

Hidden Hills Community Association
Equestrian Services Committee
Wednesday June 12, 2019

Roll call To Order

Present at the meeting were Keith Christian, Linda Raznick, Sarah Phillips, Debbie Kulik, Lonna Weber and Jill Green. Allie Tashnek was not present. Residents Bonnie Palef and Eric Toeg also attended the meeting.

Minutes

The Committee approved the last (corrected) version of the meeting minutes May 8, 2019.

Trails Reports

1. Linda said she turned in a bunch of work orders and added that there are broken sandbags everywhere that need to be removed.
2. Sarah reported there was a miscommunication with Shannon regarding the deposit for the Saddle Creek and Spring Valley Arena footing, but it's all squared away now. Sarah also said she has been receiving positive feedback on Alfonso's dragging. Sarah added that the trail behind 25220 and 25190 Walker Road is a muddy mess.
3. Debbie said there are 3-rail fences broken and/or down all over the place and address plates are needed for most properties. Jackie said she had ordered address plates for all homes that back up to trails and she's not sure why they are not up since she was told they were all installed by the landscape company. Debbie asked for confirmation that the driveway to 6051 Spring Valley Road had the proper finish so that it is not slippery.
4. Lonna said that the barbwire bordering one of her trails that she reported more than once is still there and she feels it should be removed right away since it's dangerous. Keith asked if the crew can go up and cut the wire.
5. Keith said there needs to be a protocol for work orders with dangerous conditions. If it involves a resident's property/obligation, the landscaping crew should be able to make the repairs necessary to make the area safe until the resident complies with the violation letter. Keith also said there needs to be feedback on work orders turned in that need to be addressed immediately. Keith said he will meet with Lynne Burns and Mike Zacha to discuss trail maintenance.
6. Jill reported the trail behind Clear Valley Road has poles and barbwire sticking out onto the trail.

New Business

1. Recognition of Outgoing Chair Eric Toeg- The Committee thanked Eric for his years of service to the Community and gifted him a letterman jacket with his name embroidered on it.
2. Schedule of Events-

Bonnie Palef- Bonnie said she would like to get the community more involved in horse events. She and Allie drafted a list of activities that include a “Horse Handling” event to teach residents with minimal experience how to handle a horse safely. Linda said it was very important to have the C.E.R.T. Team involved in this event and that children should not be excluded from attending. Another event on the list is a “Swag Bag Party.” This event’s goal is to create emergency horse kits. This event pays for itself because residents will prepay for the items and come to the community center to decorate and put the bags together. A third event is the “Hidden Hills Helping Horses.” The goal is to create teams of people who have trailers, experience with horses or emergency experience and who are willing to help evacuate in an emergency or volunteer to organize the staging areas during an emergency. Other proposed events are a “Trailer Loading” class and finally what Bonnie refers to as a “Unicorn Enchanted Tea Party.” The “Tea Party” event is to get non-horse and horse kids involved in the events with horseback games and arts n crafts. Bonnie asked if any of these events could be sponsored by the Calabasas Saddlery. Jackie said she has to ask. Bonnie is hoping to get brochures made for the events. The Committee also discussed having a Halloween Gymkhana on Sunday October 20th, a Santahannakhana Gymkhana on Sunday December 15th, Vet talks in the summer and Pony Club events with the dates to be determined. Sarah added that the forms and payment have been submitted for the Pony Club and Megan Haller will be helping out with the Pony Club and offered her equestrian center. The ages for Pony Club are 6 and up. Given the number of events proposed by Bonnie and Allie, the Committee suggested that at least two of them be combined (which might also increase attendance).
3. Trail Permit Update- This item has been tabled.
4. Tip of The Month- Sarah will write an article on hot weather tips.
5. Horse Crossing Signs- In an email, Shannon suggested extra horse crossing signs and striping on Old Eldorado Meadow by Debbie’s house, corner of Long Valley and Round Meadow, Long Valley and Spring Valley Road and Lasher Road where horse crossing is dangerous. The Committee agreed and asked if we need permission from the City. Jackie will ask.

Old Business

1. Report on Spring Valley and Saddle Creek Footing Refresh and Conditioning- Keith reported that they will be moving forward with the arena work and asked the City for funds to repair the footing after Fiesta. Linda said Kerry Kallman recently told her the City has declined to help pay for the footing refreshing and the removal and installation of the round pen. She said the round pen decline was because of an agreement dating a long time ago with HOA where HOA agreed to cover those costs. Linda does not know why the City is declining to be responsible for reconditioning SV arena after Fiesta and she will again follow up with the City, requesting the City provide those funds next year.
2. 5209 Saddle Creek- The Committee believes that the temporary fence that was put on the trail to detour cars from driving on it will not work since there is room to drive around it, so they're considering bollards.
3. Budget Submission- Keith reported the Board approved the proposed budget.
4. Saddle Creek Refreshing- Sarah reported the deposit was sent and work should be done by the end of the month.
5. Spring Valley Arena Refresh- Sarah is working on dates and bids and she feels the dressage court should be done as well.
6. Emergency Supplies Purchase- Jackie said she ordered the items Allie sent her and the supplies have arrived.
7. Report On Trail Surfaces and Grooming Procedures- Keith said he spoke with Lynne and will meet with Mike Zacha and report to the Committee.
8. Emergency Kits Party- Planning is on its way.
9. Report on Spring Valley Snack Shack- The Committee would like to know if the addition of the second bathroom has a significant change in price and if the trees by the picnic area will need to be removed.
10. Saddle Creek Project- Jill and Lonna reported that it is in discussion with the Parks and Recreation Committee.
11. Report on C.E.R.T /ESC Event- This item was tabled.
12. Eldorado Meadow Repair; Looy Trail Permit- This item was tabled.
13. ESC Group Ride- The Committee will ride on Sunday July 14th at 9:00 am.
14. Re-Assignment of Riding Sections- This item was tabled.
15. Dixon Trail Lot Tie- This item was tabled.
16. Status on Old Business Items- This Item was tabled.