

# CHICO EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

Business Meeting

May 10, 2016

**Guest Speaker:**

Dr. Jessie Jellison

Topic: Wound Care

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:20 p.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes were sent to board members. Motion to approve by Deni; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. Minutes approved

**Treasurer Report:** Report sent to all board members. Motion to approve by Sue; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathleen. Treasurer's Report approved.

**Committee Reports:** Donna reported that we received one applicant. Donna also suggested that we not give all the scholarship out to one since our past practice has been limited to up to \$350.00. Last year, we only had 2 and their amount remained the same. With having only one applicant, she suggested a limit of \$500.00. Kathleen made a motion to approve \$500.00 this year; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deni. All board present approved. Deni suggested we could use the extra scholarship money towards special needs or circumstances. Membership report. Rae reported 136 current members.

**Planned Events:** Deni reported on the desensitizing clinic and cowboy dressage. The dressage had a total of 9 riders. They would love to have a schooling show in the fall. Desensitizing clinic went very well. Mustang makeover was there and provided lunches. Deni also stated that the money allocated for additional obstacles was not used and would like to use the balance from the \$400.00 for a fall clinic.

Jeff and Bryan reported that so far, they had 6 pre-registered riders for the horsemanship clinic. Rae asked about the charge for members and non-members and how they came up with the fee. Donna also suggested the fee was a bit high compared to other local nonprofit horse clubs. Donna gave reference to Paradise Horsemen's only charging \$20.00 for their members to ride in a reining clinic. She also stated that we are a nonprofit organization. Our goal is to help educate not only our members, but the community as well. It would be nice to keep the cost lower, unless we are specifically hiring a certified clinician(s) who have set fees, such as Nonnie Largaent or others. Donna also stated that we need to encourage our youth to attend these clinics, but it should also be affordable. Skip then made a motion to lower the cost to \$30.00 for riders 17 and under. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathleen. All approved. Rae will send out an email with the adjusted rate for youth.

Lorie reported that Marissa West would like to know if she could put on a horse show at our arena. She would get any sponsorship needed and keep it low keyed and geared towards youth.

**Old Business:** A date for the trailer loading clinic was discussed. It will be June 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. Deni and Jeff will provide trailer loading tips. There will also be a tack sale. Donna will advertise and encourage vendors. Their cost will be \$10.00 per space. They can start setting up at 8:30 am. Sale time will run with the clinic, but will end at 2:00 pm. So, tack sale will be 10:00-2:00.

Megan Grove would still like to do a yoga clinic for riders. She will look at available dates, hoping for September.

Lorie has the lease renewal for the City. She will put the packet together to present to the city to renew our lease.

**New Business:** None to report

**Open Discussion:** A discussion on "entitlement" for members was discussed. Donna felt there was a need to make sure that all board members are clear on what it means. It appeared that a member traded work on the arena for a paid spot at a clinic. This was done due to the clinician demanding a dragged arena, and no other member was available to drag as has been done in the past.

The concern was for future events and how we need to plan on the extra needs any show or clinic may need. It was suggested that we spend a few minutes on going over our bylaws with the board so that everyone is clear on it. Donna also pointed out that for years our board and membership have always donated their time and efforts to make our events work. CEA has many talented and generous members.

Speaker for next meeting will be Leslie who works with abused women/girls and horse therapy.

**Motion to adjourn:** Deni made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue. All approved  
Next meeting will be June 14<sup>th</sup>

**Respectfully submitted**

**Donna Mathis**  
CEA Secretary