

EBLES Meeting – Minutes

September 18, 2025

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Approval of July minutes deferred to next meeting

TREASURERS REPORT:

BALANCE FORWARD		\$ 17,239.13
REVENUE		
RING RENTALS	\$ 470.00	
DONATIONS	\$ 20.00	
WE CLINIC	\$ 100.00	
MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 150.00	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 740.00
EXPENSES		
EVENTBRITE PLATFORM FEES	\$ 0.58	
ANDY LEFONTAINE REIMBURSE WOD	\$ 99.26	
BC HYDRO	\$ 31.99	
JANE STONE CLINIC FEES	\$ 2,283.75	
BANK FEES	\$ 3.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 2,418.58
CLOSING BALANCE		\$ 15,560.55
PROJECTED REVENUE AND EXPENSES		
REVENUE		
HCBC GRANT	\$ 2,500.00	
UNPAID POKE RIDE FEES	\$ 60.00	
MEMBERSHIPS 2025	\$ 450.00	
RING FEES	\$ 500.00	
TOTAL EXPECTED REVENUE		\$ 3,510.00
EXPENSES		
WOOD FOR ROUND PEN	\$ 6,100.00	
INSURNACE	\$ 1,000.00	
BC HYDRO	\$ 100.00	
SAANICH WATER	\$ 1,500.00	
MISC	\$ 300.00	
TOTAL EXPECTED EXPENSES		\$ 9,000.00
PROJECTED BALANCE		\$ 10,070.55

MEMBERSHIP:

We closed out the year with **87 members**, which is broken down as follows:

- Club – 4
- Individuals – 62
- Coaches – 3
- Family – 8
- Barn – 3
- Lifetime - 7

FACILITIES:**Rebuilding of the round pen:**

We are waiting for Stuart Walsh of CRD to give permission to proceed with removal of the old round pen railings once the fire risk is reduced enough.

We need to buy the materials and have them on site by October 31 to qualify for the HCBC grant. Ideally we would have them on site by mid October. Safe storage of the materials to protect against theft was discussed and it was decided that we will have the materials delivered as close to when work is due to start as possible and have them stored beside the concession building.

Jennie has worked out what materials are needed and has had Tidyline check it. Jennie will order the materials and arrange delivery. Jennie will see if we can get an account with Sleggs so we get a discount. Volunteers will be needed to help out when the round pen is being rebuilt.

Gate post on in gate of small ring:

Tidyline will likely be able to replace the gate post on the small ring that is broken.

Fallen Tree:

A tree fell in the ring during the Appy Show. No sprinklers or fencing was damaged. Ted sent an email to Stuart Walsh about it. Stuart will have the trees checked to identify any other trees that are at risk of falling. Andy will work with Stuart to identify trees that should be removed. Andy will tag trees of concern.

Tie Stalls:

There is a lot of weed whacking that could be done around the tie stalls. Kristen pointed out some time ago that the foot has deteriorated in some of them.

Gutter Guards:

Andy checked out gutter guards and doesn't think the foam ones are a good idea. An alternative would be screens that clip on. The alternatives were discussed and it was decided that both the foam ones and the screens are not good ideas and that the gutters just need to be cleaned several times a year, late spring early fall and late fall. It was decided that we should hire someone to do this. Val Hughs' husband Al might be available. Dianne will contact Val to find out.

Fencing:

There are still rotten fence rails that need replacing

The whole fencing needs to be power washed to strip off the old paint etc and painted.

Andy has a gas power washer. Ted has two hundred feet of hose. There is an adaptor to allow the hose to be connected to the fire suppression water outlets.

The fences need to be power washed a few weeks ahead of painting them. We should aim to paint the fences in May

We need to recruit volunteers to do the power washing and the painting. It was suggested that we arrange 2 hour shifts. It is probably more than a one day job.

We may need to rent additional power washers.

We would rent sprayers to do the painting with.

Sprinkler System and Water bill:

The base rate for water has increased by 170% from \$85 to \$230. The last water bill was over \$1000.

Grahams recommended replacement of our timing system which might reduce water use and the bill.

Laura suggested a cage over the timer to prevent anyone fiddling with it. Laura will discuss the cost of a new timer system with Grahams.

EVENTS

None discussed

RENTALS

This year we had 8 ring bookings. Still to take place this month is:

Sept. 14th Vancouver Island Appaloosa Horse Club - Horse Show

Sept. 27th South Vanc. Isl. Chapter, Back Country Horsemen of BC –
Poker Ride

That will conclude our bookings for 2025. Final report on revenue received will be coming in early **October.**

Problems this year:

- Sprinkler system was running for too long of a period causing pooling of water. Hopefully situation finally resolved.
- Chain and hooks on the posts of the gates to the small and big ring. Resolved.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

A film company inquired about using the EBLES facility but it involved digging a pit in the ring and so was turned down.