

**EQUESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO**

BEAR VALLEY ASSOCIATION BOARD

DATE:	October 2, /2023
TIME:	9:09 a.m.
PLACE:	EC Lounge
ATTENDANCE:	Melissa Auman, Kathy Carey, John Casdorff, , Carol Knipp, Deborah Mayer,
PRESENT:	Doug Slavin, Guy Munday, Judy Walsh, Suzi Vlietstra,
	Jena D'Cruz, Susan Mustaffa, Desiree Whatmough, Debi Kermode, Joan Howard
OTHERS PRESENT:	
ABSENT:	Cole Raymond, Cheryl Akerly, George McMackin
SUBJECT/ISSUE	DISCUSSION
Call to Order:	Kathy Carey called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.
1. Review of September Minutes	1. The minutes were approved as written and will be submitted to the BVSA Board.
I. Informational Updates	
A. Equestrian Manager's Report	Doug said both barns are full with a waiting list. The mare motel will not be used for short term boarding (30 days or less) in winter. Gutters and downspouts being replaced now on main barn north side, and downspout repair on covered arena. Sprinkler line to jumping arena is complete; sprinkler heads to follow. Doug reminded all horseman that they must share the facility, there are no reserved areas for certain horsemen. The Equine Emergency Plan meeting was successful and Doug distributed horse info forms. More planning will take place for the EEP. BVS Horse Census: last done in 2021 but it will be done again. Debbie Humphreys is coordinating it by the end of October. The purpose is to have an idea how many/where horses are in case of emergency, not for code enforcement. 10% is added to counted horse total for missed horses. Doug suggested everyone read Don Ciota's article in current Bear Tracks.
B. Informational Only	
1) MPS	Committee includes Kathy Carey, Debi Kermode, Doug Slavin, and Suzi Vlietstra. Scheduled to meet Wednesday, October 11, 10:30 at EC lounge.
2) Kitchen Update	Doug will check the grill function. More cover is needed and Buckaroos said they were interested in helping with this. A hard cover like the existing covered area that would extend over the kitchen area was discussed if it can be done.

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3) CLUB UPDATES	<p>Dressage: Has not met since last EAC. Jim Hicks clinic scheduled for October 13-15.. Horsemen's: Margarita ride cancelled due to weather, margaritas and food will be served at next regular meeting. Buckaroos: Sorting 10/15, playday with costume class 10/21. Carriage Club: Ride and Drive on 9/24 was a success.. October 28 will be a Wine and Drive at Tehackapi Cattle Co. Meeting speaker 10/19 will be para-driver Dianne Costema, who will also teach a clinic the following weekend. Greenhorns: hosting the 75th Anniversary of Kern County Cattlewomen's October 6-8 with up to 150 guests and full campground expected. Ranch versatility clinic/show scheduled for October 21, 22. Pony Club: Chemayne taught a successful dressage clinic. Final campout for the year will be Friday the 13th! 22 members (a record!) with a waiting list for kids who do not have horses that want to join.</p>
E) BVSA/CSD Liaison/BVSA Board Reports	<p>Fort Apache: Don will meet with the owners as a first approach to correcting the fence line. Guy mentioned that Jeff Gandsia will be replacing Adam Tiffenthaler on the BVSA who is moving. Discussion of promised use of proceeds from BVS Trail Run in May for trail improvements. Wooden Bridge near fire station: adjust trail location within 100' easement and use the new bridge. Keep on agenda.</p>
F) Trails:	<p>Report from Doug. Cole's last day is October 19; trail management will probably revert to Equestrian Center managing with seasonal help from IGM and staff TBD. Trails will remain an amenity. Ethan will continue on trails for now. All meadow trails have been mowed. Some trail maintenance is dictated by weather- either wet or dry- depending on what is needed. Star Thistle on public areas- contact CSD for abatement. Lengthy discussion about bikes using horse trails. Reminder that NO bikes are allowed on trails and they can be fined up to \$1000. Hikers or equestrians should take photos if they see bike riders and immediately call the Rangers for enforcement. Motion from Susan/Buckaroos to purchase 4 'No Bicycles' trail signs (will get ECC approval on sign design) and sign posts to put in Oak Canyon and Foothill Trail areas. Trail crew to install. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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	Comments above in Trail report.
D. Water for Jumping Arena	See above in Equestrian Manager's report.
E. Fort Apache Survey	See above BVSA/Liaison: Don to meet with owners
F. Main Arena Footing	MPS meeting scheduled for October 11.
G. Potential easement on San Juan and Mountain Way	Discussions with homeowners ongoing.

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F. New Business	
A. Appreciation	Volunteer appreciation celebration was a success- all honorees attended, stories were told! Photos and article slook great in Equestrian Center Lounge. Thanks Kathy for putting this together.
B. Cattle Cover	B. No discussion
Recommendation to Board made several months ago	No recommendations
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	<i>Suzi Vlietstra</i>
NEXT MEETING	6-Nov-23

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