

EBLES EXECUTIVE MEETING: January 8, 2026

Meeting was held virtually using Teams

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

APPROVAL OF November 2025 MEETING MINUTES: Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance Forward: \$12,304.90

Revenues:	Memberships	\$425.00
	Project Recovery	\$2500.00
	Donations	\$200.08
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	Total revenue	\$3125.08

Expenses:	Insurance	\$1150.00
	HCBC 2025/26	\$103.95
	Saanich Water	\$694.62
	CRD fees	\$67.73
	Graeme irrigation	\$155.93
	Indivision	\$127.05
	Alan Kendric Gutters	\$100.00
	Maintenance	\$23.67
	Volunteer expenses	\$100.59
	Upgrade project	\$107.48
	Bank fees	\$9.00
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	Total expenses:	\$2640.02

Closing balance: \$12,789.96

Deferred discussion of yearly budget to next month. Jennie will mock up a budget for next meeting

MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership :19 members consisting of 13 Individual,5 lifetime, and 1 coach

There has been \$200.00 of donations so far this year.

Eventbrite (platform for online membership renewal/application) is not working. They would not give us the money they have collected because they need some sort of verification. Eventbrite has been taken offline until this is sorted out. Jennie will deal with the issue ASAP and she will need Lara's assistance.

Memberships can be obtained through our website, but downloading the PDF form, printing it, then filling it out and submitting via email is cumbersome

Our goal is to have a PDF membership form on our website that can be filled in ONLINE without printing it out. This is a work in progress. Jennie is working on it

Andy discussed a social media plan for membership drive. In order for it to succeed, we need to resolve the Eventbrite issues and/or have the online PDF form on our website improved. Andy has done Facebook posts and multiple posts on other equine sites that are generating more hits on the EBLES Facebook page. Andy proposes a Facebook post highlighting the use of the rings for coaching and lessons (as well as the rules for using ring). He also will do a Facebook post pertaining to hosting clinics at EBLES.

Once the upgrades to our membership process are completed, Andy will document himself joining the EBLES membership online and post the recording to demonstrate the process.

Membership drive will be initiated once the online processes are in place.

We will have a prize draw for members that join EBLES before April 2026.

FACILITIES:

Harrow repair and Tractor repair: the harrow was bent. Rob just went out and fixed it and he also changed the battery and a bad wire.

Signage: the proposed QR code is not up yet. Andy volunteered to complete that project. QR code will provide link to EBLES website. We can get a sticker made to adhere to the existing EBLES sign.

Tidy Line Fencing and Vancouver Island Equipment Association will also have signs with QR code on bulletin board

A Sign to thank to CRD, Tidy Line Fencing and HCBC will be posted on the Round pen

Donor sign for the Judges booth is no longer readable- Ted to find out who the donor was so we can remake the sign.

Sign that Garden City donated for shelter was damaged and is no longer there.

Gutter cleaning- may need to be done again- Andy will go take a look at the gutters.
Allan to be contacted if it needs to be done

Leaves in small ring have not been dealt with due to continuous rain. Will need to be raked.

With the recent heavy rains, water is really pooling in the concession. Andy will look into a concrete leveling compound

EVENTS:

Need to book Poker Ride Date- Diane will do

Andy proposed to put a up an online booking calendar for the rings for events similar to that of the Metchosin club. We list events, but not in the form of a calendar

FUND RAISING:

Prospects for ring rentals- Arab club unlikely to have a show

-Appy Club, Backcountry likely to be back.

-Another tack sale possible for fund raiser

-Poker ride

Policy for using ring for lessons: coaches must be members and have insurance, students are not obligated, but should be encouraged to join EBLES. Encourage instructors and students to volunteer for work parties for maintain the rings.

TRAILS:

Report on the condition of the trails: are the trails not bad considering rain in last few months. There was a cougar sighting last week, but sign no longer present

OTHER /NEW BUSINESS

Dianne is submitting the annual report to the CRD

Mounting blocks not built yet. Claire will pick up some supplies. We need a budget as we may be able to get a donation for this. Wood purchased from slegg can be pre-cut there. Michelle or Dianne can transport wood/mounting blocks

Next Meeting: February 12th

Minutes prepared by Michelle Levesque

