

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

The meeting began at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were ~~Louise Cotulla~~, Kelly Foltman, Emily Houston, ~~Stephanie Jennings~~, Michelle (Sheli) King, Marion Lee, ~~Janet Vandervort~~, and Christie Kimberlin. Guests attending the meeting were: Tori Sullivan of BarnWiz; Dennis Kruse, BikeLoudoun president; Mitch Diamond and Tracy Lind representing the Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition; and Bill Aiton, USTR President.

Special Presentation: Dennis Kruse, with additional comments by Mitch Diamond, presented their plan for Emerald Ribbons, a county-wise trail system for hikers, bikers, and equestrians. The main focus would be developing trails along stream beds, encouraging developers to give floodplain land to the county for parks and trails. Kelly agreed to be the LCEA point person to work with Dennis, and she asked Bill to provide a USTR representative.

Secretary: Minutes of the June 19, 2018, meeting were approved.

Treasurer: There was no treasure's report.

Membership: There is one new business member and one individual member renewal. Tori Sullivan was elected to the LCEA board.

Expo 2019: Kelly has contracted with Stone Tower Winery to hold Expo 2019 on March 19. A snow/rain date will be determined later. Sheli is working with Visit Loudoun to sponsor the event again.

Roads: Kelly agreed to contact the Virginia Horse Council to see if they would work with LCEA on laws regarding passing horses on roads.

TLAER (Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue) Course : Kelly said she had no information yet on a possible grant from the Virginia Horse Industry board to hold a TLAER course. Foxcroft is being investigated as a possible host location – also the Loudoun County Fairgrounds.

Meeting Locations Sheli will host the Thursday, September 20, evening meeting and the Tuesday, October 16, morning meeting. Marion will host the Tuesday, December 18, evening meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Lee