

EBLES EXECUTIVE MEETING: February 18, 2026

Meeting was held virtually using Teams

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

APPROVAL OF January 2026 MEETING MINUTES: Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance Forward: \$12,789.96

Revenues:	Memberships	\$565.00
	Donations	\$100.00
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	Total revenue	\$665.00

Expenses:

Rob Clement tractor maint/battery	\$1182.32
Alan Kendrick gutter cleaning	\$100.00
Dianne McGuire Diesel fuel	\$50.00
Bank Fees	\$4.50
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Total expenses	\$1336.84

Closing balance: \$12,118.12

Projected Budget for 2026:

Revenues:	Memberships	\$3000.00
	Ring rentals	\$1800.00
	Poker ride-	
	(less memberships)	\$2000.00
	Donations	\$500.00
	HCBC grant	\$1000.00
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	Total projected revenue	\$8300.00

Projected expenses:

Utilities	\$2300.00
HCBC	\$104.00
CRD licencing fees	\$300.00
Insurance	\$900.00
Equipment maintenance	\$2500.00
Bank fees	\$50.00
Misc	\$500.00
Signage	\$1000.00
Work party exp	\$500.00
Fence paining project	\$2500.00
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2026 projected expenses	\$10,654.00

Jennie will continue to adjust projections as the year progresses.

Tie stall refurbishment costs not estimated yet.

Jennie will place budget spread sheet on google docs for easy tracking

MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership: 40 members consisting of 23 Individual, 5 lifetime, 1 barn, 8 family, 2 coach, and 1 club

Event bright is still not reconnected yet for membership renewals.

Membership drive: We need to advertise. Discussed social media options, as well as placing posters at Greenhawk, Buckerfields, Victoria Saddlery, and WillowWind. Dianne will prepare posters.

We will have a prize draw April 30th. Prize will consist of a \$50.00 gift certificate to Greenhawk (unanimous motion passed) as well as other donated prizes.

FACILITIES:

Sprinkler system- Ted or Andy will start up the sprinkler system when the risk of frost passed- can do at the end of March.

Signs:

- We still need to place the EBLES QR code link on the sign at the riding ring.
- Round pen sign also need to be completed
- Stewart says Saanich has their own sign shop, and signs that have to do with the facility they can make for us free of charge. We need to place a "ride at your own risk" for round pen. Andy will forward a list of signs we request to Stewart.

Gutter cleaning: has been done

Andy posted Elk/Beaver Lake trail photos on Horse Council website

Power washing of the fence:

- Earliest date for power washing would late march or April. Likely will take more than 1 day. Andy knows a few people with gas powered pressure washers that could help.
- we need multiple faucet/or hose bib access for the power washing. There is a hose reel on a cart in back corner of concession building. There is 1 regular faucet near big ring. There is also a fitting that will fit fire hose covers that are in the ground. We could possibly run more than one pressure washer off of fire hose access points as they have higher water pressure.
- Recruiting volunteers for fencing project will be done by emailing membership, direct calling people, and placing a post on Facebook requesting volunteers.

Paint for fencing project: We need to look into paint options. Ideally an all-in-one paint/primer.

Tie stall refurbishment: A permit application has been submitted. We cannot use pea gravel or sand for footing due to turtles. Road base will be best at a 3-inch depth. Need a quote for the base including use of a slinger. We can enquire with Donn Mann, or Michels, and hopefully they will donate time/use of machines.

EVENTS:

Poker ride will be Sunday May 31st. A permit request has been submitted but not confirmed yet.

-Jennie will contact equine suppliers for prize donations once permit accepted

- Dianne will update poster for Poker Ride.
- Need to contact hotdog guys as soon as possible and confirm their pricing for lunch.
- Last year lunch was \$11. First hand plus lunch \$30.00, additional hands were \$20.00
- A Save the Date notice for poker ride will be posted on Facebook

Posting a calendar of events (in calendar form) on our website page was discussed in more detail.

Ring rentals:	May 3	Appy Club
	May 31	Poker ride
	June 28	Appy Club show
	July 11-12	Working equitation tentative
	Sept 20	Appy Club
	Sept 26	Back Country Horsemen poker ride

FUND RAISING:

Possible used tack sale

TRAILS:

Report on the condition of the trails: 10 k pretty dry, wooded trails are sloppy, nothing unexpected for season. Downed trees are being removed promptly.

OTHER /NEW BUSINESS

2026 CRD meeting minutes discussed. The actual meeting minutes copied and pasted as follows:

Attendees:

CRD: Nicole Cann, Stuart Walsh, Rachael Ince

EBLES: Dianne McGuire, Ted Simmons, Jennie Hutchison, Clair Vessey, Andy Lafontaine

EBLES Updates Plans for 2026

- Fencing repainted for main ring – Action: EBLES to complete project proposal form

- Tie stalls resurfacing – EBLES have completed initial project proposal form – to update when surface type and other details are confirmed. May need to consider access permit for delivery of materials. To discuss once details are clarified.
- Annual Poker ride – permit has been submitted to Jeanette
- Backcountry Horseman of BC poker ride – Permit application to be submitted by BHBC

3 x Appy Club events – no need for permit as per current process. Non-permitted events – update Stuart to avoid issues with parking etc. Action: RI to review license agreement to confirm permitting requirements.

CRD Update:

Wildlife Hazard Tree Assessment – Equestrian centre was completed - currently not any concerns – but keep an eye on things following weather events.

Culvert replacement between the two beaver bonds once the water levels drop in the Spring.

Saanich Fire Department – may need to do an assessment of the Equestrian building – Stuart can update with date if anyone of EBLES would like to attend.

General trail upgrades around the lake will be carried out during the year.

Trails in the Haliburton area – some water management concerns – water pooling – potentially a blocked culvert. Action: CRD to take assess and consider options.

Other discussion items:

- External events that may impact EBLES – Jeanette to pass that onto EBLES. – Action: RI to discuss with Jeanette -What options exist?

Next Meeting: March 12

Minutes prepared by Michelle Levesque