

## Loudoun County Equine Alliance (LCEA) Board Meeting – October 17, 2017

Board members attending were: ~~Paula Beckett Bliss~~, Louise Cotulla, Kelly Foltman, Emily Houston, ~~Stephanie Jennings~~, Christie Kimberlin, Michelle (Sheli) King, Marion Lee, and ~~Janet Vandervaart~~. Ann Hayes from Visit Loudoun attended as a guest.

The meeting began at 9:18 a.m.

**Secretary:** The minutes of the September 19 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer:** No report.

**Membership:** Sheli reported one business membership renewal. She will talk to Stephanie about sending a renewal reminder in early December. After some discussion, it was agreed that non-profits should pay a yearly membership of \$35.00.

**Joint Tuesday Talks:** Sheli said that Dr. Nunnery, an ophthalmologist, is interested in giving a talk, but she has not been able to confirm a date. Our preferred date is the Tuesday before the Expo in March.

**Expo Update:** The contract has been signed and the fee paid to Stone Tower. Tables will be only for business members. The reservation form will need modification. There was a discussion of food. Kelly said we should make a list of things to do.

**Annual Meeting:** It was agreed that the annual meeting should be in May or June. Kelly will ask Cheryl Williams if she will talk about Morven Park accomplishments and plans at the meeting. Emily will take the lead on ??????????.

**Rural Roads/Drive Gently:** Kelly attended a recent meeting at Bluemont Vineyard. It was suggested that the speed limit on all non-marked gravel roads be set to 25 mph. Since all parents must attend a portion of their children's driver education course, it was suggested that information on how to safely pass cyclists and riders be added to the course.

**Conservation Coalition:** Emily said that Mitch wants to form a group to focus on high-priority goals (green space, parks, and trails) to benefit the entire county. Kelly said Parks and Recs is already doing that, but no one from the Conservation Coalition came to the last meeting. Emily said that supervisors need direct feedback from the public on future plans for the transition area. Kelly asked Emily to send an email/letter from LCEA focusing on the transition area. A discussion followed on how many stables are still operating in the transition area. It was decided that we should name barns that have closed, for example Bella Luna recently closed due to reduced income. There was no update to LCEA's white paper.

**TLAER Training with Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center (EMC):** Sheli plans to meet with interested parties at EMC on October 18. The three-day format will break down to Day One for the general public followed by an Ops level course of two days. Sheli suggested the course be held on a Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Jim Hilleary is expected to attend the meeting. Kristie will go as the LCEA representative. Little Fork is expected to be involved later. EMC and the MARE Center are expected to be the main sponsors.

**Trails:** Kelly will meet with Moriah Flemming, Manager of Special Events at Oatlands, on October 19 to discuss equine access to Oatlands trails. Kelly said the president of Banshee Reeks wants to meet with her and Janet to discuss the possible perimeter equestrian trail.

The meeting was adjourned 10:30 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marion Lee

The next meeting will be November 14 at 9:15 a.m. at the Morven Park Equestrian Center Hoffman Classroom.