

# Chico Equestrian Association

## June 10, 2014

### Minutes

**Location:** The Horse Store and More  
**Guest Speaker:** Lorie Brooks: Equine Law and liabilities  
6:00 pm.

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Lorie Brooks  
at 7:35 pm.  
No new guests or members present.  
Members were reminded of the voting  
procedure.

**Minutes:** Minutes had been sent out to all board members. Jeff made a  
motion to approve, Yvonne 2nd. All approved.

**Treasurers' Report:** Sent out to board. Ken motion to approve,  
Kathleen McFarren 2nd, all approved.

**Officers' Reports:** Donna reported on the scholarship recipients. They were: Zoe  
Stevens, Chico High; Marylee Pickering, Pleasant Valley; Rebecca  
Pilakowski, Inspire; and Michael Weber Simic, Pleasant Valley. All 4 were  
outstanding students and community members. All had excellent college  
and career goals. It was decided to award the 4 students with \$350.00  
each.  
Lorie reported on her meeting and written communication with Dan Efseaff  
regarding the parking expansion. We need to stay within the area we are  
currently using and may be able to spread the existing birms for  
improvement.

**Committee Reports:** Lorie gave membership report. List is updated including  
members available for various volunteer work.

**Planned Events:** July 20th, Ute will have a desensitizing clinic with help from Jeff and  
Deni if possible. It will be at 7:30 am to Noon to beat the heat. Bring your  
own lunch. Help will be needed the evening before to set up the  
obstacles. Saturday \*July 19th at 7:00 pm. .  
\*Aug. 17th. Jeff talked about the ice cream social and trail ride in the park.  
Homemade ice cream is preferred and prizes will be awarded to the  
tastiest home made ice cream.(no store bought) Pies are encouraged too.  
Time will be at 6:00 pm. Prizes may include a Gift Certificate, a CEA t-  
shirt, and a special Ice Cream scoop.  
\*Lorie will get more info on another cowboy dressage clinic. Will get the

cost and date availability. Probably in the fall.

Lorie also indicated that she and Donna still would like to do a schooling show in the fall.

**Old Business:** Jeff or Donna were going to look into ordering a large horse soccer ball.. Ellen indicated she will be at Horse Expo this weekend and could pick one up there.

\*Sprinker system for the arena. No further info. Irene gave Yvonne the phone number to Gary Ewing to get an estimate.

\*Skip will continue locating someone to evaluate the footing at the arena and get an estimate for improvements, footing.

\*Clubhouse repairs. No info on siding as Jan was absent.

Jeff indicated that the decking should have new replacement composite boards. The donated boards could be better used for new picnic tables or benches. Marci made a motion to purchase new composite decking with a limit of \$500.00.

Ken 2nd, all approved.

\* Ellen has been trying to get the t-shirts ordered and it appears that the final order will be processed for \$9.25 per shirt with the total falling just under the approved \$400.00.

Lorie indicated that Jen will be getting the newsletter out by the end of the week. A new combo for the gate will then be sent out.

**New Business:** Lorie read the letter from Dan Efseaff regarding the parking lot. There are some restrictions, however, a plan needs to be drawn up. Brian will look into the cost of grading, and also the cost to rent our own equipment to do the work ourselves.

Donna mentioned the grounds around the arena are in need of clearing again. There's some concern for fire safety as well due to the dryness of the grass. Deni said she would find someone to get it done for \$10.00 per hour. Deni made a motion to pay \$10.00 per hour with a limit of \$150.00 for the job.

Yvonne 2nd. all approved.

\*Jeff talked to Dan about putting some lights up around the arena. He indicated that Dan did not see much of a problem for that due to our location below the levee area. He will email specs to Lorie regarding placement and size of lighting and Lorie will forward to Dan.

**Discussion:** Jeff mentioned the frustration of parking at the arena due to others taking the shaded area by the picnic tables. These people do not have horses and can spend a few hours there while those with horses have to park out in the sun. Suggested maybe a restricted area parking sign. Discussion followed, but most felt that it would not be in the best interest to do that.

\*Skip suggested a group ride in the mountains. He explained how he knows all the trails and has lead many groups in the Lassen area, as well as other areas. The St. Bernard lodge has 6-7 rooms available plus pens for horses and space for about 3 campers. A ride can go out from there and hit the PCT and go to Drakesbad. There you can get a lunch, and enjoy their natural warm springs pool. He can also lead to other areas for either day rides or over night camping. He will get more info and look into a ride in September.

\*Brian suggested bringing a horse chiropractor to our next meeting. Donna will provide a horse.

**Next Meeting:** There will not be a July Meeting.

Next meeting will be in August at The Horse Store and More

**Motion to Adjourn:** Jeff made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Yvonne. All approved.

Ended 9:05 pm

**Respectfully Submitted;**

**Donna Mathis  
CEA Secretary**

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