

EBLES Meeting – Minutes
October 8, 2020

PRESENT: Dianne McGuire, Joanne Nelson, Ted Simmons, Kirsten Hoel, Claire Vessey

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- September minutes were accepted with the following changes: correction of the spelling of Claire's name in the Facilities Report and change the date of the leaf raking party to sometime in November when the leaves come down.

TREASURERS REPORT:

- The account balance as of October 8, 2020 was \$9747.67
- Revenues since September 10, 2020 were \$65 from EventBrite
- Expenses since September 10, 2020 were \$252.12 for the water bill and \$47.54 for Hydro
- Expected expenses include insurance, water and hydro for a total of approximately \$2000

MEMBERSHIP:

- Received an individual membership from Amanda Davis and a family membership from Jan Wiecork
- Horse Council membership was confirmed for Popoffs
- EventBrite is no longer taking memberships for 2020
- It was decided to raise the membership fee to \$25 for an individual membership but to leave the instructor membership fee at \$35.
- Lara will update the website and set up EventBrite to take 2021 memberships
- Claire will check to see if EBLES could be added to the list of clubs that can be joined when buying a HCBC membership.
- Claire will approach LIEC to ask if they will add an option to join EBLES to their membership form, VS Cadora already does this, the Appy Club has already said they would not.
- In the spring posters encouraging people to join EBLES should be posted at all the local barns and tack shops.
- Dianne will write a message to be emailed to members and posted on the website informing members of the increase in the membership fee, encouraging people to join EBLES, saying what EBLES does and has done over the past year, explaining EBLES expenses, including the need to remediate the footing in the ring, and asking for donations toward remediation of the footing.

FACILITIES:

- For the last water bill water use was twice what it was last year. This is probably due to the way the sprinklers were set. Someone should be hired to set the sprinklers for us next year when we turn them on.
- The option of removing the top layer of hog fuel, digging out the boggy spots and replacing the hog fuel in the boggy spots was discussed. MCM Excavating, Malcom McMurty, provided an estimate of \$7900 for doing this work.
- Ted will contact CRD to see if they would be interested in taking any hog fuel that needs to be removed from the ring. This would save the cost of having it removed.
- It was agreed that Dianne would contact Adrian Woods of Saanichton Development Ltd to get a second option and estimate on remediation of the ring.

RENTALS:

- There are no prospects for rentals at this time.

FUND RAISING:

- It was suggested that we might set up a Go Fund Me site to raise money for remediation of the ring once we have estimates of the cost. The message would be that the ring provides an exercise opportunity for youth and adults, is a community resource and grassroots organization. This idea and the message will be discussed further at the next meeting.

TRAILS:

- The trails are in good shape.
- Ted has flagged some trees around the ring for removal by CRD.

COMMUNICATIONS

- No communications to report
- Dianne will write a message to membership as noted above

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business

NEXT MEETING: 7:00 pm, Thursday November 12, 2020