

Chico Equestrian Association

Meeting Agenda

April 8, 2014

6:00 pm. Guest Speaker – None. We are using this time to plan the final details for the Ranch Horse Versatility Schooling Show set for April 13, 2014.

7:00 pm. Business meeting

1. **Call to order**
Sign up sheet for board and members/guests. Separate
A reminder to CEA members at the meeting; only board members can vote on issues presented at the meeting. We can call for a general membership vote on occasion when needed.
2. **Intro.** New members and guests
3. **Minutes (Donna Mathis): **Emailed to BOD members prior to meeting.**
 1. Minutes from BOD meeting of March 11, 2014.
 2. Minutes from Special BOD meeting of March 9, 2014
4. **Treas. Report (Ellen Noble).** – ****Emailed to BOD members prior to meeting.**
5. **Officers Reports:**

President: Status of the Attorney General regarding our status as “Charitable Trust”.
6. **Committee Reports**
Scholarship Committee: Update by Donna Mathis
Membership update: Rae Sizer
Planned Events – Status of ranch horse competition – Irene Davis/Barbara Church
Desensitization clinic – Deni, Jeff, Ute
Buckle Series Schooling Show – Donna Mathis/Lorie Brooks
7. **Old Business:**
 1. Arena sprinklers – repair or replace – Irene Davis
 2. Footing in arena – consultation by Don Pryde – Jan Sneed
 3. Status of Clubhouse on-going repairs (gutters, balcony flooring)
 4. Sign up for EMS and Enloe Flight Care – discount for CEA members- Lorie Brooks
8. **New Business:**
 1. Expanding the parking area off of Horse Arena Drive – Brain Wickham
 2. Appointment of Brian Wickham to the CEA Board of Directors
 3. Clean up day at the CEA arena
9. **Announcements/discussion** by general membership
10. Next month’s guest speaker: TBA

10. **Date/ location of next meeting:** May 13, 2014 at the Horse Store and More
11. **Adjourn - Motion to adjourn**

CHICO EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

MINUTES, MARCH 11, 2014

CEA Meeting

6:00pm. Guest speaker Dr. Darling was called out to an emergency. Time was used discussing the ranch horse versatility show and possible Bidwell Schooling show.

7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order by Lorie Brooks. A reminder to those present that board members only can vote unless a special vote is called for.

Minutes: Read and approved. 1st by Melissa, 2nd by Kathleen

Treasurer Report: Read and approved. Current balance is at \$11, 583.06. Expenses for clubhouse work and materials were within the \$900 budget. \$650.00 was brought in for the Ranch Horse Clinic.

Officers Reports: Lorie reported that board member Susan Strachan has resigned due to time constraints. Asked board members if we should fill that position, general feeling was yes.

Donna reported that scholarship applications have not been distributed yet to the high schools. Copies were sent via email. Lorie volunteered to drop some off at Chico HS, Irene to PV and Ellen to CORE.

Committee Reports: Ellen and Rae are handling all new membership applications.

Deni reported that the desensitization clinic date has yet to be set. Will let us know.

Irene: Ranch Horse Clinic/show: 25 riders showed up for the clinic despite the rain. All riders were prepaid. Barbara stated that she has collected phone numbers and email addresses from people entering these events and will encourage them to join CEA. 90% of riders were not members. More people need reasons to join and more encouragement for all ages.

On the Ranch Horse Versatility Show: Skip will be the parking manager. Donna and Melissa will share announcing. Barbara will be ring steward.

Lorie and Andrea will handle registration along with Kathleen. Ken will help with gate at arena. Other help is encouraged by members.

Irene stated that Woodstock Pizza and water will be the lunch for the day. She would also like to offer coffee and doughnuts in the morning for riders at no cost to them as a good host gesture. Loren will handle awards and running cards. Raffle prizes are still needed, so any member is encouraged to bring in some prizes from local businesses.

Irene reported that buckles have been ordered at the cost of \$135.00 each plus shipping and handling. Sponsors have paid for some of the buckles at cost only. It was thought sponsors would pay \$200.00. Buckles should be in between March 24th and April 6th. There will be a \$20. Late fee to entrants paying after April 6th. Those entries marked by April 6th will receive raffle tickets. Will need possible shuttle drivers for spectators if parking is limited.

Lorie reported that the cowboy dressage will be rescheduled to the Fall.

The Bidwell Buckle series this year will also be limited to one show. May 18th.

Lorie and Donna will co-manage.

Old Business: Jeff reported on clubhouse work. All is done except the decking needs replacing still. Flood lights still need to be installed outside for the picnic area. The \$900.00 budget has been used. Melissa offered composite decking material they have left over for the decking. Ken said he can work on the decking. Deni made a motion to give \$100.00 to Ken for any decking hardware needed to complete the job. 2nd by Jeff, all were in favor.

Jeff said the cost to have someone do the gutters would be about \$600.00. He will look into the cost of buying our own gutters and putting them up. Also still need to replace the siding on the lower part of the clubhouse. Jim Holt will help with that. Deni made a motion to spend up to \$300.00 for gutter material, 2nd by Kathleen. . All in favor.

St.Paddy Day Ride: Skip and Jeff are the trail bosses. Food handled by Andrea, Donna and Mike. Kathleen and Ellen to help with registration.

New Business: Water is officially turned back on for the arena/clubhouse.

No other reports.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Melissa 1st. Kathleen 2nd. All in favor

Next meeting: April 8th

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Mathis, Secretary CEA

Chico Equestrian Association

Special Board Meeting

Wednesday March 19th, 2014

6:00 pm

The Horse Store and More

Board Members Present:

Lorie Brooks, President

Jan Sneed, Vice President

Donna Mathis, Secretary

Ellen Noble, Treasurer

Jeff Crawford

Deni Whiting

Ken Lenhardt

Kathleen McFarren

Kathleen Woodard

Skip Oberdorf

Marci Carras

Yvonne Names

The meeting was called to order by Lorie at 6:05 pm.

The topic of discussion is to review and present plans to the City of Chico, Park Supervisor Dan Efseaf, for additional over flow parking for the CEA arena.

Jeff Crawford and Brian Wickham have already approached Dan about the project. They were told to draft up some plans and present it. The plans are for an area to the left of the road leading down to the arena area. Past history indicated that the area was originally used as a cross country field for use by equestrians, as stated by Jan Sneed, founder of CEA.

Jeff Crawford made a motion to establish a parking expansion committee consisting of Brian Wickham and Jeff Crawford. 2nd by Jan, All in favor.

The area would need basic vegetation clean up without cutting down any trees; mowing the grasses, which in turn allows for a fire break; leveling uneven areas where previous debris had been dumped; and to place a gate to keep non members and general public out. The gate would be open on event days only.

This additional parking is a benefit to the community as it draws people in from outside the Butte County area. Based on our recent and upcoming events, we have people coming from out of State, as well as other distant parts of California. If it is denied, our association is prepared to appeal it and take the next step.

Jan asked about the possibility of taking the "No Parking" signs down on the right side of the roadway leading to the arena grounds. The Fire Department apparently indicated that as long as there is 20 feet of access for a fire truck to get through, it should not be a problem. This could help with additional spectator parking.

Jeff also indicated that Dan told him he receives calls now and then from concerned citizens regarding the large heritage oak tree by the dressage arena. The feeling is that due to trucks and trailers parking near it, it is being destroyed. A circular barrier fence was discussed, however, Jeff said he will get an arborist to take a look at it and give us a report.

Chico Equestrian would like to continue to offer new and exciting events in the future. This can only be done with additional parking for our equestrians and spectators as well. Originally the area which is now the disc golf course, was a part of the CEA arena grounds.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jeff, second by Deni, all in favor

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Mathis

CEA Secretary