

**Date: September 25, 2012**

**El Dorado Stable Committee Meeting Minutes**

The ECIA Stable Committee held its regular monthly meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in the Living 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 Bill Donohue, Jan Deligans, and Pat Donohue.

Alice Griffin made motions to approve the agenda and the minutes for the August 28th meeting. The motions were unanimously approved.

Jan Deligans gave the ECIA Liaison report. Jan stated that the tour of the Stable Amenity for the ECIA Board members and their families was a great success. The Stable Committee succeeded in raising the Board member's awareness of the Stable Amenity.

Bill Donohue did not have a specific General Manager's report. He did however bring up the issue of a need/request for a facilitated meeting. This and other options were discussed. Gretel reminded the group of the process to lodge concerns and complaints that was put into place in July of 2010. She suggested sending out another copy to the Stable Community.

**Sub-Committee reports**

- Arenas
  - o Pat gave an update on the Upper Arena. She stated that the depth of the footing is within parameters. She is hopeful that it will settle as expected. Regular dragging will be the key to good maintenance. She also stated that a major safety issue has been addressed by completing this project. Even and consistent footing has been put in place to make safe riding possible.
  - o Lower Arena: Alice reported that manure has been put into the Lower Arena. The surface is settling nicely and seems to be working out well.
- General Maintenance
  - o Gretel reported on Brian's proposal to consider a product called "Weed Guard"; a type of fabric to be put down in the walkway aisles between the horse corrals. It would be an effort to install but might be a long-term improvement to the Amenity.
  - o Cutting of tall weeds right next to barns might be an issue for some horses and water hydrants. Barn owners are asked to maintain those areas as well as to clear wheelbarrows, mounting blocks, hoses, and other things from the vicinity of their barns. They will receive prior notice to inform them that the weed-cutting crew is scheduled to come by.
  - o The request to the Board about more hours for maintenance during Summer will not be taken to the Finance Committee.
  - o Herb Siegel will replace the missing pole at the main gate.

**Open Forum**

- N/A

**Old Business:**

- N/A

**New Business:**

- N/A

**Discussion Items:**

- Carol Loewy has written a draft to welcome new stable owners. This will be edited and sent out. An idea was discussed to mail an information packet from the Stable Committee to the Stable Community that would contain an agreement form to be signed and returned to the ECIA Office, a review of the complaint and concerns process, and a request for input about new rules and guidelines.
- There is still an ongoing problem with speeding at the Stables. Bill Donohue will send out notification letters.
- Following up with the status of the barn inspections, Gretel and Brian will give those people that need to make repairs a thirty-day notice.
- The upcoming road maintenance will be discussed with Ken Blake.
- Since the stable tour for the ECIA Board members was such a success an open house at the stables will be planned for the weekend after Thanksgiving. Hot cider and a fire in a barrel were discussed.
- Dina Siegel wrote and sent a thank you note to the trail work group volunteers. The Stable Committee would like to recognize and thank the following members of the stable community who helped in building this trail.
  - o Alice Griffin
  - o Jenny Dunn
  - o Doug and Loretta Armstrong
  - o Sue Anne Armstrong
- The rule and guideline re-writing project is scheduled for presentation to the ECIA Board this next Spring.
- The Stable Committee meeting in December will be canceled.

Gretel Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.