

CEA Meeting Minutes—May 12, 2015

Location: Upper Bidwell Park; CEA arena/clubhouse

Guest Speaker: Tamara Yates, Many Hands Equine Bodywork

6:00 p.m. - General Meeting

We had a good turnout of members and guests for Tamara Yates. She's the founder of Many Hands Equine Bodywork was our guest speaker. She demonstrated her work as an Equine Sports Massage Therapist and also showed how to do "carrot stretches", which are good for your horse's mobility. She used a horse skeleton to show how the horse moves and the importance of helping to keep your horse sound. Tamara also painted the skeletal structure on the side of a real horse to help everyone see the relationship of the bones and muscles as the horse moves.

7:26 p.m. - Board Meeting

The board meeting was called to order by Lorie Brooks.

Officers and Board Members present:

Lorie Brooks	Kathleen McFarren
Kathleen Woodard	Jeff Crawford
Sue Holt	Wyatt Paxton
Skip Oberdorf	Deni Whiting

Officers and Board Members absent:

Donna Mathis
Jan Sneed
Bryan Wickham

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Reports:

Minutes from the April 14 meeting were approved, with one correction. Rae Sizer clarified Tamara's last name is Yates, not Groves. Wyatt Paxton moved to pass the minutes, Jeff Crawford seconded, and the motion was passed.

Scholarship Committee:

Donna Mathis had passed the information to Lorie Brooks that there were only two applicants for scholarships. Kathleen Woodard suggested a review be done of the applications and form a new committee. The new committee will be Lori, Kathleen and Donna. A motion was made by Wyatt Paxton and seconded by Kathleen McFarren to offer \$300 scholarships from CEA. CEA would like to accomplish this before the school year ends.

Membership:

Rae Sizer has updated the membership list. There are currently 112 members, which includes 19 new members. Lori Brooks will send a copy of the membership list to the other Board members. Rae mentioned that the compiled lists of members who indicated their various interests, (i.e., rides, volunteering to help with events, committee volunteers, etc.), are a resource for CEA to pull from for assistance as needed for events, maintenance, etc.

Planned Events:

Cowboy Dressage Clinic will be on Sunday, May 17. Wyatt gave an overview of the day. The clinic will start at 9:00am and conclude at 4:00pm. The clinic is full but anyone can audit it. The auditing fee is \$20 for CEA members, \$30 for non-members and free to children under 18. Other than the driving demonstration by Nattie Book in June, there are no other planned events at this time.

Old Business:

Sprinklers/watering for arena was dropped from discussion because of the drought impact.

Repairs: Removing the posts from around the Oak tree near the dressage arena was approved. This resulted because the City/Park & Recreation objected to the project. It did not match the initial project design of split rail fencing found in the rest of Bidwell Park. CEA will keep the materials and possibly use for future projects, i.e., build trail obstacles, etc.

Newsletter: Kathleen McFarren has a current newsletter ready to email and it will be posted to the CEA website. The new code for the arena and round pens locks will be in the newsletter.

Parking Lot Expansion: Bryan Wickham absent – no report.

Locks/Chain: A motion was made to buy new locks and chain as needed, for the arena and round pen gates. A motion was made by Kathleen McFarren and Wyatt Paxton seconded it. The budget allocation was approved for up to \$75. Jeff Crawford will buy the locks.

Board member photos – CEA website: All completed.

Weeds/CEA grounds clean-up: Per motion approved in April, David was to be hired at a cost of \$150 to perform the work. However, several Board members commented that it didn't look like much clean-up had been done, Rae Sizer suggested holding payment until it could be determined what work was actually to be performed. Jeff Crawford volunteered to talk with David.

New Business:

CEA Property Theft Problem: Wyatt will look into prices for security systems, i.e., motion sensors or camera and the cost of installation.

July Meeting: The Board discussed and approved the suggestion that no meeting be scheduled for the month of July.

Next meeting: June's meeting will be held June 9 at the Book Farm, with Nattie Book doing a hitch and drive demo, using her "big horses". There may also be wagon rides. Lorie will check with Nattie to see how much time is needed. There will be a potluck dinner.

Motion to Adjourn:

Kathleen Woodard moved and Wyatt Paxton seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

Next meeting: June 9, 2015

Location: Book Family Farm, 144 Heavy Horse Lane, Durham, CA

6:00 p.m. – Guest Speaker: Nattie Book – demo of hitch and driving horses.

7:00 p.m. – Potluck and Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted:

Sue Holt, Acting Secretary (in absence of CEA Secretary, Donna Mathis)