

Date: June 26, 2012
El Dorado Stable Committee Meeting Minutes

The ECIA Stable Committee held it's regular monthly meeting on June 26th, 2012 in the Annex building. Chair Deena Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. A quorum was present with Deena Joseph, Gretel Underwood, Lisa Bessone, and Elsa Kloess. Also in attendance were ECIA General Manager Bill Donohue, our new ECIA board liaison Jan Deligans, Alice Griffin and Pat Donohue.

Lisa Bessone made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimously approved.

Lisa made a motion to approve the March 27th, 2012 meeting minutes. Unanimously approved.

Deena Joseph officially welcomed Jan Deligans who is the new ECIA Board liaison to the Stable Committee. Jan stated that the ECIA Board elections have taken place. Two places on the Board are still open and two appointments are going to be made.

Bill Donohue reported that Stable fees are due and also that some Barn owners proof of insurance is outstanding. An email will be sent out to the Community as a reminder. Work has been done to make trail #101 more rideable. 1.8 miles of easily walkable trail has been flagged. Volunteers are needed for upcoming workdays, the dates will be announced.

Sub-Committee reports

- Gretel reported on general maintenance:
 - o Most weeds have been cut, more cutting is needed near the front gate and at the side gate.
 - o Barn inspections are scheduled for the end of the week June 25th.
- Budget and Administrative
 - o Concerning budgeting, it was reported that the West road (along barns #1 through #4) was due to be improved this year.
 - o A volunteer is still needed to collect the budgetary information from the ECIA office and present it to the Stable Committee.

Open Forum:

- No activity was reported.

Discussion Items:

- Gretel Underwood made a motion to add Alice Griffin to the ECIA Stable Committee. Unanimously approved.
- Election of officers proved difficult since not enough people are currently available for the Stable Committee. A membership drive was encouraged to fulfill the quorum requirement. Deena resigned from her position as Committee Chair. Elsa will continue to write minutes. Existing Stable Committee members will share duties as needed.
- It was discussed that communication and follow-up between the ECIA Board, the General Manager, and the Stable Committee is necessary and very important.

- Regarding the upper arena footing plan, since the footing needs to be replaced more frequently than the base Bill Donohue recommended that Pat Donohue make a request to the Board to separate the replacement of the base and the footing on the budget plan. Deena made a motion that Pat assume leadership of the Arena Subcommittee which was unanimously approved.

- Discussion regarding other budgeting included the maintenance of the lower arena. It was recommended that manure be added to improve the footing. It was also recommended to ask for an increase in the maintenance budget to rent the heavy equipment and hire operators to work on it three times per year.

- Finally an email from the ECIA General Manager and the Stable Committee to the Stable Community was discussed. It included:

- o reminders regarding fire prevention and evacuation preparedness
- o the welcoming of new barn owners and people sharing barns.
- o ECIA Stable fees are due
- o Water system replacement installment payments are due
- o Proof of insurance is due
- o A stable work day is to be scheduled
- o A date for stable inspections is to be set
- o Information on the Fourth of July parade

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm by Deena Joseph.
