

Loudoun County Equine Alliance (LCEA) Meeting – November 15, 2016

Board members attending were: ~~Dorothy Beach~~, Paula Beckett Bliss, Louise Cotulla, Kelly Foltman, ~~Emily Houston~~, Stephanie Jennings, ~~Michelle (Sheli) King~~, Marion Lee, ~~Mary Terpak~~, ~~Janet Vandervaart~~, and Terri Young. Sheli and Terri were available on speaker phone for part of the meeting.

The meeting began at 9:25 a.m.

Treasurer: Stephanie said that there was a balance of \$2055.91 in the LCEA account.

Membership: There are two new business members, for a total of 44 individual members and 38 business members.

Catesby: Kelly reviewed the recent events regarding Catesby, a large property in Loudoun County. The current owners want to hold events there – 20 (reduced from 24) a year with a maximum attendance of 200 guests at each. They have tried to accommodate opposition by opening an entrance off Willisville Road (and blocking the entrance from Wellbourne Road). They have relegated parking to the interior of the property. They plan to install an evergreen buffer and position event tents behind the house away from Wellbourne Road. Kelly has talked to Supervisor Tony Buffington, who agrees with LCEA not to allow Catesby owners additional uses (If they open as a Bed & Breakfast, they could hold more events with more people). He is also willing to help LCEA in developing multi-use trails and keeping Morven Park open for equestrian use. Frank Stearns, a Catesby lawyer, sent Kelly and Tony an email saying that the Catesby owners were interested in holding a charitable event to benefit the equestrian community. Paula then asked whether LCEA might propose making Catesby open to equestrian use. Kelly will contact Stearns and Buffington to propose a meeting to discuss this and take a tour of the property.

Large Animal Rescue Seminar: Kelly said that a Charlottesville group is planning a two-day seminar in the spring of 2017, and she suggested that LCEA might co-host with Marion DuPont, the Mare Center, and Virginia Extension Service a two- or three-day event in the fall of 2017, probably at the Morven Park Marion duPont Scott Equine Center.

2017 Expo: Plans are to investigate The Barns at Hamilton Station and the Old Stone Schoolhouse in Hillsboro, where we could have the whole first floor for \$250 - 300. Parking availability, insurance, and wine catering were discussed.

LCEA/EMC: Mary has transcribed the video of LCEA's 2016 joint presentation with EMC. Stephanie will edit and format the text prior to making it available online.

Marketing: The new tri-fold and rack card were discussed. Marion said she would try to get pony and foxhunting photos.

Rural Roads/Drive Gently: There is a discussion to reduce the speed limit 35 to 25 on unpaved roads. The campaign will be a joint REDC venture that aims to create a culture of safe driving in rural Loudoun. Additional signage is needed.

LoCota/Trails: No update.

Parks and Recreation: No update.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m. The December 20 meeting will be held at the Marshall House in Leesburg starting at 7:00 p.m.

Note: The minutes for October 18, 2016, were approved by email subsequent to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Lee