

EBLES Executive Meeting:

Date: March 13 2025

Meeting was held virtually using teams conference call

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: February 14-March 13

-Balance forward: \$10,564.93

-Revenue: Memberships \$145.00

-Expenses: BC hydro \$21.29

-Closing Balance: \$10,688.64

-Projected revenues: April Ring rentals \$500.00

-Projected expenses: Saanich water \$100.00

 Society H report \$40.00

 CRD \$81.00 (For last years ring rentals)

-Projected Balance: \$10,967.64

****not enough funds yet for round pen upgrade****

MEMBERSHIP:

-current membership: 43 members

- \$590.00 in donations to date.

- Arab club has joined EBLES, and Apply club and Saanich Cadora will be joining soon

Claire and Jenny working together on tax receipts for donations over \$20.00

Advertising for draw-Jennie will post on Horse Connection again tonight. It is on our Facebook page, can be shared with other equine Facebook groups. (Andy will do)

FACILITIES:

New date for spring work party is April 5th. Also need to do wipe down concession on April 12 prior to Appy show scheduled for April 13th.

TASKS FOR APRIL 5th WORK PARTY INCLUDE:

- repair areas where sand is leaking out of ring,

- then weed clearing and blowing leaves is second priority

- need to measure gutters and length of gutters (with intension of purchasing gutter guards)

- thorough clean of concession.

- measure the lengths of fence boards that require replacing and inventory what we have to figure out what needs to be ordered. The boards will be replaced and painted at a later date when the weather is dry. (Andy already obtained a quote for \$300.00 if 33 boards are needed)

-Still need to build mounting block, dispose of scrap lumbar after build mounting blocks, but is not critical to do prior to upcoming ring rentals. Can be completed at a later date

TASKS TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO APRIL 5th work party:

-We do not have any treated boards for sand leak repair. We will need to buy wood. Diane will purchase the boards, purchase brackets and nails. Do BEFORE the work party

-Home Depot has drop in gutter guards. Verify sizing

-Andy will relook at section of fence in small ring that is compromised.

- get coffee and tea snacks for work party- approved to purchase

OTHER PROJECTS: -needs signs made instructing people to pick up manure. Ask Stewart to make a sign for us. Place signs at each entrance gate to riding rings

EVENTS:

New date for the Poker ride will be Saturday June 14th

May 24th at 11 am-chosen for a group photo of executive members with horses at ring. Michelle to take photos.

Motion passed to apply 1 year in advance to reserve Poker Ride date for 2026- first weekend in June.

Will ask Jane Stone or Stella French for working equitation clinic in July. Find out who is available and when. Diane will make enquiries. We would need to do the organization of the event and provide the obstacles for the event

FUND RAISING:

Claire has list of prospects and shows (the following list was distrusted by email)

- April 13- Appy club

-April 26th Back Country Horsemen's club

-May 15 CRD Parks department (concession building)

-May 25 VanIsle Benefit Horse Show (Adrianna Ham)

-June 8th Poker ride (HAS BEEN CHANGED TO JUNE 14)

-June 15th Arabian Club Horse Show

-June 22nd Apply Club

-September 14th Apply Club

-September 27 is Back Country Horseman's Club Poker Ride

Claire attended funding seminar for HCBC/grant availability. HCBC Core grant is under equipment/infrastructure umbrella. This grant covers 75% of a project up to \$5000.00 (includes arena upgrades . Must have applications in by April 30th. A lease agreement, budget, a letter of support from property owner, and report at end of project as well as all receipts are required.

Jenny is still spearheading the upgrade to the round pen and will redo the budget. Tentatively would be a post and rail project. A post pounder would be required.

There is also an Education Grant available through HCBC that can be used for in classroom learning, or demonstration. This grant can provide a maximum of \$500 and could be applied to a working equitation clinic. To qualify for this grant, EBLES would need to apply for it in advance, get approval, then send in final report and receipts.

TRAILS:

-Report on the condition of the trails: the walking trail from beaver lake parking lot loop to fire access road is fine. No report on rest of trails

OTHER /NEW BUSINESS: No new business

NEXT MEETING: April 10th

Minutes Submitted by Michelle Levesque