

EBLES Executive Meeting:

Date: November 9th 2023

Meeting was held virtually using teams conference call

ATTENDING: Dianne McGuire, Ted Simmons, Jennie Hutchison, Claire Vessey, Michelle Levesque

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: written minutes not available.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Revenues and expenses since October 12, 2023:

-opening account balance \$17,819.84

-total income \$400.00

- total expenses \$924.60

-reconciled balance \$17,295.24

-expected expenses- directors liability insurance, Hydro, Horse council of BC, and water bill will amount to approximately \$2000.00

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MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership: 96 members consisting of 67 Individual, 15 family, 7 lifetime, 5 coach, 2 club

Proposal was made and vote passed to increase membership fees to the following: \$30 for individuals, \$35.00 for instructors, \$50.00 for family, and \$55.00 for clubs

Discussed need to redo membership form to reflect fee changes

Proposed to request the Appy Club to include an EBLES membership option within their club membership forms

Discussed Membership drive. EBLES members that renew or join before January 11th 2024 (5 pm cut off) will be entered to win a gift basket. Will need to advertise raffle.

Membership drive will be posted on Facebook, EBLES page, and other Facebook equine communities. Executive members will also go to various barns in person and post written notices regarding membership drive and raffle

Deadline for advertising will be the end of November

Proposed a welcoming sign at the riding ring that encourages people to be aware of EBLES and to join

Also discussed posting a sign to give recognition to all of the people/businesses who helped build and renovate the rings. (Respecting those who wish to remain anonymous) A draft will be prepared by Dianne and Michelle

FACILITIES:

The weed wacker was purchased.

October Work party report-vegetation around the riding rings was cut back, leaves were blown from the sand rings, Ted cleaned roof and gutters, Clair and Dianne cleaned announcers booth and tractor shed.

Next work party will need to wait until all leaves down from the trees- possibly schedule for November 26.

Discussed stolen leaf blower. Police can't do anything -has been reported. Locks were changed. Will see if insurance will cover cost depending on deductible

Turtle fencing for large ring- needs to be done next spring.

Round pen-still intend to rebuild the fencing in future.

Water was shut off- have an appointment with Graemes to blow out the lines mid November

Want to get at least 3 quotes for roof repair of the concession building. Current roof is over 10 years old). We need quotes for metal vs shingle, repair vs replacement . Ted will follow up with Flynn Canada to get a quote for roof repair. Clair will look in archives to determine who installed the roof, and age of roof

Michelle will enquire with neighbor regarding roofing quote also

FUND RAISING/RENTALS: Rentals- no imminent rentals

TRAILS:

-Report on the condition of the trails: small tree down off small bridge near rowing club- has been cleared. No deep mud. Blue green algae in both lakes

-Should watch for public input regarding use of newly acquired Royal oak golf club by CRD. Hoping that horses will have access. Claire volunteers to attend, and Jenny, and Dianne

Other New Business:

Executive positions for next year-discussed positions-Diane to stay on as President, Michelle secretary, Claire for membership secretary and fund raising and ring booking, Ted- CRD liaison, Jenny considering staying in treasures position but undecided.

Put out enquiries to see if any of membership interested in joining the executive

Annual general meeting- Need to send email to membership regarding annual general meeting-Lara

December social Christmas get together for dinner: suggested venue was the Med Grill. Will send the emails out and will post on Facebook

NEXT MEETING: 7 pm January 11, 2024

Minutes Submitted by Michelle Levesque