do need to put money aside to pay for part of the rebuild of the shelter. It was agreed that it would not be unreasonable to contribute about \$1000 toward the rebuild, but we will wait to see how much it costs before making a final decision on the amount.
- Heather suggested that we put together an annual budget for this and in future years. She will prepare a template.

NEW BUSINESS

- There are gaps developing by the boards that hold the hog fuel in the ring. A horse's foot might go through them. Ted will check this out.
- It was decided that since no one is using the Judges' Booth and there is nothing in it, that repairs to the door can wait for now.
- The Appy Club complained that EBLES used their jumps for the Poker Ride and the Trail Class. The Appy Club said the going forward they do not want EBLES using the jumps. There will have to be a meeting between the Appy Club and EBLES executive members to resolve this issue. Lara will send an email to Claire to ask about the history of the jumps. Ted suggested that there may be some record in the EBLES minutes.

NEXT MEETING: June 14, 2018