

EBLES Meeting - Minutes
September 12, 2019

PRESENT: Dianne McGuire, Joanne Nelson, Ted Simmons, Lara Wear

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- The June minutes were approved

TREASURERS REPORT (Pam):

- The current balance was \$12,553.29
- Revenues since June 1 included income from the Appy Shows and income from the Working Equitation Event.
- Expenses included a BC Hydro bill of \$33.00 and a water bill of \$166.36
- It was noted that the water bill was considerably less than last year. This was probably due to resetting the sprinklers.
- The only expected expense was the cost of replacement of the fence posts.
- No additional revenue is expected.
- The need for accounting software to track revenues and expenses and prepare financial statements for Canadian Revenue Agency was discussed. Use of Quick Books was suggested as this is the software package that the Treasurer Pam Pack is familiar with. It would cost up to \$20 a month to maintain the books online. The issue was tabled as the Treasurer was not present. Joanne supports the purchase of the software and wants her vote to be considered at the next meeting that she will not be able to attend. Ted also mentioned that he will not be at the next meeting.
- The need to get an appraisal of EBLES assets, e.g. tractor, harrow, buildings, fencing and leasehold improvements in general was discussed. These have not been accurately reported to CRA and should be.
- The need for insurance of the assets and improvements was also discussed. Apparently, EBLES had insurance at one time however there is no record of premium payments in recent years. Details of the insurance held in the past should be in the big black binders that have been misplaced. It is possible that David Leach still has them. Dianne will contact him about them.
- We need to find out how much it would cost to get an appraisal of EBLES buildings, other leasehold improvements and other assets. Dianne will look into this.

MEMBERSHIP (Dianne):

- Two or three people joined EBLES when registering for the Working Equitation event. The spreadsheet needs to be checked to see if they were added to it.
- The spreadsheet currently shows 75 members including 4 coaches and 2 clubs. The clubs are the Appy club and Heart Horse Healing. Someone needs to check with Claire if Cadora and LIEC are members and should be on the list.

FACILITIES:

- Mark can replace the fence posts in late September or early October. Dianne to follow up with him.
- The question of whether or not to fully extract the old fence posts in order to put the new fence posts in the same spots as the old ones was discussed. The cost of completely removing the old fence posts is not known as they might break off and need additional work to remove. It was

agreed that the new fence posts should be put where the old fence posts were. This means we don't know the cost. It was agreed that we will go ahead with replacing the posts in the rest of the south side of the hogfuel ring and the east side of the sand ring and then reevaluate. Dianne needs to check back in the minutes to see how much as approved for spending on the project.

- The July 13 work party was a success in that the blackberries and the other vegetation was cut back from around the hogfuel ring. Kirsten's friend David cut off all the overhanging branches from around both rings.
- Kirsten removed the old mounting block. Joanne provided a large black plastic replacement and secured it with a bicycle cable lock.
- Ted followed up on getting a No Dumping sign for parking lot but does not think CRD will provide one. We will not pursue this further.
- The Appy Club request for new footing in the hogfuel ring was discussed. It was decided that the footing is still good for the majority of the people who use the ring and that the footing may last another 5 or 6 years.
- The cost of replacing the footing in 2014 was \$13,000. Several clubs including Cadora, LIEC, the Appy Club and HCBC donated \$1000 each. It was agreed that funds should be put aside to eventually replace the footing. Last time it took 924 cubic yards of screened fir hogfuel from MacNutt at \$12 per cubic foot. MacNutt removed the old footing. It was suggested that a track excavator be used next time to spread the new footing.

RENTALS (Claire):

- Tabled to next meeting as Claire was not present

FUND RAISING:

- The Working Equitation event was a success. Eleven people participated. Each paid \$50 or \$65 plus the concession earned \$65. The participants liked the footing,

TRAILS:

- The boards were replaced on the bridge closest to the highway in June.
- Joanne and Ted had discussions with Saanich Engineering about getting additional signage about horses. The response was that there already was signage.

NEXT MEETING: 7:00 pm, October 10, 2019