

Chico Equestrian Association Minutes 2/15/12

Call to order 7:12pm by President

Passed around sign-up sheets for guests, members, officers/board members.

Introduction of new members:

Ron & Marie Gray and David McCord

Minutes read by Marisa Robson

***Motion to accept the minutes 1st Judy Norton 2nd Jodi Walker**

Motion passed

Treasurer's report read aloud by Lori Brooks (Copy of Report attached)

*Ending balance as of 2/15/12 \$8,832.81

Reimbursements read aloud –as well as listed on report

***Motion to accept and approve Treasury Report 1st Jeff Crawford 2nd by Kathleen Woodard.**

Motion Passed

President's Report: Donna mentioned a Thank you card we have received by handi-riders. Skip Oberdorf had mentioned a benefit dinner event for the handi-riders. Donna had sent a thank you card to Dan Gunter and Tina Cornish for coming to speak for our group as guest speakers.

Vice President's Report: Marisa Robson gave an update about membership, and what information was listed on the membership applications such as what types of events, and points of interests our members have been listing.

Gave an update on regards to a tentative date that Chico PD will be requesting permission to use our arena for their annual training date of 8/3 and 8/4/12.

Newsletter Report: Given by Jen Robins. She informed everyone that the cut off deadline was to be the 15th.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Report: Proposing 2 scholarships per year for \$250.00 each. Big discussion was held regarding whether one scholarship should go to a member and one to a non-member to keep things fair. It was also suggested that we have the school decide on whom the scholarship candidate shall be upon meeting the CEA's requested criteria. The purpose for this was so that there would be no hurt feelings regarding selection process.

***Motion-1st Jan Sneed 2nd-Jen Robins Motion Passed**

Food Committee Report-Given by Jan Sneed. She needs some volunteer help at events for cooking and food etc. She recommended bringing softdrinks to our meetings and selling them for a profit for the CEA.

The food for the St.Patricks day ride was brought up. Corned beef and Cabbage lunch prepared by Jan Sneed.

***Motion-to give her a \$400.00 food allowance 1st Kathleen Woodard 2nd Jeff Crawford Motion Passed**

Bi-Law Committee: Kathleen Woodard reports that she touched base with Jeff Carter our C.E.A attorney regarding the bi-laws. He is still in process of working on things. A suggestion was made by Jeff to keep a years worth of known expenses on-hand in a separate budget/account.

***Motion was suggested to give Jeff Carter a free ad in our Newsletter for his bro-bono work for our club. 1st Kathleen Woodard 2nd Jan Sneed Motion passed**

Event Calender Committee: Jen Robins Reports that she would like to propose planning a few "Bidwell Buckle Series of Horse shows." Proposed dates tentatively speaking: April 22nd, May 12th, and June 10th. Someone did mention however that June 9th was the Horse expo.

Old Business:

Feb. 19th Ride in the park trail ride. Basically for anyone who would like to attend meet at the arena at 11:00 am. Back-up arena still the McKinin Equestrian Arena in case of rain

April 1st-De-Sensitizing Clinic with Jeff Crawford and Deni Whiting

Noted: That the arena locks are working great

March 17th-St Patricks Day Trail ride

Lunch to be for sale at \$10.00 a person

***Motion-1st Jen Robins 2nd Kathleen Woodard Motion passed**

It was decided that:

Event heads: Donna Mathis, Marisa Robson

Raffle: Andrea Nelson, also Sabina volunteered one of her electro sessions as a raffle prize.

Trail Bosses: Jeff Crawford and Skip

Food: Jan Sneed

Flyer-Kathleen McFarren

Music-Kathleen Woodard will contact Mary McCord

Ride starts at 10:00 am and Lunch is to be served at Noon.

Liability forms must be printed and handy, and we must post our flyer on Craiglist, E-riders, and around local feed stores and horse establishments.

T-Shirts by Maryanne Govan had to be tabled for March meeting

April 1st Trail Clinic-By Deni and Jeff

Potluck- 9:00am-2:00pm

It was decided that this event would be free to CEA Members and \$25.00 to non-members

June 24th Dressage Show-Kathleen Woodard

Kathleen asked for volunteers regarding her show. She has a sign-up sheet available for volunteers. The judge will be Lola W. and will be paid \$100 plus gas expenses for this event.

Show attire is to be casual since this is a schooling show event. This event is open to both English and western riders. Absolutely no stallions at the event please. Humane tack only please.

Jan Sneed is to do drinks and snacks in our clubhouse for this event.

Nov.3rd-Melissa Hardesty Gymkhana

To be tracked to March meeting in her absence

New Business:

Discussed budget for donations, and non-profit organizations. Andrea Nelson suggested creating a budget committee by executive members.

Donna Mathis suggested having a "horse health day" at the arena.

This is to include having a vaccination and overall health clinic with some of our local vets.

***Motion-1st Kathleen Woddard 2nd Judy Norton Motion Passed**

Donna Mathis brought up the suggestion that the CEA should have stationary such as thank you cards, stamps, envelopes etc.

***Motion-** To give the stationary a \$100 budget for supplies

1st-Jan Sneed 2ndKathleen Woodard Motion passed

Discussion of Jack Wright Fellow equestrian and Pastor at the local church requested to use our parking lot and picnic tables for their fundraising ride.

The group decided we cannot authorize special use of our arena or facilities. That he must go through the park commissions for permission.

General Member Questions:

David Blau-Head of Park Watch in Bidwell Park spoke to inform us of up-and coming training days in the park. And that they would welcome horseback riders to participate in park watch. Park watch riders will be wearing a special t-shirt so members of the park will recognize you.

He would get back to us with set in stone dates for training but so far tentatively speaking we have:

March 15th @7pm City Center

April 1st 2-5pm at the arena

There will be a volunteer assessment test for you and your horse. If you pass you will receive a patch.

Scott McFarren brought up the fact that there have been stolen fence panels and to make everyone aware of them floating out there on the sale market.

He also brought up the update of covering our arena. With the proposed \$500,000-\$600,000.00 cost/budget. He encouraged us to look into grants and such for steel roof with all open sides. This is still a work in progress.

Introduced New Guest and horse community member/Trainer Brian Drake. He does Parelli style training and is a new member of the Book family farm.

Next meeting to be held March 13th

***Motion to adjourn the meeting**

1st Jeff Crawford 2ndJodi Walker Motion passed

