

Date: July 31, 2012
El Dorado Stable Committee Meeting Minutes

The ECIA Stable Committee held its regular monthly meeting on July 31, 2012 in the Foyer. Gretel Underwood called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. A quorum was present with Lisa Bessone, Gretel Underwood, and Elsa Kloess. Also in attendance was ECIA General Manager Bill Donohue, our new ECIA board liaison Jan Deligans, Alice Griffin, Pat Donohue, Karen Cameron, Julie Lubke, Susan Sylvester, and Jacqueline Garcia.

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

Lisa made a motion to approve the June 26th, 2012 meeting minutes. Unanimously approved. Jan Deligans gave the ECIA Liaison report. Six people are running for two open ECIA Board seats. The selection process takes place on Thursday the 9th of August. The budget calendar starts in late August and goes through the Fall. Bylaws are being updated, please see the eldoradocommunity.org website for details. The budget proposal has been approved for the Upper Arena footing. Pat Donohue was acknowledged for her significant contributions towards the Upper Arena footing project.

Bill Donohue gave the ECIA General Manager's report. He reminded the Committee to complete and submit the budget according to scheduling requirements.

Sub-Committee reports

- Arenas
 - o Upper Arena footing: Funds from the replacement budget will be used to replace the footing in the Upper Arena. Small rubber bits will be purchased from the best bidder. Pat Donohue has created a plan and will coordinate with Bill Donohue. Pat will stay in email contact with the Stable Committee and Community about scheduling.
 - o Lower Arena: Gretel and Sue Anne Armstrong will coordinate the upgrade of the footing with the application of manure. Sue Anne was acknowledged by the Committee for her work on the manure removal project.
 - o Personnel: Pat Donohue is heading-up the Arena Subcommittee. She will be working with Deena Joseph, Alice Griffin, and Sue Anne Armstrong.
 - o Lower Arena usage policy was discussed: a conversation ensued concerning utilization of all arena facilities, maximizing the use thereof and how our current arena use policy affects the stable community. A distinction was made between a policy (or guideline) such as the Arena Use Policy and a Stable Rule or Regulation. The possibility of establishing a time limit during certain "rush hour" periods was discussed.
 - o Lessons: Bill Donohue reminded everyone that professional trainers from outside the Community must have a one million dollar liability insurance policy. Guests who bring a horse to ride at the ECIA Stables need to sign a liability waiver. El Dorado residents who are not barn owners are entitled to ride their horses at the ECIA Stables.
- Budget and Administrative
 - o The 2012 maintenance and expenditures budget needs to be reviewed.

- o The Stable Committee may have to request an increase in the yearly maintenance budget.

Open Forum:

- Jacqueline Garcia reported on a bobcat sighting in her backyard in broad daylight. She stated that her house is very close to the Stables and that there are children and pets in the area.

Old Business:

- The subject of the election of officers was tabled.

New Business:

- Gretel made a motion to nominate Karen Cameron to become a member of the Committee. Unanimously approved.
- Gretel made a motion to re-nominate Alice Griffin to become a member of the Committee that was also was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items:

- A meeting between the Stable Committee and the ECIA Board has been requested and a possible date in September has been proposed.
- The dog policy for El Dorado states that dogs will be on a leash on the Amenities, on a leash or under voice control in the greenbelts and the El Dorado Preserve. The ECIA dog policy deliberately does not specify how dogs are to be controlled at the Stable Amenity.
- The distribution of the Minutes, until otherwise noted, will occur one month following the previous meeting. An electronic copy will be submitted to the ECIA office to be posted on the ECIA website at that time by the ECIA office staff. (Neither the Secretary nor Stable Committee members will be responsible for publishing the Minutes on the ECIA website).
- Rules and Regulations: No further activity to report at this time.
- In response to incidents he witnessed personally and otherwise observed Nicholas Frost appeared at the meeting to review previously submitted written materials intended for review exclusively and privately by the Committee. Mr. Frost's concerns ranged from safety issues to the infringement upon Stable owners rights by certain individuals. He urged the Committee to consider establishing a policy to prevent persons from engaging in unsafe motor vehicle operation and other practices at the Stables. He concluded by suggesting that it was important that Stable owners have equal protection under the law and free from harassment and intimidation by persons demonstrated to have elicited a response from law enforcement for antagonistic behavior towards fellow community members.

Gretel Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.