

Final LCEA Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2021 (via Zoom)

Board members participating were Kelly Foltman, Emily Houston, Stephanie Jennings, Michelle (Sheli) King, Marion Lee, Janet Vandervaart, Anna Connors, Debbie Meighan, Monica Smith and Virginia LaRocque.

Election of Board members: On behalf of the nominating committee, Sheli announced that 4 individuals expressed an interest in joining the Board - Tina Ann Legno, Debbie Meighan, Monica Smith and Virginia LaRocque. All submitted bios which were shared with the Board and all are current LCEA members as required by our bylaws. Kelly moved that we elect all 4, Sheli seconded and the Board approved the motion.

At this point, we left the Zoom meeting to join the Meeting that included the 3 of the newly elected Board members. Kelly provided these new members with an overview of some of LCEA's current initiative. The Board then elected the slate of officers announced by Kelly – Kelly as President, Emily as Vice-President, Stephanie as Treasurer and the undersigned as Secretary.

Approval of minutes: The approval of the April minutes was tabled until June to allow Kelly and Janet to review the version with the edits made by Marion and Sheli.

Treasurer report: Stephanie reported our bank account balance as \$27,933.53. This includes a number of grants and donations earmarked for the TLAER training in August. Costs since the last meeting include Constant Contact. Stephanie also wrote 2 checks to the Fair Grounds for the training totaling \$5,250 but these had not yet cleared

Membership repot: We currently have a total of 48 members, with one pending payment – 27 business and 21 individual.

LPAT/RROs: Kelly gave an update on the status of this initiative, including the presentation Design Workshop gave to the BOS. All had good questions and Chair Randall specifically asked about equestrian use of Banshee Reeks. Steve Torpy replied that an examination of all county parks would be conducted with the goal of maximizing usage. On May 25 an equestrian working group will be meeting with the consultants to provide input and information is on the LCEA website about the survey and the next community workshops

TLAER: Janet gave an overview of the training to the new Board members and our current outreach plans. Kelly described her outreach to the local vet community and I provided an update on where we were at with the County first responders. Next steps were outlined for spreading the word and ensuring maximum participation. Janet will do another FB post soon and we will pay to have it boosted. The next LCEA Horse Times ad will be devoted to TLAER.

Misc: We talked with Anna about taking over membership responsibilities and a meeting has been set up with the 2 of us and Stephanie to discuss the responsibilities of the position.

New Business: Janet shared that USTR would be hosting their annual Memorial Day Trail ride at Oatlands, with the proceeds of the ride split between the Blue Ridge Center and Oatlands. They are anticipating a large turnout as they have received the largest number of preregistrations ever.

The meeting concluded at approximately 6:15.

Respectfully Submitted – Sheli King, Secretary

REMINDER – NEXT MEETING JUNE 15 VIA ZOOM