

**Hidden Hills Community Association
Equestrian Services Committee
Monday September 16th, 2019**

Roll Call to Order

Present at the meeting were Keith Christian, Debbie Kulick, Lonna Weber, Jill Green, Sarah Phillips, and Linda Raznick.

Minutes

Linda made a motion to approve the August minutes, seconded by Debbie, all are in favor.

Trails Report

Linda: trail sign at Round Meadow entering the trail between 5636 and 5686 Round Meadow needs to be replaced.

- Are we still clearing weeds? Trail on east side of Scott Robertson next to 5382 Scott Robertson is overgrown sides and middle all the way down the trail.

Sarah: Tree down on trail below Jim Bridger – will check to see if it has been removed.

Jill: Trail behind Lonna's house that goes towards Hilltop (up the bank behind Kotell's house) - there is a patch that is infested with gopher holes. Can we have the guys gas them out (only about a 20-foot segment)?

Debbie: Tree branch is still down on El Dorado behind Pollidero's – and grid that a horse fell on (from last meeting) remains an issue. Parkway on El Dorado on the side of her house needs new water meter plate cover (dangerous because feet can fall through the hole in the cover).

Lonna: 23847 Long Valley – flag lot – sprinklers are broken onto the trail (old Marvin Gaye house) that are flooding the trail. Please let them know.

Arenas: Please ask Zacha to fix the DG around Saddle Creek.

- Waiting for Dave to get back with bids on Spring Valley re: dressage court.

New Business

1. Utilities undergrounding (city) – it is going to create a box on the parkways everywhere that there is currently a transformer. These will be in parkways – suggest placing them as close to the fence as possible; if they end up in the middle of the parkway, then push them close to the street.
2. Landscape Committee has reportedly decided to eventually replace the pepper trees that are being pulled with holly oak trees. The trees may not be poisonous (although we have some articles that say they are toxic to horses), but horses can get colic and other GI upset from eating the leaves. They are slow growing. The ESC would like the trees that are removed to be replaced with Pepper Trees. They are a core part of Hidden Hills, they have a soft look, they are native, they are easy to ride under and they are not toxic. Oak trees don't provide shade, can be poisonous to horses, and are brittle and sharp if you ride under them. Why are they taking out trees without a plan to replace? The

replacement of trees, and what those trees should be, should be put to a community vote. There is an election coming up in November; can we put this issue on the ballot?

3. Spring Valley – 2 bathrooms please!
4. M series tractor recommendation for Seed Land.
5. Loose horses: When there is one running around, is there any way that the gates can let people coming in know that there is a loose horse and to drive with caution? Talk to Gates Committee about this (Keith will talk to Jeff).
6. Tip of the month: Repeat from last issue. People need to SLOW DOWN.

Old Business:

1. Oct. Gymkhana: Food, pony rides, need to order ribbons and arts and crafts. For people coming in from outside of Hidden Hills – do they get full access to everything? Head count for food is 75 minimum and for arts and crafts is 30.
2. CERT/ESC Horse Handling Event: Allie: We are ready with Vicki for this Saturday 9 am to 11. Vicki wants a head count. Please RSVP to Jackie. The date that was posted in the Round Up has the wrong day. Linda will contact Stefany to circulate an email blast with the flier and date correction (SATURDAY SEPT. 21 AT 9 AM). Linda will also contact Mike Woodard to circulate the flier immediately to all CERT members with a request to RSVP. Will give flyers to Covered 6 (via Nicole Landon). Water, fruit and granola bars will be provided.
3. Arenas: Spring Valley refresh. Sarah met with Dave Martin – he is going to get back to us with different options to fix the short court.
4. Vet talk – great turnout, let's do it again.
5. Pony Club: off and running. We had our first meet and it went really well. We have 2 groups; walk trot and walk trot canter. Next meet is Saturday Sept. 21.
6. Vaulting Clinic – great feedback, great turnout, would like to repeat – maybe every 6 months.
7. Pancake Breakfast – sold 158 tickets. Went well – the roper was great. Petting zoo was great.
8. Trail Surfaces – let's experiment. Different kinds of mulch – no black walnut for horses (can cause laminitis), cedar is only a problem in an enclosed stall. Harder areas need to have mulch, but wood chips could work on trails that are already soft because they can work into it.
9. Sheriff's Deputies: It is going to take time to educate everyone, and it will take an effort to report cars that are driving too fast. Will table this for today.
 - o Everyone will think about the best way to implement better horse safety in Hidden Hills.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm