

Date: April 30, 2013
El Dorado Stable Committee Meeting Minutes

The ECIA Stable Committee held its regular monthly meeting on April 30th, 2013 in the Conference Room. Gretel Underwood called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A quorum was present with Gretel Underwood, Elsa Kloess, and Alice Griffin. Karen Cameron had an excused absence. Also in attendance were Bill Donohue, Pat Donohue, Jeanne Calzada, Joe Loewy, Carol Loewy, Julie Lubke, Frances Aull, Dina Seigel, Laurie Shea, Mike Linder, Eric Chambers, and Debra Norman from the red barn.

Alice made a motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved. Elsa made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 30th meeting. Unanimously approved.

Bill Donohue gave his General Manager's report. He stated that fire season is here. Work on the fire breaks by the maintenance crew will continue. He asked that everyone be proactive to keep the stable amenity neater and cleaner. For this purpose a trailer will be made available for barn owners to deposit any trash and cut branches. Bill also stated that the results of the stable survey had been tallied and that he would send them out to the stable community.

Sub-Committee reports

- • Arenas
 - o Pat let us know that the lower arena got worked was serviced on April 30th. The Upper Arena is being maintained on a regular basis meaning 2-3 times per week. However it might be needing "a little tweak" to maintain the investment.

- • General Maintenance
 - o Gretel reported for the fly predator program that the first distribution of parasitoids had gone well thanks to Jennie, Tommie, Gin Ellen, and Tara. Then Gretel gave an overview of maintenance projects of the previous four months.
 - ♣ A new gate code had been set
 - ♣ A community hydrant had been installed near the water main to act as a backup emergency hydrant.
 - ♣ Dead trees had been cut on the West side nearest the arroyo.
 - ♣ The footing in the round pens had been leveled and worked on
 - ♣ Low hanging branches on the third road had been cut to improve visibility and access for motorists.
 - ♣ Old straw bales had been removed from near US 285

- ♣ The trail course had been cleared of training tools so that the maintenance crew was able to remove old weeds and pallets

- **New Business**

- • Alice made a motion to accept the current draft of the new rules and regulations and present it to the General Manager for review. The motion was unanimously approved.
- • Alice made a motion to nominate Ed Moreno as a new committee member. The motion was unanimously approved by the committee. Jean Calzada the acting ECIA Board liaison was unsure as to whether he could be nominated after attending only three working meetings.

Discussion Items / Open Forum

- • A date was set for the stable inspections. It was agreed to start at Barn #1 on Thursday May 16th at 9am. It was clarified that the person's present have to be the Committee Chair, a member of the Committee, the General Manager, and the ECIA Board liaison. A barn owner/sharer may be present during the inspection of their own barn.
- • It was discussed if fire extinguishers should be made mandatory at every barn. A recommendation for fire extinguishers and a copy of the fire prevention document are to be included in the next draft of the new stable owner welcoming letter.
- • It was also discussed that liability forms for riding guests will be made available at the bulletin board. Trainers working at the stables will need their own insurance. The ECIA office will have to be provided with current copies.
- Dina volunteered to help the committee tally the comments on the rules revisions.
- Frances volunteered to help the committee rewrite the charter.
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- Gretel Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm