

EBLES MEETING November, 2016 @ 7:00 pm

PRESENT Lara Wear, Heather Afford, David Leitch, Gillian Phillips, Rod Phillips, Ted Simmons, Jan Rioux, Claire Vessey, Dianne Rothern, Joanne Nelson, Renata Kolodzi, Dianne McGuire, Antonia Harvey, Janie Turner, Frank Fidyk, Lynn Cullen

- David called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and proposed that the October minutes be approved as accepted. All in favour.

TREASURES REPORT

- Discussion held regarding the year to date income versus expenditures. Heather reported the current balance is \$6081.70.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Tractor oil change – in progress
- Call for volunteers - in progress.
- Appy Club comments from last show - locks on the gates to the rings have been lubricated by Rod and Gillian
- Fence Posts: Jason Teale to address replacement of the posts by the end of 2016

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Gillian reported we have 5 new members signed up for 2017
- Lara and Heather are working on a new online membership signup. This entails an online fee of 6%. Would EBLES absorb the fees? More discussion needed.

FACILITIES RENTAL

- Online payments are being looked into.
- Heather has had to follow up with Kristin regarding all facilities payments. Clarification is needed as to who should take on the responsibility of following up, i.e. the treasurer or the facilities rental liaison. Heather will discuss this further with Kristin.

2017 RENTALS

- No report

TRAIL STATUS

- No new report

INFORMATION ITEM

- CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
- Discussion held about dwindling directors. Five people minimum is not enough to run the club efficiently

- Various people including Claire Vessey, Dianne Rothon, Joanne Nelson, Renata Kolodzi, Dianne McGuire volunteered to help with positions and support roles in the New Year.

ITEMS POSTPONED

- **SOCIETY ACT** - EBLES has two years to comply with the new Societies Act. Suggestions were made to gather information from people who may have more experience with the Societies Act.
- **FUNDRAISING**
Poker ride and ring rentals are the main source of EBLES income. Further discussion on these topics to continue in the New Year.
- **MEMBER RECRUITMENT**
Membership was low for 2016. Ideas for membership encouragement needed. Suggestion put forth to add a box on other club forms to join EBLES. More discussion to be held in January.
- Suggestion to distribute posters to barns, washrooms on trails, bulletin board at the ring with a brief summary of how joining EBLES helps to keep a voice for horses in the park. (No over signage.)
- Suggestion for a possible change of name to better define EBLES as a society to oversee the facility, as opposed to a riding club.
- Many good ideas were brought forth needing implementation and promotion. To be revisited in January.

NEXT MEETING

- December 8, 2016. Potluck - location to be determined by email correspondence.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm.