

**EQUESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TO  
BEAR VALLEY ASSOCIATION BOARD**

<b>DATE:</b>	March 4, 2024	
<b>TIME:</b>	9:00 a.m.	
<b>PLACE:</b>	EC Lounge	
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Cheryl Akerly, Melissa Auman, Kathy Carey, Jena D' Cruz, John Casadorph, Kathleen Martin, Deborah Mayer,	
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Carol Knipp, Susan Mustaffa, Judy Walsh, Suzi Vlietstra,	
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Dana Carpenter, Marla Derry, Terry Deering, Julie Renfro, Doug Slavin, EC Manager, Guy Munday, Board Rep	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Debi Kermode, Joan Howard, Deborah Mayer, Desiree Whatmough, Don Ciota, Gen Mngr	
<b>SUBJECT/ISSUE</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS/FOLLOW UP</b>
<b>Call to Order:</b>	Kathy Carey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.	
<b>1. Review February 2024 Minutes</b>	1. The minutes were approved as written and will be submitted to the BVSA Board.	
<b>I. Informational Updates</b>		
A. Equestrian Manager's Report	A) Doug presented the EC Managers update. He is working with two separate budgets; one for Trail Crew and one for Equestrian Center. The Trail Crew is coming under budget for payroll. The trail crew has been spending their days removing fallen trees from trails and will continue to do so. Some of the fallen trees can be used for free firewood. Contact must be made through Doug. The Equestrian Staff as well as trail crew are being provided uniforms to be in compliance with the other amentity staff. The Equestrian Center is full and there remains a waiting list. Four horses left and four more came through. Doug commented that although the rates recently were increased with the increase in minimum wage, costs of hay, etc., the current boarding rates do not cover the costs and the costs for boarding horses is being subsidized. This will be addressed through the budget process. Rising Stars will have a paint night using the lounge price of \$40.00. Many of the trail signs have been vandalized with spray paint.	
<b>B. Informational Only</b>		
1) MPS	1) There was not a MPS meeting. Doug noted that some of the recommendations regarding arena maintenance presented to the board will be incorporated in the budget process for the equestrian center 24/25 budget	
2) Kitchen Update	2) As noted last month, the Buckaroos have earmarked \$5,000 to improve the usability of the equestrian campground kitchen. Kathy suggested this go through the MPS. Guy Munday agreed to meet and formulate a plan. Melissa suggested consideration be given to using the same gentlemen who worked on the cattle covering to build a cover for the kitchen.	

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3) CLUB UPDATES	<p><b>Greenhorns:</b> The show scheduled for the past weekend in Aqua Dulce will be rescheduled due to inclement weather. Weather permitting, Saturday flag work will occur. It was also announced that Cultural Arts is having a murder mystery dinner March 24. Tickets can be purchased at the Cultural Arts website. <b>Horsemen:</b> Had a ride to Cal City. May 25 will be an obstacle ride. Board members are researching places to ride outside BVS. <b>Carriage Club:</b> There was a Drive and Ride on the 17th. Regular meeting is scheduled for the 21. Fun/games Clinic will be on the 24th. Kelly Moore will be helping with tips for showing. <b>Pony Club A certified journeyman farrier will be doing a clinic for the members, members are working with Carriage Club for desensitization. On June 14th they are doing a fundraiser at the OTTC. Dressage Club:</b> The calendar is planned for the year. First clinic will be Amelia New colm. March 29, Dressage Club is sponsoring a lecture on groundwork with Susan Nelson Thibault. The Open house May 4 will include a Derby party, get your hats ready! All clubs are participating ..waiting for input from Greenhorn, there will be club literature, demonstrations, etc..</p>	<b>Need a Greenhorn representative for EAC and May 4 open horse event.</b>
E) BVSA/CSD Liaison/BVSA Board Reports	<p>E). Guy noted the budget process is well underway and going to be a tough year. Kathy spoke of the "Fort Apache" fort encroachment noting that the maps show a possible larger encroachment than BVSA management may realize. The markers may be confusing because the surveyor put the markers on the outside of the fenced property. This encroachment impacts the lower valley trail and we are lucky homeowners on the other side have not put up a fence. Judy mentioned that a variance was granted by the CSD not Kern County and she and Kathy stated CSD variances can be withdrawn. Guy will follow up with this at the Liaison meeting. Guy also noted the increased disrespect for employees and stated that this behavior will not be tolerated. The pool will be closed soon as they are replacing the deck prior to seasonal opening.</p>	<b>Guy will address at Liaison meeting</b>
<b>E) OLD BUSINESS</b>		
1 Recreation Committee Update	Susan reported that Dr. Darrow will speak at the Tailwaggers next meeting.	
2 Trail Easement Hart Loop	No further update	
3 Water for Jumping Arena	Nothing further until spring	
4. Cattle Covers	. Cattle Covers are completed per the Buckaroos funding	
<b>F. New Business</b>		

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<b>1 Composition of Membership and Why, Eac Scope Definition, C/ Member-at-large definition.</b>	Tabled Kathy will provide a proposed EAC definition guidelines for the May 6th meeting agenda.	
<b>2)Vaccine Clinic</b>	Dr. Darrow will be doing a vaccine clinic on March 17. Doug will be arranging the schedule.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.	
<b>MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:</b>		
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	1-Apr-24	