

Minutes of the May 2022 Business Meeting Eldorado Stable Committee

Time and Place: The May 2022 Business Meeting of the Eldorado Stable Committee (ESC) was held on Monday, May 16 via Zoom and was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by the committee Chair, Amelia Adair. Copies of the *May agenda; April ESC Minutes; 2022 Budget Request and the Chair Report* were emailed to the entire stable community prior to the meeting and available to all participants. **Please reference the Chair Report for the full scope of Stable Initiatives in earlier stages of completion and not discussed at the meeting.** The meeting was recorded.

Quorum, Attendees: A quorum of ESC members was present, specifically Amelia Adair, Deena Joseph, Lisa Bessone, Liz Mathews and Kelly Smith. In addition to ESC Members, ECIA Board and Staff members present included recently-elected Board President and Stable Liaison Carol Sanguinetti; Mike Rogers, Operations Manager, and Assistant General Manager Jessica Collins. The following Stable community members were present: Carol Loewy, Karla Lauritsen, Jessica Stewart and Mike Nosow. Lisa Bessone served as interim Secretary.

Motions:

- The May Agenda was approved
- The April ESC Meeting *Minutes* were approved
- The ESC voted to send the committee-approved Emergency Evacuation draft to the stable community for input prior to finalizing and posting
- Approval of the 2022 ESC budget, after review by the stable community, carried unanimously
- A draft of the 2023 budget, needing no motion because still in early stages, will be distributed to the stable community for input
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:41

New Business:

- Emergency, temporary housing for evacuated equines Plan: Early redline draft to be circulated for stable community input on the general proposal; the ESC will research insurance, Coggins and other veterinary requirements to gauge whether the amenity can safely house equines in an emergency
- Hoary Cress invasive weed: Subcommittee formed to research organic eradication solutions, will meet with the ECIA Operations Manager to develop a plan of action.
- Test of DialMyCalls, the Stables' emergency broadcast text notification system, to be scheduled before end of month
- Guy McElvane, the stable's arena consultant, will conduct an on-site review before end-of-month to advise on footing in the three arenas and also meet with Mike Rogers and ECIA maintenance staff to optimize use of the recently-purchased TR3 state-of-the-art harrowing equipment

Other Business:

- Open Forum – No comments
- ECIA Report
 - Office still awaiting legal approval that interactive form on ECIA Website is permissible for signing liability releases and acknowledgement that new barnowners have read and agree to the rules
 - June 5 is slated for an event to welcome newcomers to the Eldorado community
 - The July 4 Parade to honor Eldorado's 50th anniversary celebration. Equestrians welcome to join our Stable parade entry
 - The drainage project will cross the Red Barn Road and may disrupt traffic, both horse and auto, for a day or so this month
 - James Mason is collaborating with Deena Joseph to draft the plan for the bank and step obstacle capital improvement project

- **Board Report**
 - Carol Sanguinetti announced that she has been elected Board President; she may no longer be able to serve as Stable Liaison

ESC Chair Report May 16, 2022

By Amelia Adair, ESC Chair

As usual, to save time, I'm submitting my chair report in writing. Please ask me any questions after the meeting, thanks!

1. Enforcement Status, Barns for Sale and Sharing.

- **For Sale, Share & Vacant barns.** Two barns are for sale (#s 14 and 34); one barn is available for share (#25), and five barns are presently vacant (5, 6, 14, 25 and 29). Both barns #5 and 25 have asked their neighbors to turn horses out in them to help graze down weeds.
- **Spring Inspection.** Our annual Spring Stable inspection was held April 6, 2022. 10 barns had enforcement issues and received friendly reminder letters. Most of those issues have already been resolved. Only 4 barns still have outstanding issues, and will be receiving a formal notice letter from the ECIA Covenant Compliance office.

2. Invasive Weeds. Unfortunately, we have another, larger outbreak of hoary cress at the Stables this year. New Mexico Department of Agriculture lists hoary cress as a "Class A Species" which means it is highly invasive, and has the highest priority for preventing new infestations and eradicating existing infestations. [Weed-List-memo-and-weed-list-2020.pdf \(nmsu.edu\)](https://nmsu.edu/weed-list-memo-and-weed-list-2020.pdf). Last year a small infestation was spotted just outside the main entrance to the Stables, and the maintenance crew treated it by mowing and treating with an organic weed killer, "Avenger". That treatment was not effective, because this year the hoary cress started blooming earlier, and has spread into the Stables past the perimeter fence near the walk-through gate, into the far southwest corner of the trail course, and along both sides of Main Road south of the dumpster screening fence. The maintenance crew has hand-pulled and bagged some but not all of it, and Mike Rogers will report tonight on his plans to control it. Ideally we should all prioritize pulling and bagging this weed whenever we see it, including in the arroyo and along the Avenida Eldorado shoulder. We will need volunteers to help manage this problem. It will likely take several years of diligent effort to eradicate.

3. Project Report.

- **Drainage and road repair.** The materials for the drainage project have been purchased and delivered. Mike Rogers anticipates the crew will begin the project May 23.
- **Bank and Step Obstacle.** Deena Joseph is working on a detailed plan and specifications for the project.
- **Trail Course.** The new bridge is completed and should be ready to install shortly. I apologize for crossed wires at the last trail course work day. Hopefully we'll get that rescheduled soon!
- **Highway 285 Crossing.** I just received the contact information of the NM DOT person who handles right of way issues, and will follow up to confirm we can install our existing pedestrian gate in the DOT's fence near barn 36.

4. Activities around the Stables. Our first **Wine and Weeds Walk** will be the May 21 at 5:30 pm. Planning for Community Day and other potential activities is slated for our June agenda.

5. Risk Management. After the Emergency Preparedness Plan is updated, we'll test a broadcast text message via DialMyCalls, reminding everyone to read the updated Plan. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND everyone sign up for text, email, Facebook or Twitter alerts on [NM Fire Info | Information](https://nmsu.edu/nm-fire-info). This is a comprehensive source of fire and evacuation information that all equine owners should use to help prepare for and plan evacuations.

6. Action item recap:

Action Item	Responsible Person	Deadline
Map of arroyo trails and primary obstacles	Deena Joseph	2021-2022
Work with Mike Rogers on design & materials for step & bank obstacle	Deena Joseph	Spring
Prepare a proposed draft of reorganized Stable Rules including previously approved rule changes	Amelia Adair	June
Update & reorganize Stable communications – webpage and website	Liz Mathews & Lisa Bessone	Ongoing
Jessica Collins propose plan for handling guest liability waiver signatures – check with ECIA attorney to see if they're OK as a fillable form on the website	Jessica Collins	June
Ask Board to approve updated Insurance Rule ESC approved in October	Carol Sanguinetti	Done
Help James Mason use laser level to establish depth of drainage ditch	Amelia Adair/Deena Joseph	Done
Develop plan to improve arena footing and maintenance; schedule meeting with CM Footing	Deena Joseph/Mike Rogers	June meeting
Prepare spread sheet for barns tracking monthly water use, to help identify leaks faster	Jessica Collins	May meeting
Contact NM DOT regarding access to the Highway 285 frontage	Amelia Adair	June meeting
Schedule work day to inventory all training equipment owned by the Stables, and propose a plan for financing replacement of aging equipment to the Finance Committee	Amelia Adair	June meeting
Work on relocating the EASWD's fence behind barns 16 and 17	Amelia Adair	July meeting