

## Loudoun County Equine Alliance (LCEA) Meeting – April 17, 2018

The meeting began at approximately 9:20 a.m.

Board members present were Louise Cotulla, Kelly Foltman, ~~Emily Houston~~, ~~Stephanie Jennings~~, Michelle (Sheli) King, Marion Lee, ~~Janet Vandervort~~, and Christie Kimberlin. Paula Beckett Bliss has resigned from the board.

**Secretary:** Minutes of the December 17, 2017, and February 15, 2018, meetings were approved.

**Treasurer:** There is approximately \$4600 in the LCEA account. Our expenses for the Expo were \$3609, with \$1300 of that sponsored. Stephanie will close the Middleburg account and open an account with the Bank of Clarke County.

**Membership:** There are 34 individual members and 69 business members for a total of 103.

**Expo Review:** It was agreed that there should be more signage, inside and outside, and that we should spend more on food. There will be no extra vendor tables next year, and large signs should be placed against the wall. Business members should be encouraged to renew/join early. More sponsorship should be encouraged. Potential dates are March 19 or 26, 2019. Kelly will check on Stone Tower availability and pricing.

**Annual Meeting:** Sheli is keeping a list of members who have signed up for the May 15 meeting at the Sporting Library in Middleburg. We are hoping the occasion will encourage more individual LCEA membership. The LCEA board approved spending a maximum of \$500 for food. Sheli will order the food and ask Janet or Christie to pick it up. Christie will solicit wine vendors. Board members should be there by 5:00 p.m. to help set up. Kelly will add a card promoting the Sporting Library event to the Expo vendor thank-you letter.

**Bylaws:** All suggested changes were approved. Marion will update the Bylaws so they can be made available to members.

**Elections:** Louise and Emily were elected for additional two-year terms. Current officers were re-elected: Kelly- president; Sheli- vice-president; Marion – secretary; and Stephanie – treasurer. Sheli has talked to someone who might be interested in LCEA board membership.

**Trails:** Kelly said she had been working with bikers regarding the Evergreen Mills trail. She said Banshee Reeks has plans to hire more people and to keep the park open from dawn to dusk. Kelly is still pursuing the opening of Banshee Reeks to equestrians.

**Envision Loudoun:** Christie will contact Emily to help her complete the white paper by the end of June. The next public input is in May. Christie will also reach out to Stephanie.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Lee

**Note: Decisions noted above in red were made declared null after it was discovered that Bylaw changes must be applied to the last approved version (2013) which called for membership approval of board member elections and bylaw changes.**