

# Chico Equestrian Association

## Minutes for meeting April 14, 2015

**Location:** Upper Bidwell Park; CEA arena/clubhouse

**Guest Speaker:** Joe Maxwell, J.J. Maxwell custom saddlery

**6:00 pm.** Joe gave a very informative presentation on saddle fitting, followed first by questions and answers, then by personally addressing individual horses that were brought to the meeting. We had a huge turnout of members and guests as well as about 7 or 8 horses that stood quietly while Joe placed different tree forms on them for fit. Many people also found out if their current saddle was really a correct fit or not. All in all, very interesting and a great learning experience.

**7:32 pm** Meeting called to Order by Lorie Brooks

**Treasurers' report:** Report was sent out to all board members. Jeff motioned to approve, Kathleen second, all approved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting was sent out to all board members. Jan motioned to approve, Jeff second, all approved.

**Committee Reports:** Donna had no new information on scholarships other than; no applications had been received as of this date.

**Membership:** Rae

**Events:** Jan is still working on getting a cattle clinic put together

**Old Business:** Clubhouse is done. There was a little controversy over the fence that was started around the oak tree by the dressage arena. City wanted us to stop as it did not fit in to design and needed a review.

Bryan secured the picnic tables.

Kathleen McFarren did a nice newsletter and will continue.

May 17<sup>th</sup> is the cowboy dressage clinic. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost is \$20 to audit and \$100.00 to ride. Currently there are 4 spots open to ride. Youth is free.

**New Business:** Deni want to know about eliminating the weeds around our arena grounds. A suggestion was made to hire David again at a cost of \$150.00. Motion made by Deni to approve \$150.00 for David Kumangai to trim the weeds. Second by Kathleen, all approved.

Deni also suggested that a sign may be needed by the shooting range as someone tried to park their horse trailer there. There is not enough room. Motion by Jeff to write a letter to the parks commission to post a sign to not park trailers, second by Kathleen, all approved.

Chico Creek Nature Center approached CEA about having a booth next weekend for the annual park celebration. No volunteers.

**Events:** Poker Rider at R Wild Horse Ranch is still on for April 24-25<sup>th</sup>

**Next guest speaker:** Tamara Yates will be the guest speaker for May.

June meeting will be at Book Farm. Nattie Book will be our guest speaker.

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion by Jan, second by Wyatt, all approved

Respectfully submitted:

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CEA Secretary