

Loudoun County Equine Alliance (LCEA) Meeting – September 20, 2018

The meeting began at approximately 7:25 p.m.

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

Secretary: Minutes of the August 21, 2018, meeting were approved.

Treasurer: No report.

Membership: No activity. There are 37 individual members and 75 business members. Sheli will recirculate to board members her letter to business members asking if they would offer discounts to LCEA members.

Rockwool Plant: Kelly said that the Loudoun Board of Supervisors voted to investigate Rockwool, and that LCEA should applaud the BOS concerns and put her letter to that effect on Facebook. Kelly also suggested to Mike Erskine, Director of the Marion DuPont Equine Medical Center, that EMC should take the lead on investigating possible adverse effects of the Rockwool Plant on the Loudoun County equine population. Emily said that the West Virginia TB industry is now engaged in a protest.

Emerald Ribbons: Kelly said there was no update. She has given Bike Loudoun a list of current equestrian trails. Janet said she would connect USTR representatives with LCEA and Emerald Ribbons representatives..

Envision Loudoun: The LCEA position paper that Emily drafted was discussed. The board said that the paper should recommend that the new Envision Loudoun draft plan contain specifics of advancing equine interests.

TLAER (Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue) Course: LCEA's grant request was not approved. Kelly investigated the Loudoun County Fairgrounds as a possible host location for a TLAER course, but has been unable to get information other than the whole facility is available for \$2500 a day.

Loudoun Laurels: Al Van Huyck will be honored at an event on Sunday, September 30. Janet will try to get a gratis ticket for Kelly. It was agreed that LCEA will pay for one ticket.

Loudoun Against Rockwool: A presentation was made by two representatives of Loudoun Against Rockwool following the regular LCEA board meeting. Board members offered advice as to what to say and how to present their case to the REDC and the BOS on October 2.

Meeting Locations: Sheli will host the Tuesday, October 16, morning meeting. Marion will host the Tuesday, December 18, evening meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Lee