

Loudoun County Equine Alliance (LCEA) Meeting – October 16, 2018

The meeting began at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Board members present were Kelly Foltman, Louise Cotulla, Emily Houston, ~~Stephanie Jennings~~, Michelle (Sheli) King, Marion Lee, ~~Janet Vandervaart, Tori Sullivan, and Christie Kimberlin.~~

Secretary: Minutes of the September 23, 2018, meeting were approved.

Treasurer: No report.

Membership: There has been one renewal. Sheli has sent a letter to business members asking if they would offer discounts to LCEA members and has received a positive response from Another Turn Tack. Board members volunteered to contact Southern States and Loudoun Milling. Membership cards will be needed.

Envision Loudoun Comprehensive Plan: Conservation easements were discussed. Kelly thought our letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Comprehensive Plan should include mention of conservation easements, stressing that they are the only permanent easements, but that we should not send a separate letter regarding the conservation easements, since LCEA had already written to the BOS on that subject. Clusters and setbacks need to be addressed. Kelly read sections from the Comp Plan. On page 78, text regarding conservation easements should be inserted. More specificity is needed on pages 79 and 80. Standard Operating Procedures are needed for rural business practices. Intense use of unpaved roads by large businesses should be addressed. Several pages in Chapter 3 should address permeable trails for horses and 30 foot stream buffers. Kelly will send notes to board members referencing specific items that should be included in the LCEA response.

TLAER (Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue) Course: Kelly, Sheli and Janet will meet with Patte Csizmedic at the Loudoun County Fairgrounds to discuss the possibility of using the fairgrounds as a host location for a TLAER course. LCEA needs a substantial grant to enable holding the TLAER course.

Morven Tuesday Talks: Possible topics for co-hosting with Morven EMC were discussed. Sheli will talk to Morven about possible dates and topics.

Horse Times Advertisement: Emily said the deadline for the next issue is November 5. The LCEA ad should include: "Save the Date Expo", membership renewal info, annual meeting info, and membership benefits.

New Board Members: Emily said that Reid O'Conner, who works for the Sporting Library, is interested in board membership. She should apply to Kelly.

Passing Horses: The state law for motor vehicles passing horses was discussed. It was decided to conduct a survey asking people to recount any incidents of unsafe passing they have experienced. Also, LCEA will recommend that the passing regulation, which is under "Motor Vehicles", be cross-referenced to other sections of the document.

Meeting Locations: Marion will host the Tuesday, December 18, evening meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Lee