

November 1, 2011
El Dorado Stable Committee Meeting Minutes

The ECIA Stable Committee held it's regular monthly meeting on November 1, 2011 in the living room. Chair Deena Joseph called the meeting to order at 7pm. A quorum was present with Jan Burham, Gretel Underwood, Deena Joseph, and Elsa Kloess. Also in attendance were Alice Griffin, Pat Donohue, Bill Osher, and Bill Donohue.

Jan Burham made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Unanimously approved.

Bill Osher reported there was no new business as ECIA liaison.

Bill Donohue reported no new business for the General Manager's report.

Sub-Committee reports

- Jan reported that no items were on the stable calendar for November.
- Gretel reported that for General Maintenance the lights at Barn #5 had been corrected. Also, the manure pile next to the Main Gate kept creeping towards Bessone's barn and to please dump to the right.
- Jan reported on the Budget. So far this year's budget line item allocations were as follows.
 - o items covered by Barn owner dues:
 - ♣ Water \$5,970.05
 - ♣ Manure removal \$2,688.00
 - ♣ Fly program \$1,297.30
 - The following additional line items are covered by General Funds from the ECIA dues;
 - ♣ Port-A-Potty \$752.60
 - ♣ Road Maintenance \$1,607.66
 - ♣ Electricity \$479.59

Discussion Items:

- Pat will be heading a sub-committee regarding the upper arena footing. She will be working with the General Manager about figures and timelines.
- Gretel will put in writing and post guidelines regarding the use of the lower arena. There will be a ten-minute limit for turnout if someone is waiting. There will be no time limit for riding, lessons, lunging, or in-hand work. Sharing is encouraged and the use of proper etiquette is to be supported by the ECIA.
- Other budgeting: There will be no capital projects this year unless it is a safety issue. All funds are very tight and money needed will have to come out of the maintenance funds.
- Trail Course Presentation: some underutilized space near Lisa Bessone's barn is to be improved with a mailbox, cavaletti in a circle, a dirt-filled tire, etc. The project is still undergoing consideration. Volunteers are needed.
- Training Course Presentation: Another under utilized area is going to be improved near Barn #4. A bank with different heights may be created and incorporated with jumps from the arroyo. A fence may have to get moved, or replaced with panels. Permanent structures and movable jumps are being considered.
- The possible creation of a trailhead linking to the old horse trail: volunteers are needed to contact the conservation committee to work on a possible connection of trailhead #1 to more suitable trails into the El Dorado Preserve.

Jan made a motion to approve the September Minutes that were then approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm by Chair Deena Joseph.