

Chico Equestrian Association - Minutes  
May 14, 2013

Call to order: 7:45 pm by President, Donna Mathis.

New Members: Introductions made.

Minutes of previous meeting: May minutes were read by Melissa, and approved after 1<sup>st</sup> by Ken L., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathleen M. All minutes and treasurer's report to be e-mailed to board members before each meeting.

Treasurer's report: read by Lorie. Approved after 1<sup>st</sup> by Melissa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deni..

President's report: A meeting was held with Dan Efseaf at CEA arena, with items discussed including clearing around the arena, as well as signage, berms, more parking area around the dressage arena. He needs complete plans regarding any changes so that he can give approval. To be discussed under "New Business".

Committee Reports: Donna reported that the scholarship money will be presented at the Arena on Thurs., June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Jen reported that consideration is being made to hold a one-day event (like the buckle series shows) in Oct.

Old Business: Puncture vine in dressage arena is being worked on. Cowboy Dressage event is being addressed by Lorie and Deni with a possible clinician available in Sept. Deni is to check on this

New Business: . Bidwell Birthday Bash is on July 20<sup>th</sup> with CEA possibly putting on a show demonstrating different kinds of horses and riding.

Fencing to be proposed to Dan E. to go around the tree near the dressage arena. Rails would be placed by CEA.

The bridge over Sycamore Pool has had too much horse manure lately, and this needs to be mentioned to CEA members.

Debit card binder and signup sheet is now available.

Donna discussed shrubbery, poison oak, weeds along the arena and other traffic areas with Dan E. It is CEA's responsibility to maintain the arena grounds, but any changes to the property needs to be presented to Dan and the City. The berm areas possibly fall within the City's responsibility since they were placed there by park workers, but we still need to present a plan to change them. Signs should be acceptable, but we may be able to combine efforts (and expenses) with the City, as they are replacing and adding new signs around the park.

Chico Parks and Rec. financial cutbacks will be affecting the use of park areas within gates and with the restrooms. Possible closures during weekdays may occur with

limitations to allow Fri, Sat., and Sun. use only. CEA involvement is needed prior to July. Plan: 1) Get names and phone numbers of City Council members and contact them, 2) Check lease agreement re: limiting our use of the area, 3) Appear at City Council meeting, 4) Inform readers on Facebook to gain more support of our cause, 5) CEA letter to be drafted to express our discontent with the proposed changes. Kathleen W. to check on date of City Council meeting. Approval given to carry through with items 1-5 after 1<sup>st</sup> by Deni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa. Donna and Lorie will draft the letter.

Guest speaker July meeting: None, with potluck instead.

Next meeting: July 9<sup>th</sup> at CEA Arena at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned: at 8:36 after 1<sup>st</sup> by Melissa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hardesty  
Secretary, CEA