

Loudoun County Equine Alliance (LCEA) Meeting – May 16, 2017

Board members attending were: Paula Beckett Bliss, Louise Cotulla, Kelly Foltman, Emily Houston, Stephanie Jennings, Michelle (Sheli) King, Marion Lee, and Janet Vandervaart.

The meeting began at 7:35 p.m.

Secretary: The minutes of the April 17 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Stephanie said that there was a balance of \$4198.17 in the LCEA account.

Membership: Sheli said that there are 34 individual members and 53 business members. It was agreed at the last meeting that a notice to members who have not renewed detailing what LCEA has done and plans to do should be sent, but it has not yet been sent. Kelly will resend a bulleted list of LCEA achievements and plans to Sheli.

2017 Expo: Sheli presented info on possible 2018 venues: IDA Lee Recreation Center space is 3000 square feet and would cost \$985 which includes tables and setup; Purcellville Skating Rink is \$250 per hour, but Sheli has not been able to get further details. Kelly will explore Stone Tower Winery possibilities. Board members agreed that LCEA could spend up to \$2500 for the location. The Harmony Hall space was 2800 square feet. Loudoun Economic Development will sponsor the food again in 2018 and will increase the offering to include that which was spent in addition by LCEA in 2017. After a discussion, it was agreed to allow limited retail sales at the Expo. It was agreed that there would be no door prizes or speakers at the next Expo and that we need an official photographer. LCEA will invite speakers and present LCEA accomplishments and plans at the Annual Meeting, which will probably be at the Morven Park Carriage House.

Nominating Committee & Elections: A short discussion was held. Names of prospective board members will be submitted at the next board meeting.

Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue (TLAER): Sheli has been corresponding with Rebecca ??????? concerning TLAER training at the Marion DuPont Equine Medical Center. It is undecided what LCEA's role should be. Janet said the basic course is for first responders, such as Fire Department members. Kelly suggested that LCEA should sponsor someone for the course. Janet said that Little Fork Fire and Rescue Company has all the equipment, so they need to send people to the advanced course with the equipment. First responders should take the advanced course to learn the equipment. Then, with donations, they can buy their own equipment. Janet will assist Sheli in contacting TLAER for further details.

Horse Times: Marion volunteered to write an article for the Horse Times featuring the Expo, Rural Equine Forum, and Temple Hall/Fabbioli Cellars Winery trail ride.

May 20 Temple Hall/ Winery Trail Ride: Kelly and Stephanie will be riding. Kelly will be at the winery and Stephanie at Temple Hall. Both will bring flyers and membership forms. Louise and Marion will represent LCEA on the ground. Kelly said that Ed Felker of REDC may be there to take photos.

Rural Roads: Emily met with VDOT representatives regarding the paving of Greggsville Road. She said people who live on the road and those who ride on it need to support the efforts to keep it unpaved.

Trails Summit Meeting: There will be a Trails Summit Meeting on Thursday, May 25, from 7:00 until 8:30 at the Leesburg Senior Center. RSVP by May 18 to Jim Bonfils at 703-571-225-0100 or JimBonfils@iCloud.com.

Banshee Reeks: Kelly said park officials were trying to set barriers and establish expanded park hours at Banshee Reeks. Kelly is working with Parks and Recreation to open a perimeter trail at Banshee Reeks for horses and is also trying to re-open Evergreen Mills riding trails. Parking for Banshee Reeks will be at Evergreen Mills, and there will be one to two marked road crossings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. The July 18 Annual Meeting will be at Janet Vandervaart's in Lovettsville.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Lee