

Hidden Hills Equestrian Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2020

Present at the meeting were Keith Christian, Debbie Kulik, Lonna Weber, Allie Tashnek, Jill Green and new Committee member Kelly Austin. Sarah Phillips and Linda Raznick were not present.

January 2020 meeting minutes- Allie made a motion to approve the January 2020 meeting minutes and Jill Green seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the Committee.

Trail Reports

Sarah was not present at the meeting, but she emailed her report to Jackie. Sarah reported that she has been in touch with Dave Martin regarding maintenance and should have a bid shortly. Dave is suggesting laser leveling Lewis and Clark arena and the Spring Valley Dressage court. Sarah also said that the gate was fixed terribly at the Lewis and Clark arena and she would like to meet with Al from Dynamic Fence to discuss installing a better latch. Sarah has also reached out for bids on the short court, but has not heard back.

Debbie reported water on the trail by Drake's house. Jackie believes that Bob has already spoken to Angelique and they are working on a solution, but she'll confirm with Bob. Debbie also said there was an issue with boarders turning their horses out at the arena. There was a discussion of riders having priority over turning horses out.

Lonna reported gravel on the parkway that is coming from the landscaping on 24051 Long Valley. Lonna asked if the over grown trees in the ditch on Paradise Valley Road issue has been resolved with the neighboring resident in Woodland Hills. Keith suggested the Association clear the brush, drain the water and contact the LA County Vector Control if the Woodland Hills resident does not comply. Jackie said Bob has been in touch with the Vector control with a list of areas they treat. Jackie will confirm that this ditch is on the list. Lastly, Lonna said that the trail sign that is at the entrance of the trail where the bollard is being proposed is not visible because it's on a short post and suggested putting the sign on a higher post.

Jill reported flooding on the trail that begins on Spring Valley Road by the Burbank gate and runs up along Spring Valley on the hill. Jackie said the water may be coming from a home on Clear Valley Road. She'll send Bob out there. Jill said that the erosion on the trail that is behind 24603 Long Valley Road has not been addressed. Keith said the animals in the back yard seem to be causing the erosion. Keith believes that a violation letter was sent. Jill also said that cars are still driving on the trail where the temporary barrier was put by 24005 Hidden Ridge Road and it seems like they are cutting through on the drive way on 5209 Saddle Creek.

## New Business

1. The Committee welcomes Kelly Austin to the Committee.
2. Area Assignments- Kelly will ride the orange area on the trails map that covers the Rolling View, Hoback Glen, Bridle Trail, John Colter and Scot Robertson Roads. Lonna will ride the dark pink area that covers the east side of Long valley Road including Twin oaks, Paradise valley, Penland, Little Valley Hilltop and High Ridge Roads. Debbie was assigned the dark yellow section which covers Eldorado Meadow, Annie Oakley, Spring Valley, and John Muir Roads. Jill has the light yellow section that covers the west side of Long valley Road including Saddle Creek, Old Farm, Wingfield, Deep Well and Hidden Ridge Roads. Sarah will patrol the lavender section that includes Jed Smith, Kit Carson, Fitzpatrick, John Fremont, Lewis and Clark, Jacob Hamblin and Robert Guy Roads and the arenas as well. Keith will ride the light pink section that covers, Jim Bridger Walker, Dixon Trail, and Ashley Ridge Roads.
3. Architectural Committee Liaison Assignment- Keith advised the Committee that Linda is willing to continue inspecting Architectural plans and asked if anyone was interested in helping her out. Lonna and Debbie volunteered. Keith said they will be looking for equestrian set asides and trail easement on plans that are submitted for approval. Debbie suggested the plans get emailed to the entire Committee.
4. Parkway Replacement Trees- Keith said he has been working on the Oak Tree Protection rules that the Board will consider. There is also a desire to reexamine the selection of Holly Oak as the replacement tree for the parkways. There are a few concerns about acorns and leaves being potentially dangerous to horses and drought conditions. And the issue with pepper trees is they require a lot of maintenance. Keith will work with Lynne from Seed Landcare to come up with a list of possible alternatives and then email the Committee a list of trees. The Association's arborist Evan Lambert suggested it might make sense to choose more than one replacement tree to protect against a devastating disease or pest that could wipe out all of the parkway trees if they are all the same.
5. Painted Safety Crossing for Eldorado Meadow Road- The Committee understands that it is more cost effective to have the stripes painted when the roads are resurfaced, but they would like to know what the cost would be if they come out before the roads get slurried since the association does not have an estimated date on when the roads will be resurfaced.
6. Builder and New Resident Packets Information RE: Horses- The committee discussed including informational flyers on horse safety and coyote hazing in the new resident packets to make them aware of City Code 4-4E-3 that states the vehicle law when approaching any ridden animal, livestock or horse drawn vehicle and instructions on how to scare away a coyote. Jackie suggested including the yellow sign that says "Slow Down & Yield For Horses" in the packets, it's bright so it will catch their attention and straight to the point.
7. FYE 2021 Budget- Keith presented an initial draft and the Committee discussed some changes from the previous year.
8. Tip of the Month-The Committee suggested an ad on vaccinations. Jackie believes there is an article that was used in the past. She will send it to the Committee so they can review and update the information.

## Old Business

1. February Vaulting Clinic- Jill reported that she is still waiting on an invoice and the certificate of insurance from the vaulting people. Jackie said there are 11 RSVP's. Jill said that she has to go out of town for the weekend so she will need someone to fill in for her. Jill will purchase and take the snacks and water to the snack shack. Lonna volunteered to fill in for Jill and will pick up the RSVP list, release forms and a check from the Association office. Debbie will help.
2. March Gymkhana & Event Budget- Keith noticed that the posters were missing from the budget so he asked Jackie to add \$109.00 to the budget bringing the budget to \$500.00 less from last year. Allie said that she has purchased clean horseshoes for the kids to decorate and she's going to need more help from committee members and volunteers for announcing, getting riders ready, presenting trophies, crafts and registration. Debbie said she'll contact Bell Canyon to see if anyone in their equestrian center is interested in participating. The Committee also discussed hiring Dave Thornberry to teach the kids roping if there is money left in the budget.
3. Bollard Design and Placement- Keith suggested sticking to the same size and color as the bollards on Old Farm Road. Dynamic fence revised the proposal for a 3 1/2" bollard with a 4" sleeve for \$80.00 more than the original bid of a 2 7/8" sleeve with a 2 3/8 post for a total price of \$385.00. Keith said the Board gave the Committee authority to determine where bollards are needed with a not to exceed \$400.00 per bollard. Keith asked Jackie to have Al explain why the proposal is \$80.00 more for a pipe that is not that much bigger and to ask if he thinks 3 1/2" post will be too heavy.
4. Arch Rules and Revisions –Equestrian Set-Aside- Keith said the he has been working on the set-aside rules with Ron. Keith asked the Committee to review the revisions and give their input; meanwhile he will check with the City's regulations on set-asides and stated how important it is for the set-aside to be on the plans including street access.
5. Spring Valley Arena Snack Shack/Multi-Purpose Building - Keith reported that Ron will be producing working drawings that can be sent out for bids.
6. Speeding Enforcement- The Committee discuss the speeding problem in the community.
7. Remaining Budget and Needed Projects- Keith reminded the Committee that the Board eliminated the funds to repair the Eldorado Meadow Driveway/Trail and the Paradise Valley bog. We still need to complete the Spring Valley Footing work this fiscal year. There is also enough Money left in the event budget for another gymkhana/horseshow and the Committee discussed the needed DG repairs at Saddle Creek.
8. Follow Up on Requested Repairs at Lewis & Clark- Jackie reported Dynamic Fence was out to repair the latch to the arena gate, but according to Sarah's email it was not done properly, so she will send Al back out there to meet with Sarah.
9. Events Schedule for April to June 2020 & Event Budget- The Committee discussed postponing the fire safety event until Fall and planning a family fun day for this Spring.
10. Discuss Trail Surfaces and Grooming Procedures- Keith asked the Committee to make a list of trails in their area that they think may need mulch, dirt or a combo.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.