

**Hidden Hills Community Association
Equestrian Services Committee
Wednesday July 15, 2019**

Roll Call to Order

Present at the meeting were Keith Christian, Sarah Phillips, Debbie Kulik, Lonna Weber, Allie Tashnek and Jill Green.

Minutes

Keith said there he might make a few minor changes. Sarah made a motion to approve the June 2019 meeting minutes subject to the minor changes Keith will make and Debbie seconded the motion.

Trails Report

Allie reported that she will be moving in August, but she will still own the home here in Hidden Hills. She asked if she will be able to stay on the Committee and Jackie said yes, she believes so. Allie added that she and Jill are currently sharing the Green riding section that runs on the south side of Long Valley Road closest to the gate. Lastly, Allie said that she had received a complaint about the trail that runs between Annie Oakley Road down to Eldorado meadow road. Apparently it was scraped down so far that it is now slippery.

Sarah reported on the arenas, #3 under old business. Sarah said that both Saddle Creek and Lewis and Clark arenas look great and she has been receiving positive feedback. Dave laser leveled the dressage court that was approved by Shannon. It was suggested that the Spring Valley arena footing should be refreshed after Fiesta and the other arenas after the rainy season. Sarah also said that the Spring Valley dressage court is in terrible shape. It was brought to her attention that the riders are afraid they are going to fall over the edge that is a few feet behind the court. Sarah asked if it was worth investing in footing if no one really used the dressage court. Keith suggested that the Committee go the arena to assess the edge and asked Sarah to have Dave give his suggestion on the footing.

Debbie reported sandbags and extension cords on the Looy and Wazana trail on old Eldorado Meadow Road. Jackie will send the crew a work order.

Keith told the Committee that at the last Board meeting he invited the members to join the ESC Committee in their group ride. They also discussed how the current resident violation system is not working for work orders containing dangerous conditions. Allowing resident 30 days to

address a violation is too long if the trail or parkway is hazardous so Seed Landcare has agreed to perform the work as part of the maintenance. Lastly, Keith said the Committee needs to get appointment scheduled for the snack shack improvements since it is a Hidden Hills landmark.

Lonna asked if there was any news on the work order she submitted regarding a large crevice along the trail by the 3 rail fence behind 24603 Long Valley Road. Jackie said she will send a follow up email. Lonna also reported the trail by 24400 Little Valley Road has a dip in the middle that will cause flooding when it rains. Lonna said she was under the impression that when a home under construction finishes, they must repair the surrounding trail and parkways. Jackie said she will follow up with Bob.

Jill had nothing new to report.

New Business

“Slow for Horses” gate sign placement. Keith told the Committee that the Landscape Committee is requesting changing the placement of the current signs at the gates and also replacing them with the one suggested in their email. After a discussion, it was the general consensus that the current placement of the movable signs at the gates allows them to be seen as people are waiting to enter the community and that moving them inside the gates will make them less noticeable.

Placement of water trough from Landscape Committee. Keith explained to everyone that the Landscape Committee purchased a trough and placed it by the hitching post in front of the Association office and it was brought to their attention by the Board that the location of the trough was inappropriate so they are asking the ESC Committee if there was a location they seem fit for the trough. After a short discussion the Committee was not able to think of a location that would be appropriate for the trough and had adequate water available.

Fiesta Parade Participation. Keith said that Linda has suggested to him that the Committee participate in this year’s Fiesta parade. The Committee all agreed to participate. They are still not sure if they should ride or design a float. Jill said her dad has an old truck they can use.

Trail Signs and Missing Address Signs. Keith asked the Committee to report all missing address signs and trail signs that need to be replaced.

Bollards on Trails. The Committee discussed putting bollards on the trail entrances by Round Meadow Road and Wingfield Road and 5209 Saddle Creek due to reports of cars driving on

those trails frequently. Since the Committee has not heard of any recent complaints they decided to table the item.

Trail Permit- The Committee reviewed the list of trail license agreements provided by the Association. Lonna said that the Plaskoff's no longer live there. Jackie said she will get the correct owners name. Jackie also said the Finn's on 24422 Little Valley need to be added to the list. Keith asked the Committee to ride by the homes on the list to see if there have been any changes to the property where the barn can be accessed from the street to ensure the list is correct and up to date.

Event Schedule. Jackie reminded the Committee that they need to have a budget ready for the October Halloween gymkhana to be submitted in the August Board meeting packets. The budget needs to include food, activities, supplies and instructors if needed. Jill and Allie volunteered to organize the event. Jackie asked the Committee if they were okay with hiring Merlin's Kitchen for the September Fiesta pancake breakfast as we have done the past few years, the Committee said yes. Jackie also said they need to let her know what activities they would like to offer; last year we had a petting zoo. The Committee discussed having a vet talk in late August or early September and a basic horse handling clinic that they would invite the C.E.R.T team to join in and encourage children to attend as well. Allie said Caitlyn Zacha would be more than happy to speak at the event talk on whatever topic the committee desires free of cost. Lastly, the swag bag party where residents put their own emergency bag (kit) together. This will require residents to pay in advance. Dates are to be determined.

ESC Tip of the Month. Debbie suggested an article on nails embedded in your horses hoof since there seems to be endless amount of nails on the trails and parkways especially around construction suites. Lonna said she remembers seeing an article on that topic in the Round Up years ago. Jackie said she will look for the article.

Old Business

Group Ride. The Committee has a successful group ride. Allie and Linda were missed.

Trail Surface Conditions. Keith reported that he drove around the trails with Mike Zacha and some trails are scraped pretty low. They talked about site specific maintenance and backed him off of removing material and discussed maybe adding material like mulch or plants. Sarah said her husband Steve who is a fire fighter said mulch is not more dangerous than brush or the

foliage that falls off of the trees onto the trails. After a long discussion the Committee agreed to meet with Mike again and discuss possible solutions for each trouble section of trail.

Emergency Supply Kits. Allie reported that the 3 kits (bins) are ready. She brought a sample for the Committee to see. She said Covered 6 and City Hall will have keys to the shed containing the emergency kits. One or two people should be assigned to take the kits to each staging suite.

Pony Club. Sarah reported that we are official members. She suggested sending a notification for sign-ups. She's hoping to meet on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The goal of the Pony Club is to get kids together who already have riding experience and give them support and some education on horse care. This gives the kids an opportunity to have group rides with their friends.

Vaulting Event- Jill has obtained quotes from several companies interested in conducting the vaulting event. The lowest price she received is \$650.00 for 4 hours for ages 6 and up. We will probably serve small snacks and water totaling the event to \$775.00. Jill will email the Committee with possible dates.

Winter Social at Saddle Creek Arena. Jill announced that the Parks and Recs. Committee is planning on having the Winter Social at the arena. Jill assured the Committee that nothing will be placed in the arena itself. All the activities will be on the grass and DG area.

Eldorado meadow Repair-Looy Trail Permit. This Item was tabled.

C.E.R.T/ESC Event. The Committee would like to invite Vicky back to head the horse handling event. They ask for something simple and informative. Keith and Sarah volunteered to bring their horses for the demonstration. Keith asked if we need special insurance if residents are bringing their horses for the event.

Reassignment of Riding Trails- This item was tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm

