

EBLES Meeting
October 11, 2018

PRESENT: Lara Wear, Joanne Nelson, Dianne McGuire, Ted Simmons, Claire Vessey

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- There is a correction needed to the October minutes. The newsletter did go out on September 23.

TREASURERS REPORT

- The bank account balance as of November 1, 2018 was \$9,273.66
- Heather is doing the final report. It is on Google Drive.

FACILITIES

- The bulletin board is still empty. Lara will put stuff up soon.
- The gate on the south end of the hog fuel ring is falling down due to rotten posts. It was agreed that EBLES will hire someone to fix the fence along the south end of the ring.
- It was agreed that we can use rebar to reinforce the boards that hold the sand in the sand ring.
- The gravel will not be built up over the board at bottom of the small gate into the sand ring because the board needs to act as a barrier to keep the turtles from getting in and nesting in the ring.
- Kirsten will turn the water off on Dec 1 and drain the system.
- Garden City Horsemen have all the supplies to rebuild the shelter and just need to set a date to build it.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Joanne tried to contact each of the three instructor members of EBLES about paying a fee for using the ring for lessons. Sonya Seyfort did not respond. Claire was agreeable. Laura said she would just not use the ring then and pointed out that people who are not members of EBLES are instructing in the ring.
- It was agreed that we need a sign on the gate to the hog fuel ring saying that instructors using the ring must be members of EBLES and riders should be. The sign should also have the EBLES website on it. Joanne offered to get the sign made.
- Lara will send an email out announcing the AGM, seeking new executive members, and encouraging people to renew their membership.

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

FUND RAISING

- Renata agreed to help with the used tack sale. Claire will talk to Pam Nezil about using the indoor ring at the old Forestmere. The tack sale will be either April 7th or 14th.

- It was suggested that changes be made in the way prizes are distributed at the Poker Ride. It was decided that the way it has been done to date will be maintained.
- A Megaphone will be needed for the Poker Ride for announcements.
- 2019 memberships can now be purchased online. Members should be encouraged to pay their memberships electronically.

RENTALS

- 9 ring rentals have been booked so far:

Sat., April 27	Heart Horse Healing (Round Pen)
Sun., April 28	EBLES Poker Ride
Sun., May 5	Appaloosa Club Show
Sat., May 25	Victoria Therapeutic Riding Association
Sun., June 2	Appaloosa Club Show
Sat., June 15	Heart Horse Healing (Round Pen)
Sun., July 7	Appaloosa Club Show
Sat., Aug. 24	Heart Horse Healing (Round Pen)
Sun., Sept. 15	Appaloosa Club Show

OTHER BUSINESS

- There will be no official EBLES meeting in December. Lara will host a Christmas Party for EBLES Executive and other invited guests.

NEXT MEETING: Annual General Meeting – Thursday, January 10, 2019.