

EBLES Executive Meeting:

Date: April 11th, 2025

Meeting was held virtually using teams conference call

ATTENDING: Dianne McGuire, Ted Simmons, Jennie Hutchison, Claire Vessey, Andy Lafontaine, Laura Foxgord

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Type errors identified as follows: - page , second paragraph-lumber was misspelled as lumbar.

-Adrianna Hamm's name was spelled with one m instead of two,

- APPY club misspelled as Aply Club.

- Also Ted was documented as attending, but he was not present.

Amended minutes were accepted

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-OPENING BALANCE March 13th: \$10,688.64

-REVENUES: \$465.00 membership e transfers,

\$640.65 from Event Bright

\$3.08 over payment

-TOTAL REVENUE: \$1108.93

-EXPENSES: \$71.51 to Dianne for supplies (screws, nails, brackets for ring repair, etc.)

\$1.50 service charge

-TOTAL EXPENSES: \$73.01

-CLOSING BALANCE: \$ 11,724.56

-EXPECTED REVENUES: \$30.00 membership expected

-EXPECTED EXPENSES: work party snacks \$25.00

hydro bill approx \$30.00

water bill approx \$400.00

-Projected cost for round pen project as follows: \$5000.00 materials, No quote yet for labour (Tidy line). Anticipating at least \$7500.00 for labour posts. Potentially labour costs could deplete our cash reserves. Application for grant application needs to be in by April 30th.

Jenny will calculate projected income from this year's scheduled events, redo the budget which includes projected income for the year, and distribute this information to executive to help with decision making re round pen. Need to establish how much cash reserves to maintain in bank above the expected budget. \$3500 was suggested as an appropriate amount to have available for unexpected issues.

MEMBERSHIP:

-current membership: 62 members consisting of 39 Individual, 8 family, 7 lifetime, 2 coach, 4 club, and 2 barn

-Draw for those who joined before March 31: Using random number generator-Shana Johnston is the winner of the draw

FACILITIES:

REPORT on April 5th work party:

-there were some new volunteers helping

-weed whacking was done, leaves were raked, concession area was cleaned, and the board on small ring where sand leaking out was repaired.

WORK THAT STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE is as follows:

-A second board in small ring, and a board in main ring where sand leaking out will need to be replaced at a later date

- Also for next work party, gutters need to be measured for gutter guards. Gutter guards need to be installed (ideally the foam drop in ones that we can install easily ourselves). Andy will research sources and obtain costs for foam insert gutter guards

-replacing rotten fence boards is too large a project to accomplish with a single work party, may be scheduled to be done separately with Exec members, or over multiple future dates

NEXT WORK PARTY: Saturday May 31st 9am-12pm

SIGNS for rings regarding manure clean up are being made. Signs will say "Please pick up your horse's manure". Will be iterated in social media Facebook page how to deal with manure at EBLES facility

Sign recognizing donors: Michelle is working on.

EVENTS:

May 25th Adrianna Hamm show

Group photo shoot May 24 at 11 am- Discussed option of professional photographer. Laura will look into local member professional photographers

Poker Ride June 14th:

-Need to start advertising and collecting prizes. Use Google docs to track and document donors and prize collection.

-Advertising as previously on social media and by putting up posters (use previous posters with dates modified. Dianne will get posters printed as well as donor forms. Jennie will contact local veterinarians. Put up posters at Saanich fairgrounds. Need to recruit volunteers- Laura will do trail class and recruit volunteers from her barn.

-Ideally have people fill in membership form for Poker Ride on line in advance, so less congestion when riders arrive. Consider \$5.00 discount on Poker Ride for advanced registration

** cost of event has been prematurely posted on line with last years fee advertised. The incorrect fee MUST BE REMOVED. Fee for the poker ride can not be finalized until we know the cost for lunch provided by the Hotdog Guys. Will need to message Lara right away.

- Tentatively proposed \$30.00 for the first hand including lunch (pending confirmation from the Hotdog Guys), \$20.00 for additional hands

JANE STONE working Equitation Clinic (2-day clinic)

- Jane's fee is \$75 per day per rider, propose to charge \$200.00 per rider for 2 day clinic. Will verify that this fee is in line with other working clinics.
- Participants need to be members.
- Advertising via posters
- Registration in advance
- need people to set up and take down

FUND RAISING:

Rentals: no new prospects since last month

Round pen project application-Need quote for labour for Grant application. We intend to proceed so long as labor does not exceed \$7500.00. Must submit application by end of the month. We may need to send in the application without the final numbers. Grant cannot exceed 75% of total cost of project. Difficulty getting quote for fence pounding, contractors are busy and not returning our calls.

Grant must be in by April 30th. Work needs to be done by mid June.

TRAILS:

-Report on the condition of the trails: all open, some are muddy. Lots of water in the fields. 2 small trees down on unofficial trails that horses can step over. These will not be cleared as they are not official trails.

-Proposed to approach Stewart about clearing the fallen trees on the unofficial trails

COMMUNICATIONS:

Andy proposed to have list of scheduled events to show up on EBLES website page. It turns out that it is present but in very tiny writing at bottom of page and is difficult to find. Proposed to make the scheduled events more prominent on the website. Claire will discuss proposed change with Lara.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday May 8th, 7 pm

Minutes Submitted by Michelle Levesque upon viewing recorded minutes