

EBLES Executive Meeting:**Date: June 12, 2025**

Meeting was held virtually using teams conference call

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: minutes approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: revenues and expenses from May 8, 2025 as follows

Balance Forward: \$11746.24

Revenues:	Donations	\$103.28
	WE Clinic	\$1000.00
	Poker Ride	\$316.00
	C Rake Sale	\$1500.00
	Memberships	\$155.00

income total: \$3074.28

Expenses:

Rob Clement Tractor repair	\$184.80
Graeme irrigation	\$419.74
Dianne McGuire Reemburse for	
poker ride /permit /envelopes	\$194.14
Dianne Mcguire for lumber	\$32.67
bank fees	\$4.50

Total expenses: \$835.85

Closing balance: \$13,984.67

Expected revenues:	ring rentals	\$350.00
	HCBC grant	\$2500.00

Total expected revenues \$2850.00

Expected expenses:	BC Hydro	\$35.00
	Poker ride food for volunteers	\$150.00
	CRD	\$81.00
	for Lumber purchased by Andy	\$72.21
	projected wood for round pen	\$6100.00
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	Total projected expenses:	\$6428.31

Projected balance: \$10396.46

MEMBERSHIP:

-current membership:70 members consisting of 46 Individual, 8 family,7 lifetime, 3 coach, 4 club, and 2 barn

\$730.00 total donations to date this year.

FACILITIES:

Sold the C rake received \$1500- (there is a commission to pay)

Work Party: There were only 3 volunteers. Worked on fencing, replaced missing boards, identified next priority planks that need replacing. Weed whipping was done and weeds pulled along perimeter of the large ring. Claire tidied the concession area.

There is a vine weed growing on far side off large sand ring-possible morning glory. Should contact CRD and get help from the BEES for eradication.

The gate post on the warm up ring needs to be replaced (the small gate). We need to obtain a quote from Tidy Line so that it can be repaired at the same time as the round pen construction.

Need to have hearing protection available for volunteers. Will need to purchase ear protection AND, need to locate protective eye wear and put it all together in one place. Motion approved to spend around \$150.00 for protective gear (hearing protection/face shield)

Manure signs have not been put up yet.

Signs for dog walkers to keep dogs on leash during events- Multiple signs were provided by CRD. We have 2 sandwich boards to mount them on, need to acquire a third one ideally.

There is an empty locker that can be used to store the signs.

ROUNDPEN PROJECT:

We will need approval from Saanich regarding possible fire hazard when the existing metal fencing has to be cut apart during removal. Cutting the metal may cause sparks and therefore a fire hazard. Need to have hoses available.

Horse council could not give the full \$5000.00 grant, we only received \$2500.00. Tidy Line will give EBLES a significant discount if Tidy Line can advertise. CRD will not allow direct advertising at the site. BUT we CAN put anything we want on our social media and website. We are also allowed to put up a sign thanking the donor.

CRD never paid for turtle fencing boards on large ring. Can approach Rachel at CRD to see if will pay for bottom boards on round pen and follow up on reimbursement for the large ring turtle fencing.

EVENTS:

Group photo shoot May 24th:

- Laura has not received all photos yet, but so far not sure that they are suitable for our needs.
- Photo shoot retake booked for July 20th at 11 am

Poker Ride June 14th:

- Ted will put up markers June 13, map is on google drive. Jenny has copies of maps
- Laura needs helpers to set up at 6:30 am. Should have enough, Michelle and Dianne can assist
- Hot dog guys will be there at 8:30 am
- Prizes need to be labeled with Donor information ahead of time so that set up is easy
- need to print out maps
- computer and hand sorter program. Dianne to download java script program.
- need a volunteer for the 50:50 draw. Claire will look into a person for this.
- Diane will bring extra table
- Jenny proposed approaching horse suppliers for prizes next year early in the year. Requires 5-6 month lead up. Would need to have confirmed date for the poker ride well in advance

FUND RAISING:

Rentals: working equitation clinic- will advertise it at the poker ride

- need volunteers, advertise on Facebook for people to help set up- pick up the bridge
- Arab club canceled. Cancellation fee is \$100.00.

TRAILS:

- Report on the condition of the trails: only one muddy area coming off fields going into trees in the dip. Poker ride trail goes through that spot

OTHER /NEW BUSINESS

Annual meeting with CRD – discussing round pen project, and form for permit.

- CRD will take care of the fallen trees on the trail.

- Signs not ready yet.

- Indemnification forms will be passed on to their legal department for review.

- The project form was easy to fill out. Permit form was straight forward as well.

- It was a good meeting overall

NEXT MEETING: Thursday July July 10th

Minutes Submitted by Michelle Levesque