

Loudoun County Equine Alliance (LCEA) Meeting – April 17, 2017

Board members attending were: Paula Beckett Bliss, Louise Cotulla, Kelly Foltman, Emily Houston, Stephanie Jennings, Michelle (Sheli) King, Marion Lee, and ~~Janet Vandervort~~. Stephanie Kenyon, Christi Kimberlin, and Lily Lee attended as visitors.

The meeting began at 9:20 a.m.

Secretary: The minutes of the March 21 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Stephanie said that there was a balance of \$4296 in the LCEA account.

Membership: Sheli said that there are 32 individual members and 53 business members. She reported that 19 past individual members have not re-joined. Paula suggested that we send a notice to these members detailing what LCEA has done and plans to do. Board members agreed that the notice should be sent. Kelly read an email from Wendy Bebie encouraging people to join LCEA.

Morven Park: Stephanie Kenyon discussed arrangements for the Rural Equine Forum to be held next Monday, April 24, in the Windmill Carriage House at Morven Park. LCEA will provide cookies and water. Stephanie also provided an update on other activities at Morven Park. USTR members will walk the new trails which will be open May 1. An initial point-to-point on the steeplechase course is scheduled for September 16, 2017. Kelly suggested moving the LCEA banner from the indoor arena to the race course. Saturday evening arena polo will begin July 1. Morven Park is now the official home of the Side Saddle Chase Foundation, which will use Morven facilities for clinics and other activities.

2017 Expo: Board members reviewed answers to the vendor survey (there were 13 responses). It was suggested that, in the future, all vendors should be members. Vendor comments were discussed, but no decisions were made as to speakers, location, date and time, allowing sale items, food, outdoor exhibits, etc. for 2018. Stephanie will send a survey (similar to the vendor survey, but omitting the questions about business membership and tables) to the 23 individual visitors who signed the Expo guestbook. Possible locations for 2018, such as the Purcellville Skating Rink, were discussed. Kelly will send board members the Harmony Hall square footage.

May 20 Temple Hall/ Winery Trail Ride: The ride from Temple Hall will be free and open to all, with wine and possibly box lunches for sale at Fabbiola Cellars between 11:30 and 2:30 p.m. Box lunches must be ordered in advance. Riders can start between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., after which they can ride their horses or a hay wagon to the adjacent vineyard for refreshments. Kelly and Stephanie will be riding. Louise and Marion will represent LCEA on the ground.

Lovettsville Park: Kelly said she met with Steve Torpy and others two weeks ago. The county plan is to rough grade the area and leave it to equestrians to finish. Kelly told them that no equestrian groups were interested in providing footing and fencing – that either the county could build a 200 by 300 foot ring with footing that could later support a pavilion style roof, or simply grade and plant grass in the area for an outdoor course. Steve indicated that the county was interested in furnishing equestrians with a finished ring, and would look into costs.

Rural Roads: Emily said there had been recent activity.

Nominating Committee & Elections: There was no time for a discussion on this subject.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Lee