

## **Loudoun County Equine Alliance (LCEA) Annual Meeting – May 15, 2018**

The meeting began at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Board members present were Louise Cotulla, Kelly Foltman, Emily Houston, Stephanie Jennings, Michelle (Sheli) King, Marion Lee, Janet Vandervaart, and Christie Kimberlin. Approximately 40 other members and guests attended the meeting at the Sporting Library in Middleburg.

**General:** Following a brief social gathering with wine and delicious snacks organized by Sheli and Christie, Kelly introduced board members and recapped recent events that LCEA organized or participated in: “Horses in the Transition Policy Area” meeting on January 16; the February 15 joint meeting with USTR and Tri-State Riding Club; the March 13 lecture on equine eye function and diseases jointly sponsored with the Equine Medical Center; and the Equine Expo at the Stone Tower Winery on March 15. Current projects include input on development of a county system for road paving decisions, rural road speed limits, and statutory rules covering vehicles passing equestrians on the roads; a meeting with Supervisor Higgins on equestrian/shared trails; plans for a Large Animal Rescue Training (TLAER) session with EMC and the MARE Center in the summer of 2019; participation in Envision Loudoun meetings; and Rural Economic Development input (info available on the LCEA website???)

**Bylaws:** Kelly explained the significant proposed changes to the LCEA Bylaws. A vote was taken and the updated bylaws were approved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m. Members and guests continued to snack on cheese, fruits and desserts, and then adjourned to the Museum next door for a special viewing of the Paul Mellon Collection of Sporting Prints from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Lee