

**EQUESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO**

BEAR VALLEY ASSOCIATION BOARD

DATE:	August 7, 2023	
TIME:	9:02 a.m.	
PLACE:	EC Lounge	
ATTENDANCE:	Cheryl Akerly, Melissa Auman, Kathy Carey, John Casdorff, Jena D'Cruz, Joan Howard, Debi Kermode, Carol Knipp, Deborah Meyer, Susan Mustaffa,	
PRESENT:	George McMackin, Doug Slavin, Suzi Vlietstra, Cole Raymond, Judy Walsh, Desiree Whatmough, Guy Munday, Don Ciota General Mngr.	
OTHERS PRESENT:	Sally Barton, Greg Matheson, Terry Albert, Dand Carpenter, Susan Holley, Jeff Kermode, Tracy Donahue, Debbie Humphreys, Laurie Wetzler, Brian	
	Wallace, Dan Suttles, Chief of Police, Brandon Haynes, IGM	
ABSENT:	Deborah Mayer	
		CONCLUSIONS/
SUBJECT/ISSUE	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/FOLLOW UP
Call to Order:	Kathy Carey called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Kathy read Board Policy Resolution No.3.18-19 . Kathy then introduced and welcomed the new General Manager, Don Ciota.	
1. Review of July Minutes	1. The minutes were approved as written and will be submitted to the BVSA Board.	
Guest Speaker	Greg Matheson, Chairman of the Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council spoke to the committee. The purpose of the council is to have a plan in place for the entire community should a disaster occur. His purpose in attending the meeting was to ensure the equestrian community is tied into this plan. One of the requirements of a previous general manager was to ensure the equestrian community had a plan in case of disaster. This was implemented while Randi Goldsworthy was Equestrian Manager. Debbie Humphreys was handed the plan when Randi was manager and was in attendance. She stated that she works with each new equestrian manager to keep the plan updated and does need to meet with the current manager. The plan includes some ways to transport equines from indangered areas for owners without trailers. This is based on information from the past equine census about 6 years ago. Debi Kermode also stated that she is president of the local chapter to CCDAPT. They have plans in place for all of Kern and Bear Valley falls within that area as well.	
I. Informational Updates		
A. Equestrian Manager's Report	Doug reported that he recently hired another full time employee. While the budget does not support any more employees please feel free to send promising candidates his way as things do change. One employee is out for a personal medical conditions. Doug stated all barns are full with a waiting list. VSV virus ban has been lifted. Because of drainage concerns from the parking lot into the horse runs during incremental weather, a ditch has been dug and filled with Leach rock in preparation for winter. Doug stated a couple of concerns were brought to his attention during the most recent Summer Showdown Mule and Horse Show: 1. exhibitors were using wash rack and indoor arena. Doug said there are no rules prohibiting their use. 2) Jumps were left in covered arena. Doug followed with "when management became aware, they were immediately removed.". Comments were made that the grounds were left in immaculate condition. Acknowledgement was given to both Manager, Doug, and Assistant Manager, Luis, for their presence and work during this event. Doug also commented that management was waiting until the Summer Showdown was over to begin implementing the irrigation system in the Jumping Area. He also stated there are certain times reserved for employees to turn out horses boarded at	

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B. Informational Only		
1) MPS	1). Members to serve on this committee include Kathy Carey, Debi Kermode, Doug Slavin, and Suzi Vlietstra. A meeting time will be scheduled to focus on arena replacement footing.	
2) Kitchen Update	2) Debi Kermode commented that the Buckaroos have not used the kitchen. Cover was not discussed. The need for additional cabinets was noted as well as a new grill. The current grill is not working properly. Doug was asked to have the grill operation checked and replaced if needed.	
3) CLUB UPDATES	<p>Dressage Club: A show on Sunday with a clinic following on Monday remains popular. The next show is scheduled for August 27. The BV Dressage and Tehachapi Mountain Club boards have been working together to enhance the opportunities in Tehachapi. Suzi is spear heading along with Jena D'Cruz a open house to be in Spring. Carriage Club: Meeting is Thursday, Carriage club members had a great time at show and worked hard in practicing and being ready. Greenhorns: The October show has been cancelled in note of the VP's most recent tragedy. They will have a mock show and practice in October. Practices are Tuesday and Saturdays and have been well attended. October 8th the Cattle Women's Association will be here and are being sponsored by Greenhorns. Sami Hernandez, judge, will be holding clinics; dates to be determined. Pony Club: Lots of members participated in show and had a good time, Pony Club provided drinks and snacks. They had a mock show prior to this weekend. Horsemen's: Had a ride out through the new Plantation trail and up through the meadow. Scavenger hunt was very fun with lots of volunteers. Sue is thinking of a chicken tequila ride in the future.</p> <p>Buckaroos: Debi reported that Playday is this Saturday and JP is Sunday. Jeff, the president spoke to his gratitude to everyone for the very successful Summer Showdown. Thank you to the committee itself, Horsemen for lending invaluable equipment, Pony Club for participation, donation, and goodies, Carriage Club in particular Melissa for taking over as arena Manager, her donations, clubs donations, she and her volunteers hard work. Thank you to Equestrian Staff and Management for ensuring our Equestrian Center would make us proud, IGM for their grounds work, the BVSA Board for working with us VSV concerns. Committee worked hard to ensure grounds were left in perfect condition. The exhibitors, vendors, sponsors, all were pleased.</p>	
E) BVSA/CSD Liaison/BVSA Board Reports	E. No report	
F) Trails:	F). Kathy brought several items to light requiring action. A) The Oak Canyon trail has eroded in many areas. Maintenance is required this fall before winter weather to prevent a total wash-out like previously occurred. In particular, two area's near water crossings and a couple of cuverts are down to rock and present a danger to both horses and walkers. She asked that this be addressed soon and stated a small work group could make this a one-day project. Some fill dirt will be needed. The second concern are the many horse trail crossings within the Nature Path. An easy fix for most areas would be to put a "horse crossing" side on the back of the already in place sign that say "no horses" on the other side. A map showing these crossing would be excellent at the entrance of the bath by the ballfields. This should eliminate ongoing confrontations between riders and walkers.	
E) OLD BUSINESS		

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A. Recreation Committee Update	A) Susan stated Sportsman's Club is having a deep pit BBQ	
B Trail Easement Hart Loop	B. Mark Milano has told several members his project is on hold and to go ahead and ride the hart loop trail. He asked to see if part of the easement can be moved just below his property. This will be further investigated.	
C. Signage - Upper Trails	C) Cole is meeting with Casey this week to discuss tools for signage.	
D. Water for Jumping Arena	E. See above in Equestrian Manager's report.	
E. Fort Apache Survey	F. Survey has been completed. Markers are in place. The next step is that the CSD and BVSA need to collaborate and sent letters to homeowners regarding the encroachment. Wes is aware of the circumstance and will work with new BVSA manager through the Liaison meeting. Guy will assist with moving this forward with the CSD	No update: Kathy had sent an email to Wesley Shyock and Jim Panek asking that this be addressed. Needs CSD and BVSA to collaborate and take action. This is only one owners
F. Main Arena Footing	F. No action has been taken. This was deferred.	
G. Potential easement on San Juan	G. Kathy gave the information regarding the new owner to Susan Mustaffa. No report back.	
F. New Business		
A. Appreciation	A. Joan Howard spoke of the many contributions made by Jim Nelson to the Equestrian Community. The question is how do we appreciate those special people who have done so very much for the betterment of the EC. Special plaques, BBQ dinners, various ideas were forthcoming.	
B. Cattle Cover	B. Debi Kermode gave an update on providing a cover for the Buckaroo cattle. After deciding to keep cattle throughout the summer, one of the Buckaroo members designed a permanent cover for the different corrals at a material cost of about \$2400 without labor. This was presented to the Board and approved. The member is hesitant about building this himself as far as liability since he is not a contractor with insurance. George McMackin is bringing the approved plans to Billet for an estimate. The Buckaroos will request assistance for covering this coast from BVCRFF and is willing to assist in paying for these covers.	
Recommendation to Board made several months ago	No recommendataions	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 10:45a.m.	
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	<i>Cheryl Akerly</i>	

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NEXT MEETING	11-Sep-23	