

EBLES Meeting – Minutes November 11, 2021

PRESENT: Dianne McGuire, Jennie Hutchinson, Claire Vessey, Kristen Hoel

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- The October minutes were approved

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Revenues and expenses since October 14, 2021
- Current account balance
- Expected revenues and expenses
- Reconciled balance

MEMBERSHIP:

- There were no new members in the past month.
- Current membership is 113.
- It was agreed that anyone purchasing their membership before April 30 should be entered into a draw. Jennie will see if there is anything left over from the left over from the silent auction that could be used as a prize. She will also phone around to see if she can get someone to donate a prize. Another alternative would be to buy a prize.

FACILITIES:

- An eight foot gate was purchased and needs to be hung.
- Jennie will talk to Liz and how much husband Willie would charge to hang the gate, replace the 20 rotten posts and put a kick rail in. We should get quotes from two other people. Wayne Joslyn might do the job. Dianne will contact him. We need to identify one other person who could give a quote.
- A load of fairway sand was sprayed into the small sand ring. There are some problems with it being too deep in some areas, such as need the announcer's booth. Kristen harrowed it with the C-rake and then the chain link harrow to spread it. She found that in some spots it was too heavy to move. It was agreed that a second load of sand should not be put in now. We will wait for the leaves to come down and blow them off and for a few dry days for the sand to drain and then harrow the ring again to spread the fairway sand out and work it into the existing sand. A decision on whether an second load of fairway sand should be added will be made after that.
- Graemes Irrigation provided a verbal quote of \$30,000 to put a new sprinkler system in. He suggested larger more expensive sprinkler heads, costing \$12,000 to \$15,000 be used. The large ring would need four and the small ring would need 3. The sprinklers would be mounted on metal posts at the top of the fences. The feeder pipes would be dug in around the outside of the ring. He said our current control box could be reused and that we had enough water pressure that we wouldn't need pumps. He will be providing a written quote.
- It was agreed that EBLES should buy the Husqavarna electric blower, with batteries, the backpack and a charger for about \$1,700 from Integrity.
- A decision on buying a weedwacker was tabled to February or the spring when it will be needed.
- Purchase of a the TR3 E or Arena Rascal harrow was discussed. It was decided that further research was needed.

- Dianne will contact Laura to find out what is happening with the Island Equipment Owners Association, whether she received the letter saying that IEOA would help with putting the new footing in.
- It was decided that we do not have the money to replace the fencing and should repair it. There are twenty posts that are wiggly and probably rotten that need to be replaced.
- Ted and Dianne met with the CRD Environmental Conservation Specialist, Jill Robinson and Kristiina Ovaska representing the turtle people. EBLES needs to put some sort of turtle barrier around the small sand ring, around the round pen and around the large ring once the footing is in. The barrier needs to be one foot high. It needs to be installed in April after any hatchlings have left and before the adults return to lay eggs. The round pen rebuilding needs to be done in April for the same reasons.
- It was decided that any addition of crusher dust on walkways or the space between the rings should wait until the work on the ring and sprinklers is complete.

FUND RAISING:

- No news on the Capital Project Grant but a decision on it is expected in early December.
- No news on the Federal Grant
- Jennie provided an update on the Silent Auction.

- The remaining agenda items were not discussed as the internet connection for the virtual meeting was lost

NEXT MEETING: 7:00 December 9, 2021 in the Lounge of Hunt Valley North and on TEAMS