

EQUESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO

BEAR VALLEY ASSOCIATION BOARD

DATE:	November 6, 2023
TIME:	9:094 a.m.
PLACE:	EC Lounge
ATTENDANCE:	Cheryl Akerly, Melissa Auman, Kathy Carey, Jena D' Cruz, Kathleen Martin, Deborah Mayer,
PRESENT:	George McMackin, Guy Munday, Susan Mustaffa, Doug Slavin, Guy Munday, Judy Walsh, Suzi Vlietstra, Desiree Whatmough, Don Ciota, Gen Mngr
OTHERS PRESENT:	Ashley Kampen, Linda Wetta, Anya Norton, Carolyn Corporon, Cathy Charen, Greg Chuck, Jane Tanaka, Pam Miller, Molly Mackin
ABSENT:	John Casdorff, Carol Knipp, Joan Howard, Debi Kermod
SUBJECT/ISSUE	DISCUSSION
Call to Order:	Kathy Carey called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.
Guests Speakers	1) Ashley and Linda attended the meeting to discuss their involvement with afterschool activities at the Whiting Center. Every other Wednesday is minimum day and over thirty children are at the Whiting Center. They would like to have clubs do an educational presentation of what clubs do, etc. Also they are having Bingo game for families and would so appreciate donations of baskets of any kind. 2) Molly Macken and Pam Miller also there to gave a presentation of some of the Tailwagger fund raising activities. Tailwaggers has organized the "Project Hope" to help the Mt Vernon Shelter" They have twice as many dogs as they can house and are in need of specialized beds, help with the dogs, and funding. Pam Miller stated they are having Christmas pictures with your critters in the EC Lounge and all proceeds will go to Project Hope. 3) Lastly, the members of the BVSA beautifician group were invited to the meeting so show our appreciation for their efforts in redoing many of the large signs in Bear Valley and in particular, the Equestrian Center sign. We are so thankful for their time and energy.
1. Review of October Minutes	1. The minutes were approved as written and will be submitted to the BVSA Board.
I. Informational Updates	
A. Equestrian Manager's Report	A. Doug Slavin reported that the 'trails' management is back under the Equestrian Center Manager. Three people from IGM have been transferred to the EC cost center and will be available to work on the trails. A full time employee has given their resignation. October was a very busy event month. Things should slow down. He is taking reservations for the mare motel for December as there have been lots of requests. The use of the marquee was discussed and it was again agreed that the marquee should NOT be left unused. The purpose of this marquee is for equestrian activities and equestrian related matters. If there are no events, "Whoa Down" no bikes on trails and any trail closures should be posted.
B. Informational Only	

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CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS/FOLLOW UP

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1) MPS	Committee including Kathy Carey, Debi Kermodé, Doug Slavin, and Suzi Vlietstra met several times to research and evaluate the condition and requirements to maintain and enhance the EC arenas and round pens. Suzi gave a detailed summary of their findings and recommendations. All in all it was felt the arenas and footings are in pretty good condition. The committee recommended the report and recommendations which include three phases of best practices should be presented to the entire board before the finalization of budget. Suzi will send an electronic copy of this report to the board and to the EAC Secretary to be forward to Presidents of the clubs for information to their members. The committee is requesting \$5,000 quarterly for proper maintenance. This does not affect each arena 10-year reserve budgets which have not been funded per the schedules. It was also agreed to inform the clubs of these finds and proposed fiscal increases.
2) Kitchen Update	A report was not offered for the grill function. Don Ciote, Doug Slavin, Jim Panek, and Cheryl Akerly will meet to discuss the kitchen. Buckaroos have offered to pay for some changes to the kitchen.
3) CLUB UPDATES	Buckaroos: Buckaroos had a very successful year with over 30 kids participating at every playdays, full sorting schedule, and rewarding Mule and Horse Show. Rewards dinner will probably be in January. Looking to have a kids only sorting day practicec next year. Carriage Club: Members wanted to participate in the Horsemen's ride however some of the trails were not conducive to carriages. Club will have a "Ride N Drive" the day after Thanksgiving and are hoping for a good turnout. Horsemens: Horsemens had a ride on the 28th to the winery with 9 riders participating. A Christmas ride around the Equestrian area will be in December. ECC approved "no bike" signs (with some color adjustment) for Oaks Canyon and Foothill trail entrances. Bikes have been seen on the trails. When individuals have tried to inform these riders they are not allowed, they have encountered not so polite kids. Pony Club: Jena reported the Pony Club has had a great year. Their last campout at the Equestrian Center was in October. Greenhorns: Had a successful year as well. Good turnout and participation for the Bob Owens Memorial Show. The Greenhorns hosted the Kern County Cattle Womens 75 anniversary which was a three day event with clinics and rides. Dressage: A wireless head set was donated by Janice Kordes. It is customary to have century rides (rider and horse 's age are 100) and the club is looking into a 1/4 century ride to give kids a chance to participate in this. The club is also looking to do a scholarship for kids with some of their funds.
E) BVSA/CSD Liaison/BVSA Board Reports	With recent changes in personnel at the BVSA office, Don reported his time has been spent on screening applicants, etc. He will meet with the owners of Fort Apache regarding the encroachment. Don also spoke of the history of Bear Valley. One of his near future goals is refurbishing the schoolhouse and ensuring it is safe to enter.
F) Trails:	F) As noted above now reported to EC Manager.
E) OLD BUSINESS	
A. Recreation Committee Update	No update
B Trail Easement Hart Loop	Use of this area is on hold as more excavation is being done in that area. Please do not ride here until announced as open.
C. Signage - Upper Trails	will be addressed with new changes to trail crew

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D. Water for Jumping Arena	No report.
E. Fort Apache Survey	See above BVSA/Liaison: Don to meet with owners
F. Main Arena Footing	In MPS report.
G. Potential easement on San Juan and Mountain Way	Discussions with homeowners ongoing. George to follow up.
H. Cover for cattle arena	No discussion
F. New Business	
A. Vet availability	A General discussion about the unavailability of local vets. Jena suggested a vet stock be purchased to aid vets when coming to Bear Valley per requests on safety from local vets. This will be discussed with Doug.
B. 2024 EAC Members.	B. A list was sent to EAC members recruiting 2024 membership and will be submitted to BVSA Secretary.
Recommendation to Board	The committee recommended that the MPS report be forwarded and presented to the BVSA board before the finalization of the budget.
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	
NEXT MEETING	February 5, 2024 unless otherwise called for.

