

EBLES Executive Meeting:**Date: May 8^h, 2025**

Meeting was held virtually using teams conference call

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: minutes approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Revenues and expenses from April 13th, 2025

Balance Forward: \$11724.56

Revenues: Ring rentals \$400.00

Memberships \$60.00

Total revenue \$460.00

Expenses: BC hydro \$24.08

Saanich Water \$228.47

Dianne M. reimbursement for diesel,
supplies, and Greenhawk gift certificate \$157.09

Jennie H. reimbursement for work party snacks \$25.68

Bank fees \$3.00

Total expenses: \$438.32

Closing Balance: \$11,746.24

Expected revenues: Ring rentals \$250.00

Expected expenses: CRD \$81.00

Poker ride permit \$150.00

Projected Balance: \$11,765.24

MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership: 63 members consisting of 40 Individual, 8 family, 7 lifetime, 2 coach, 4 club, and 2 barn

FACILITIES:

- Replacement of the second retaining board on small ring. All areas that were leaking sand repaired
- Rotten Board near announcer's booth has been removed. The missing board needs to be replaced. Andy will assess and prioritize the most urgently needed rotten board replacements to be done at May work party.
- Will need to buy new fence boards. Moton passed to buy new boards. Intent to replace boards at May Work Party
- Sprinkler system was assessed and there is nothing wrong with system. The Sprinklers are set to run for 3 minutes each. The "overshooting" of water from the sprinklers is normal. In the large ring, if the 3-minute sprinkler cycle continues to result in excessive water, Laura will reset the timer. The broken sprinkler head in the small ring near announcer's booth was damaged because it was too close to board. It has been replaced but will need to be stabilized so that it does not contact the board as it rotates.
- Andy offered to learn sprinkler system. Currently Laura is only person authorized to change settings in order to avoid inappropriate programming
- Outstanding work to be done: measuring for and installing gutter guards
- Telling people to pick up manure-Stewart (CRD) is preparing signs which have not been received yet
- Sign recognizing donors: Michelle is working on.
- Rebuilding round pen: received a quote from Tidy Line Fencing-if he can put up a small unobtrusive sign, he will do post pounding for free if we do not get the grant. Cost of labour is \$3000.00. Dianne has called twice to find out outcome of grant application- no word yet

EVENTS:

Group photo shoot May 24th, 11 am

Poker Ride Saturday June 14

- advertising: have put up posters, still need to put some up, need to post on social media
- collecting prizes: reminder to check list of prospective donors for contacting to solicit prizes
- stuffing envelopes with cards Tuesday May 13th at 7 pm, meet at the riding ring
- Diane will verify we have enough envelopes (500) before May 13th
- Volunteers- need 4-5 people for registration. Already have 2 people for check points.
 - need someone to put out markers-Diane will put them out.
 - need a volunteer to take markers down.
 - need to send email out to membership for volunteers to help with Poker Ride
 - Laura said she would arrange volunteers for trail class.
 - need names (list) of volunteers.

(poker ride continued)

-Hotdog lunch fee=11.00

- Cost for EBLES members will be \$30 for first hand (includes lunch), and \$20.00 for each additional hand. Trail class is \$25.00. Poster has been updated.

-Need a parking lot and ground supervisor to ensure no lunging in large ring etc.

-50:50 draw tickets again

-need to ask Lara to be Computer/hand sorter operator- Better to do on a computer so that hands can be entered as they come in, more efficient. Jenny will bring her laptop

JANE STONE working Equitation Clinic (2- day clinic) Saturday July12th and 13th

-Advertising: Lara will be posting on website in next few days, Jenny will use social media to generate more exposure

-Registration is set up, but need to decide on deadline for registration

FUND RAISING:

Rentals: no new prospects since last month

Round pen project application-no news yet

TRAILS:

-Report on the condition of the trails: none available

OTHER /NEW BUSINESS

Annual meeting with CRD tomorrow morning at 9 am- Dianne, Claire and Jenny will attend

- Topics of importance: round pen discussion and letter of support, indemnification insurance wavers, picnic tables at horse beach, update on down trees on trails, manure signs, and enquire about advert sign for round pen project (Tidy Line Fencing and Insurance wording differences between CRD/EBLES

NEXT MEETING: Thursday June 12th

Minutes Submitted by Michelle Levesque