

## **Loudoun County Equine Alliance (LCEA) Meeting – December 19, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Board members present were Paula Beckett Bliss, Louise Cotulla, Kelly Foltman, Emily Houston, Stephanie Jennings, Michelle (Sheli) King, Marion Lee and Christie Kimberlin. Janet Vandervaart, was excused.

**Secretary:** The minutes of the November 14 board meeting were approved.

**Treasurer:** Stephanie reported that there was a balance of \$4,144 in the LCEA account.

**Membership:** Sheli reported that she had one individual membership renewal. Stephanie and Sheli are working on a renewal reminder to be sent after January 1.

**Website Update:** Stephanie said she added a \$35 membership option for non-profit organizations.

**Joint Tuesday Talks:** LCEA will assist the EMC to publicize the March 13 talk by Dr. Nunnery. LCEA will donate \$150 for the refreshments, and Sharon Peart will buy them. Louise and Marion will handle sign-in. There will be an LCEA board meeting from 6:00 – 6:30 prior to the talk.

**Expo update:** Door prizes and sponsorships: EMC has offered a \$250 gift certificate; the Sporting Library is a prime sponsor; and Kelly will call Ann Hayes at Visit Loudoun re: door prizes. Business members will not receive door prize tickets. Sheli said that Loudoun County would contribute \$800 towards food. Sheli will purchase the paper goods, including tablecloths and will order the food. Christie, Emily and Louise will man the sign-in table.

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the National Sporting Library. The Sporting Library has offered their facility at no cost to LCEA in return for being granted prime sponsor status at the Expo and receiving a copy of names and emails of those attending the Expo. The annual meeting evening will include a summary of the museum's current exhibition and self-guided viewing. LCEA will spend a maximum of \$600 to provide food and beverages. Sheli will order and pick up the food. Christie will contact wineries, including Boxwood which has partnered with the Library before. All promotional material must be approved by the library.

**Transition Policy Area Meeting:** Will be held January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Leesburg Best Western. Emily will call and invite Supervisors Buffington and Higgins, their staffs, and others to attend. Stephanie will provide water and cookies. There will be a LCEA board phone conference meeting afterwards.

**Conservation Coalition:** Emily said that Malcolm Baldwin has started a new organization, Rural Future Alliance.

**TLAER training with Marion duPont Scott:** Kelly will forward information Janet has received to EMC and Brigid. A date needs to be solidified.

**Trails:** Oatlands Director Bonnie Le Pard, is interested in opening the property to trail riding but there has not yet been a board meeting to approve it. There will be a meeting on February 15 with LCEA, USTR, and Tri-State to discuss Banshee Reeks, Evergreen Mills, and other trail systems. The Purcellville town council is in favor of a multi-use trail in Purcellville, and has asked

Kelly to meet with them to talk about it. The friends of Banshee Reeks President would like to have a meeting with Kelly and Janet.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Marion Lee

Next meeting **January 16, 2018** – 7 pm. Best Western – Leesburg – 726 E Market St, Leesburg, VA 20176