

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11th, 2020 BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ELDORADO STABLE COMMITTEE

1. Time and place. The June 2020 business meeting of the Eldorado Stable Committee (“the ESC”) was held on June 11, 2020, via Zoom, and was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by the Chair of the ESC. Copies of the June Agenda and the May meeting Minutes were made available. This Zoom meeting was recorded.
2. Quorum, Attendees, Agenda. A quorum of ESC members was present, specifically Amelia Adair, Gretel Underwood, Deena Joseph, and Karla Lauritsen. Tara Debevec was temporarily present, but was unable to continue to participate in the meeting and was excused. In addition to ESC Members, ECIA-ESC Liaison Carol Sanguinetti, ECIA Staff Mike Rogers and Sarah Skagen, and the following barn owners were present: Carol Loewy, Alice Griffin, Lisa Bessone, Charli Stevens, and Kelly Smith, with her daughters Kate and Brook. Amelia Adair presided as chair of the meeting. The Agenda was approved as presented. The ECIA Board recently approved Tara Debevec as an ESC member; the ESC voted today to approve Tara as our Secretary. For tonight Karla Lauritsen volunteered as acting Secretary.
3. Minutes. The Minutes of the May 2020 ESC Business Meeting were previously approved by e-mail.
4. Stable Story. Amelia Adair recognized and thanked community Stable member Herb Siegel for his help, for working alongside the ECIA Maintenance Crew and Amelia, in taking down the old panels around the perimeter of the upper arena, then installing new panels.
5. Open Forum. Carol Lowey asked whether the new ranch sign would be defaced by bird poop; Amelia advised that the design being considered at this point would be mounted under the cross-member. Alice Griffin asked why the Stables’ budget was charged for repair bills from the contractor before the project was completed, when the Stables has such a limited general operations budget. Discussion ensued regarding these issues, which were previously raised with the Board and management company in a town hall meeting.
6. Chair’s Report. The Chair Report was distributed via email to Attendees immediately after the meeting.
7. ECIA Report.

Project Status: Mike Rogers, ECIA Operations Manager, reported on the following topics: Road base has been brought to the Stables and will be installed on roads, in areas of need, within the next two weeks; a private utility locator, Gean Velasquez, will work on finding the electrical line on the Tree Road next week, afterwards the ECIA’s electrician will replace the box; the arroyo arena fence has been approved and can be ordered -- Deena Joseph will coordinate with Mike Rogers on final fence specs; the dumpster screen for the front entrance area will be installed by mid-summer; Mike Ault and Amelia Adair are working with a sign

fabricator in Canoncito, NM, to create the final design for our ranch gate sign “Eldorado Stables”; ECIA Executive Assistant Rachel Turnbough has ordered the information cabinet; the doggie “doo” plastic bag dispenser at the Stables has been relocated next to the main entrance pedestrian gate, plus a trash receptacle was added nearby.

Amelia Adair thanked Mike Rogers and the ECIA Maintenance Crew for their outstanding work to replace the perimeter panels for the upper arena and upper round pen. Deena Joseph generously thanked them for their work on all Stable projects, for working with her to prioritize jobs, then doing them well. Mike Rogers added that ECIA has hired another maintenance person, with diverse skills, to help everywhere.

R&R Status, Stable Budget Proposal: Amelia Adair, as Chair of the ESC (and member of the ECIA Finance Committee), introduced the proposed General Operating Budget for 2021 for the Stables.

For the Replacement Reserve Budget we need to update the Stable needs: Amelia will work with Deena Joseph to inventory our equipment replacement needs and evaluate our overall R&R entries.

Stable Liaison Report. Carol Sanguinetti, ECIA Board Secretary, urged all Eldorado Residents to sign up for Board eblasts, to learn what is happening. Other Amenities are now re-opening; the 4th of July parade is on, though without the post-parade gathering at the Community Center; Stable equestrians are welcome!

8. Old Business. The following items were discussed:

Trail Course Construction: Gretel Underwood presented its progress. The old pipe panels from the upper arena will be re-used, to shield the t-post and wire fence line along Avenida Eldorado. The following trail elements have been constructed: a multi-level box, an uneven logs obstacle, a series of trot poles, a mail box, and a double “L.” Deena Joseph is constructing a new, sturdier bridge. Jennie Dunn is creating a set of flags, designed to present various levels of challenge. Alice Griffin and Herb Siegel are building the pool noodle obstacle. This past week, they added a boundary along the Main Road, made of several jump standards, to prevent parking in the area and to deter theft of materials. The line of jump standards will eventually be replaced with an attractive, more secure fence and gate.

Amenity Maintenance Status and Scheduling: Deena Joseph has prioritized tasks and is working with Mike Rogers and the Maintenance Crew to integrate Stable maintenance with work at other amenities. This is working well. Mike Rogers mentioned that with increased maintenance staff, he can schedule some work on days other than the usual Wednesday at the Stables. Deena explained that the crew has added an arroyo trail, to enable the crew to move equipment to the arroyo field without going onto Avenida Eldorado. Future expansion of trails in the arroyo may take place as time permits.

Stable Inspection Report: See Chair Report.

5 Year Plan, Next Steps: See Chair Report.

9. New Business. The following items were discussed

Amenity Upgrade Projects, plans for 2020 and proposals for 2021: Amelia said some funds were available for the remainder of 2020. We welcome proposals for 2021. Please send suggested plans and proposed budget to the ESC for projects of interest.

Checklist for Mentors of New Barn Owners and Sharers: Karla Lauritsen has drafted a checklist for mentors welcoming new members of the Stables. We discussed suggestions to supplement the new member packages--provided by the ECIA Office and the ESC: to develop a history of the Stables; to provide a business card with ESC contact information and website addresses; to present a welcome card to the new members, along with a bag of tasty horse treats. Carol Sanguinetti mentioned that she, with an ECIA ad hoc group, is developing the welcome process for new property owners in Eldorado.

Safe Snake Handling Training and Equipment: Alice Griffin, a member of Eldorado Snake Rescue and trained in snake handling, suggested training by the Eldorado Snake Rescue Volunteers for interested members of the Stables, and storing snake handling equipment at the Stables, to be used by these trained handlers. This training could be combined with a snake identification and education presentation, perhaps at a Stable welcome party for new members of the Stable Community.

July 4th Parade, Event Planning: UPDATE: At the June 15 Board meeting the Board decided to cancel the parade and event for this year. Potentially both will be rescheduled for Labor Day.

10. Action Item Summary: The following action items were assigned during the meeting:

Action Item	Responsible Person	Deadline
Replacement Reserve Evaluation	Deena & Amelia	Next meeting
2021 Budget Proposals	ESC to provide to Amelia	Next meeting
5 Year Plan, next steps	Amelia	Next meeting
Checklist for Mentors & Gifts	Karla	Next meeting
Schedule Snake Handling Presentation	Alice	Next meeting

11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

By: Karla Lauritsen 6-11-20
Karla Lauritsen, Acting Secretary Date