

# **Chico Equestrian Association**

## **Special Board Meeting**

**Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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