

EBLES Meeting – Minutes
November 12, 2020

PRESENT: Dianne McGuire, Jennie Hutchison, Claire Vessey, Laura Foxgord, Joanne Nelson

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- October's minutes were approved

TREASURERS REPORT:

- The account balance was \$10,367.67
- Closing balance is \$11,092.67
- Revenues and expenses since October 8, 2020
 - Revenues included \$65 in memberships and \$555 in donations.
 - Expenses included a water bill for \$252.12 and BC Hydro bill for \$57.54.
- Expected expenses, and revenues
 - There is a hydro bill to be paid for \$25.40
 - There will be another BC Hydro bill and another water bill in December
 - The club insurance will need to be paid
 - A deposit from Event Brite is expected.
- We usually buy insurance from Capri, but there were some concerns with Capri over Covid although it may not be relevant for EBLES.
- Jennie will price out insurance from providers other than Capri. Laura suggested HUB and BSL as alternative providers.
- The issue of insurance for EBLES buildings and equipment was raised. EBLES currently does not have property or theft insurance. We need pictures and measurements of the building and descriptions of the equipment in order to get property insurance.
- Jennie will look into getting property and theft insurance
- Laura will take pictures of and measure the buildings.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Current membership is 49
- 2021 members to date is 21, made up of 5 lifetime, 7 individual and 6 family members and 3 donors
- Ideas for increasing membership
- We should put posters up at local barns we could
- Claire will send a copy of the poster by email
- Dianne will revise the poster or ask Lara to.
- Laura said she could put posters up at Forest Hill and at barns on Oldfield Road south of Brookleigh, will talk to Wyn and Sharon and put posters up at Vic Saddlery and Greenhawk.
- Jennie will do barns on Oldfield road north of Brookleigh.
- Dianne will put posters up at EBLES.
- Claire will put posters up at Willowwind and High Oaks.
- Claire will send an electronic copy of the poster out.
- Laura suggested putting the poster on the two Facebook sites, Vancouver Island Horse Connections and Vancouver Island Horse Tack, Horse For Sale/Lease.
- Laura and Jennie suggested that being able to accept memberships by e-transfer would save people the Event Brite charge and might attract more members. A way of getting the liability

waiver signed and to collect the other information needed would need to be worked in order to do this.

FACILITIES:

- Jennie got three consults or quotes on remediation of the ring.
 - McMurtry quoted \$7,900 for removing the top layer and digging out soft spots
 - Adrian Woods quoted \$4,500 for turning over the hog fuel to decompress it.
 - Western Equestrian Services thought turning over the hog fuel was a good idea but did not provide an estimate or quote.
- Laura pointed out that the fairway between the rings and the round pen could use some sand. Jennie said that Butler could sling the sand. Laura said that she uses Andy Slinger Services.
- Jennie proposed, Laura seconded, and the decision give the ring remediation work to Adrian Woods was passed.
- Getting the ring remediation work buys time to decide what to do about the ring in the longer term and to fund raise.
- The Leaf Raking party will be held Sunday November 9:00 to 12:00. Kristen will organize snacks. People will be asked to bring their own coffee. Dianne will ask Lara to send an email out.
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RENTALS:

- There are no prospects for facilities rentals for the remainder of the year.
- Next year the Appy Club would like to hold shows.

FUND RAISING:

- Donations were received for ring remediation.
- Dianne is responsible for sending out thank you notes for donations.
- Jennie will develop a template for online tax receipts and send them out.
- Jennie will look into what is involved in putting up a Go Fund Me site and it will be discussed at the next meeting.
- It was suggested that in the spring EBLES apply to the BC Lottery Corporation and HCBC for grants.
- It was suggested that a film company might want to use the EBLES parking lot again. The issue that EBLES doesn't have exclusive use of the parking lot and therefore technically isn't allowed to rent it out was raised. Joanne explained that when the last film company used the parking lot a contract was written that clearly stated that the money that was paid to EBLES was for inconvenience and was a donation. Although CRD's lawyer had said he would send a letter saying EBLES could not rent out the parking lot, no letter was sent. It was agreed that the issue will be dealt with if it arises again.

TRAILS:

- The trails are all good.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A notice about the leaf raking party needs to go out.
- A notice about the AGM needs to go out.
- Dianne should send a note encouraging people to join EBLES for 2021 and come to the AGM should be sent out by email and put on Facebook.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Dianne, Kristen and Jennie are willing to serve in their current positions again next year. Joanne is resigning. Laura is willing to join the Executive as Secretary.
- The AGM needs to be held in January 2021. The possibility of holding the meeting at the ring was discussed. It was agreed that the AGM will be held online. Dianne will check to see how many people can meet on Google Meet

NEXT MEETING: 7:00 pm, Thursday December 10, 2020