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CEA MEETING – 2/1/11

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Melissa Hardesty, Bob Baylor, Jeff Crawford, Jim Lynch, Kathleen Woodard, LaRae Sizer, Gerri Kuykendall, Andrea Nelson, Deni Whiting, Donna Mathis, Marisa Robson, Skip Oberdorf, Kathleen McFarren, Cathy Fell, Yvonne Names.

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Fell, with her stating that the order of the agenda was to be changed.

The minutes were read by Melissa and motioned for approval: Kathleen Woodard 1st, Jim 2nd.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (see report), given by Rae, with 31 new members for January, and a current balance of \$7,939.08. New P.O. Box address on our accounts is 1733, zip coded 95927. Motion to accept: Jim 1st/ Gerri 2nd.

COST OF NEWSLETTER: The cost of the newsletter was discussed, along with the need to make the newsletter electronic for most recipients, thereby substantially decreasing costs. Current cost: 15 cents per copy.

CASH BOX: Discussed keeping \$100 cash box for events, providing each event with the cash necessary to open. The box would be brought to prior Board meeting. An inventory sheet would account for \$ used and expeditures. Motion to accept: Jim 1st/ Andrea 2nd. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIPS: Gerri talked about members' applications and their comments. She discussed reviewing 2010/2011 applications. The majority stated that they wanted trail rides, and 16 people stated that they would like to help with events. Other comments discussed, i.e. how to utilize willing assistants. Talked about "ballot by exception", as well as potential sites for future meetings to accommodate larger groups. Possible sites were CARD, pizza places, restaurants, churches, schools, City Hall, Elks and Masonic Lodges. It was felt that perhaps we should wait to change location if more members attend, necessitating the change, as folding chairs are available at the current location. Discussed invitation to members by board members by phone to increase meeting attendance. Discussed forming a membership committee to handle contacts, members' needs and info.

HITCHING POSTS/OBSTACLE BRIDGE: Ronnie Peoples gave us a price, including the school and non-profit discount, of \$650 for two 12 ft. sections, and \$600 for two 10 ft. sections of hitching posts. Motion to accept: Jim 1st/ Gerri 2nd. To be placed at front of arena. Motion passed. Color: the school kids will paint them whatever color they choose.

The bridge will be built during Spring break, with Susan Strachan's son doing a fundraiser to get \$ to cover costs. Abigail mentioned that the MET would match \$ to meet needs.

EVENTS: 1.) St. Patrick's Day (Gerri and Andrea) to be held on March 12th, with raffle, horse painting, lunch. Rain date: 19th. Discussed staggering the riders' times to lessen congestion on trail ride. Signup sheet needed for helpers.

2.) Dressage Show (Kathleen W.) May 15th, with signup sheet for helpers started. Hardestys to do the lunch cooking, etc., if their schedule allows.

3.) Joint Trail Ride with Paradise Horse Association June 25th, location to be determined by PHA.

4.) Gymkhana (Melissa) in November, with date TBA.

SAND: Arena needs a fill. Melissa will look into prices for arena sand.

WORK DAYS: TBA, depending on weeds and needs. Discussed safe herbicide which can be used around the arenas, with CEA possibly being able to buy from the City.

NEW COMBO LOCK: New lock for back gate and round pen. Need someone to unlock on Mon. evenings and lock on Thursday evenings. Jim will do Mondays, with Skip doing Thursdays.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Met at Cathy's house. The proposal to change the number of board members is up to 15, including the officers. Motion to accept Jim 1st/ Kathleen W. 2nd. Discussions followed. Motion to keep up to 15 members on board voted, and failed. Motion to make max number of board members (including officers) 17 by Jeff, with Jim 2nd. Motion passed.

Discussed review of bylaws by Jeff Carter, to enable a legal assessment. Talked about putting bylaw topic and other tedious topics at end of meetings to encourage member participation. Recommendations re: bylaw changes will be presented to Jeff for review.

MET: Abigail asked for approval to use arena on Aug 5 and Aug 6 for police training. Instead of adding to next month's agenda. It was discussed and decided that it would be voted on at this meeting to enable the MET to make appropriate plans with participating police groups. Motion by Melissa 1st/ Jan 2nd. Motion passed.

DRUG FEE: Kristin Carter brought up topic of drug fees being charged by the state for event horses.

NEXT MEETING: Discuss future events, such as a Flat Schooling Show, Chili Cookoff with trail ride, obstacle desensitization, and carryover of any events not covered on tonight's agenda. Also discussed future speakers.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion by Kathleen W. 1st/ John Fell 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hardesty, Secretary

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