

EBLES Meeting
September 13, 2018

PRESENT: Lara Wear, Dianne McGuire, Ted Simmons, Joanne Nelson, Pam Pack, Heather Afford, Claire Vessey

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- The minutes for the June meeting were approved as posted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Lara went through the meeting minutes from the past and found an entry noting that the jumps had not yet been donated but did not find any further mention of it. Ted reaffirmed that he had talked to Ruth Lick who confirmed that the jumps were donated so that the Appy Club could store them in the shed and not have to haul them in and out for each show. It was decided that Joanne would talk to Stacey about this.
- Joanne prepared a newsletter that she would like to distribute to the Club membership.
- Pam is still working on getting info cards printed.
- According to their minutes Garden City Horsemen are still working on rebuilding the shelter at the ring.

FACILITIES

- The bleachers at the ring were donated by Diane Rothon on behalf of her deceased mother. No plaque was put up at the time the bleachers were built. The intention was to put one up but this has not yet happened. Ted suggested we do it now. He will contact Diane Rothon, get details for the plaque and arrange to have one put up.
- The sand ring needs additional posts to keep the sand from coming out but that it is necessary to check where the drainage is before putting new posts is. Ted said that the plans for the drainage are in one of the binders that were under the stairs in the announcer's booth. Lara has the binders and will check for the plans.
- The bushes need to be cleared away from the tie stalls and the sight lines to the parking lot need to be cleared.
- There are mucky spots on the trails near the washrooms that need to be addressed.
- Two large branches fell during the last Appy Show. The Appy Club suggested that a tree service be engaged to check that the trees around the ring are safe. There is an email string on the subject which Claire forwarded to Ted. Lara sent an email to Mark Soloman/CRD. She will follow up.

RENTALS

- The last two events of the year will be held on the weekend, the Appy show on Sunday and the round pen rental on Saturday.
- The person who rents the round pen suggested that EBLES should check what other events are occurring in the park that might interfere with the use of the rings and inform the renters. The CRD posts a calendar of events that the renters could check. It was decided that it was the

renters' responsibility to check for other events. Claire will add a clause to this effect to the rental agreement. Ted pointed out that other events should not interfere with the use of the rings.

- Next year's bookings for the rings need to be in by October. They need to go into the Treasurers report to the CRD which is due January 31.

TRAILS

- It was reported that the trail off Brooklyn Road toward Bear Hill has holes in it that horses legs sink into. However this is not an official horse trail so there is little that can be done about it.

TREASURERS REPORT

- The balance in the account as of September 1, 2018 was \$8750.⁴⁴.

NEW BUSINESS

- The issue whether or not Laura Foxguard's should have rented the ring to teach long lining to approximately 6 students for several hours was raised. Lara sent an email to her suggesting that she should have rented the ring. Laura responded that the ring was open to use by others. The point was made that we really don't have a policy regarding what uses the ring should be rented for. The CRD contract says the ring should be rented for all lessons even when there is only one student. The question of whether or not EBLES should start charging for use of the ring for lessons was discussed. A motion was made and passed to 'Develop a fee schedule for use of the ring for instruction and post it at the beginning of the year, as per the CRD agreement'. It was noted that the fee schedule might be no charge for lessons with only one student. Joanne will talk to the people who are instructor members to get their positions on this.
- The issue that we have little participation from the clubs in EBLES was discussed. It was noted that in the past clubs earned points for participating in work parties etc. It was suggested that reintroducing such a system might encourage more participation. However the point was made that there are probably other reasons for lack of participation. Cadora and LIEC no longer use the EBLES rings. They use Saanich Fairgrounds instead. Pony Club also no longer uses the ring.
- The Bulletin Board was stripped. Nobody on the Executive did this? The Bulletin Board needs to be redone. The Board should state that anyone using the ring should be a member.
- It is unclear whether EBLES insurance covers instructors.
- There will be openings on the Executive for 2019.
- It would be good to get more people out to the October meeting in order to recruit people to next year's executive.
- The February 2019 Meeting will be held on February 7th rather than February 14th.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 11, 2018 at 7:00.