

EBLES Meeting – Minutes October 9, 2025

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- July minutes approved
- September minutes approved

TREASURERS REPORT:

SEP 19, 2025 - OCT 9, 2025

BALANCE FORWARD	\$15,560.55
REVENUE	
RING RENTALS	\$620.00
DONATIONS	
MEMBERSHIPS 2025	
UNKNOWN	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$620.00

EXPENSES

SLEGG LUMBER WOOD FOR ROUND PEN	\$3,149.39
REIMBURSEMENT J HUTCHISON FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS AND CAB FARE	\$149.96
REIMBURSEMENT D MCGUIRE DIESEL AND MANURE FORK HANDLES	\$68.91
BC HYDRO	\$37.70
SAANICH WATER	\$1,040.26
BANK FEES	\$4.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,450.72
CLOSING BALANCE	\$11,729.83

PROJECTED REVENUE AND EXPENSES

REVENUE	
HCBC GRANT	\$2,500.00
UNPAID POKER RIDE FEES	\$60.00
MEMBERSHIPS 2025	\$450.00
RING FEES	
TOTAL EXPECTED REVENUE	\$3,010.00

EXPECTED EXPENSES	
ROUND PEN MATERIALS	\$2,000.00

INSURANCE	\$1,000.00
BC HYDRO	\$100.00
GRAEME	\$300.00
SAANICH WATER	\$500.00
MISC	\$300.00
TOTAL EXPECTED EXPENSES	\$4,200.00
PROJECTED BALANCE	\$10,539.83

MEMBERSHIP:

- Non change in membership since July
 - 63 individuals
 - 3 coaches
 - 2 barns
 - 8 family
 - 4 clubs
 - Victoria Saanich Cadora
 - Appaloosa Club
 - Backcountry Horsemen
 - Arab Club
- People have complained that it is too hard to sign up for membership, i.e. print PDF version of membership form and email it in. Ideally we would have a fillable PDF membership form. Could do it through Eventbrite but there are problems for minors.
- A photo release should be included in the membership form.
- Claire and Jennie will work on this with Lara to resolve these issues. Kira will help with making a fillable PDF form.
- CRD approved our new waiver, so it is only necessary to use one at events now.
- It was agreed that a sign with a QR code should be added to the bulletin board at the site. Dianne will work with her sister Bridget to get one made.
- It was suggested that we should have a social media plan i.e. post something on our Facebook site, Vancouver Island Horse Connection, Central Saanich Equestrian Community and any other good sites on a regular basis i.e. monthly. We need someone to do Instagram and other social media postings.

FACILITIES:

- Rebuilding of round pen – Construction of the round pen is coming along well. It was difficult to remove the old metal posts and some of them are cut 6 inches below the ground but are outside the pen. Most of the posts are in and the rails are going up. The bottom rails will go into the ground. The top of the posts will be cut at an angle and treated. The tops of the posts should be retreated every year or two to prevent rot. Gates will go in next week.

- Replacement of gate post for small ring – Tideline will take care of repairing the gate post next week.
- Gutter Cleaning – We need to find someone to clean the gutters. Val Hughes husband is not available. Laura will put a post on VIHCA and EBLES asking for recommendations of people who can do it.
- Sprinkler timer – When Laura talked to Grahams in the spring, they suggested a sensor and a new timer. Laura will follow up and find out how much it would cost. Grahams also made two recommendations on the invoice for the leak repair. Laura will follow up on the recommendations too.
- Removal of trees at risk of falling – Stuart Walsh of the CRD has had some trees removed by a tree service. There are still some trees that look like they should be removed. Andy will follow up with Stuart. He will send pictures.
- Leaf Raking Party – Jennie and Sally raked up leaves around the facility but not in the ring. Set a date of Saturday November 29, 9:00 to 12:00 for a leaf raking party. There are also some overhanging branches in the small ring on the North side that need trimming.
- Rotten fence rail replacement – Most rails have been replaced just need to pick away at the remaining ones.
- Fence painting plans for next year – deferred discussion on power washing and painting the fences to next year.
- Tie stall footing – Whether the tie stalls get used enough to warrant fixing them up was questioned. Andy did some clean up work around them. He cleared the path into them. He suggests that something be done about the roots that pose a tripping hazard, i.e. paint them red. We would have to check with Stuart Walsh about that. Painting the roots might be damaging to the trees. An alternative would be to cover them with fill. Andy will talk to Stuart about it. We would do the work in the spring.

EVENTS

- CRD Volunteer Recognition Event – It was decided that Andy, and Dianne would attend. Michelle would be invited and if she didn't want to go Jennie would go instead of her. And Fred would be invited. Ted is already going, Claire is teaching and Laura will be out of town.
- Christmas Party – It was decided that EBLES would host a Christmas Party on Saturday December 13, 5:00 to 9:00 at the rec centre at Laura's community if it is available. Laura will check and let Dianne know.
- Annual General Meeting, January 8, 2026

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

- Jennie will pick something from among the leftover gifts we have to give to the person who found the keys after the Appy show.

NEXT MEETING: 7 pm Thursday November 13, 2025