

Date: August 28, 2012
El Dorado Stable Committee Meeting Minutes

The ECIA Stable Committee held its regular monthly meeting on August 28, 2012 in the Conference Room. Gretel Underwood called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. A quorum was present with Gretel Underwood, Elsa Kloess, Alice Griffin, and Karen Cameron. Also in attendance were Pat Donohue, Carol Loewy, and Julie Lubke.

Lisa Bessone and ECIA General Manager Bill Donohue had excused absences.

Alice Griffin made motions to approve the agenda as amended and approve the minutes for the July 31st meeting. The motions were both unanimously approved.

Jan Deligans gave the ECIA Liaison report. Jan stated that ECIA Board has new members and all the Board positions have been filled. Proposed covenant changes have been written and are on the way to the printers. The ballots for the covenant changes should be in El Dorado homeowners mailboxes by September 8th which will then be voted on by homeowners in El Dorado. On Monday September 17th at 7pm the ECIA Board will have its working board meeting. The ECIA Stable Committee is invited to be present.

Sub-Committee reports

- Arenas
 - o Upper Arena: Pat informed the Committee that the work on the footing is scheduled to start on September 10th. She will keep everyone informed. The Lower Arena is scheduled to be worked on at the same time. Tim Trimborne offered the lowest bid and will be performing the work.
 - o Lower Arena: An unofficial log on Lower Arena use was presented by Gretel. This log was intended as an informal snapshot of how the Lower Arena is utilized on a day-to-day basis. The log tracked which days of the week and the times of day that the arena was used. It also tracked the types of activities that took place; riding, ground work on a line, and turnout.
 - o Personnel: Pat, Alice and SueAnne are all working on behalf of the arenas. They are encouraged to consult with Deena Joseph, former Head of the Arena Subcommittee.
- General Maintenance
 - o Gretel reported that more weeds have been cut.
 - o The latch on the gate of the Upper Arena has been realigned and is now fixed.
 - o The Lower Round Pen has had all the goatheads removed.

Open Forum

- No reports

Old Business:

- The subject of the election of officers was tabled.

New Business:

- No reports

Discussion Items:

- The snakebite incidents at the Stables were a onetime occurrence. A request will be made to the ECIA Board for an additional allocation of maintenance scheduling during the summer months.
- In order to welcome new stable owners and occupants a letter will be sent to them. Carol, being a new stable owner, volunteered to draft such a letter.
- Alice volunteered to draft a letter recruiting more volunteers for the Stable Amenity. Two more Committee members are needed. Volunteers are needed to do various jobs but do not necessarily have to join the Stable Committee.
- Dina Siegel will write a thank you note to the trail work group for improving equine access to the El Dorado Preserve.
- Karen Cameron will write a thank you note to the volunteers working on the fly predator program.
- Pat Donohue will keep everyone at the stables informed about the schedule of the Arena improvements.
- Dealing with speeding at the stables is still a difficult issue. Some improvement has been noted since the Stable Committee's recent letter went out. Jan Deligans offered to talk to the General Manager about enforcing the rules. No conclusion was reached about speeding by manure customers and visiting strangers.
- On September 17th the Stable Committee will have a meeting with the ECIA Board.
- The Committee discussed making a request to the Finance Committee to increase the annual maintenance budget.
- The most recent copies of the rules and regulations re-writing project will be distributed for revision first by the Committee members then the stable community and then to the ECIA Board for approval.
- Tina Carr was recognized for her tremendous effort to create safe access to the Preserve across Vista Grande and US 285. Unfortunately the arroyo between the Stables and the US 285 crossing is permanently fenced off and not accessible to the stable community.

Gretel Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.