

**Square Butte Ranch Club
Directors' Meeting
May 12, 2023**

Present: Maureen Heffring, Kym Penner, Louis Delesalle, Hazel Sangster, Lori Collims for her report.

Meeting called to order at 9.30

Lori's Report

Lori has started electric fencing in the back 40 for the mare and the gelding herd. The horses will be moved next week (geldings on south side, mares on west). They will stay there until approximately July 1 to allow the condo pasture and the ravine pasture to grow back. Lori will harrow both pastures and with Doug move the slow feeders to storage.

Lori is looking for volunteers to ride, ride the wagon, walk (collecting money for charity) in the **Diamond Valley parade** on June 3. An email will be sent out to all owners.

Lori is offering wrangled trail rides every Saturday and notice will be sent out.

The **pasture plan** will be much the same as last year. After July 1, mares and geldings will move back into limited portions of the condo pasture and ravine pasture (to make sure all areas are eaten evenly.) The oldtimers (the Wolfpack) will be in the gate pasture. A Jenny Craig pasture will be developed in the north east corner of the condo pasture (a bridge will be built over the stream.) Owners who want their horses closer in for convenience, can book the barn paddock, and runs* for up to two weeks at a time. This will be coordinated through Lori. Hay will be charged out at current rates. *As always, sick, injured, metabolic horses take precedence.

Lori and/or Doug will use the bush hog to knockdown the thatch in the condo, ravine and pond pastures. **This thatch is a serious fire hazard and must be dealt with.**

Evacuation drill for horses. An email will be sent out to all owners asking for volunteers with trailers, or who are available to catch and tag (braided into mane) horses, ready for transport to the Millarville Race track (designated) An evacuation is always a fluid, ever-

changing situation so we will invite owners to a meeting to discuss, as well as practice and refine our plan. Louis will be the spokesperson at this session and also the leader at any future evacuation. Thanks Lori L.

Lori Young has organised a **First Aid day** for June 16. We need a minimum of 10 participants for a cost of \$118 pp (more if possible). Lori will send information out for names and contact information so that participants can receive the three hour pre-study kit. Thanks Lori Y.

It was agreed that Louis will invite Kelly for a day's golf at Redwood Meadows to thank him for all the work he did around the Kentucky Derby party (cost to be reimbursed by Ranch Club). Hazel will send a thank you letter from the Board.

The Kentucky Derby party was a great success with a profit of \$3832.92. It was agreed to give a \$100 tip to the Bragg Creek Cafe. Extra pop, beer etc will be used for the next party.

The high stools around the barrels were popular.

It was suggested that we pre-sell tickets to avoid no-shows and rush at the door. Also suggested that we position any silent auction more prominently and perhaps have one Live Auction item to kick up the bidding.

Big thanks to the many volunteers who helped out and pat on the back for the Ranch Club!

Minutes of April 7 meeting. Kym/Louis. Approved.

I was agreed to send a more **concise letter to the Condo Board** asking for a meeting with their board, to discuss shared responsibilities and costs around insurance, land and pasture maintenance, regulations etc. Hazel will draft and send to Board for input.

A Roping Clinic was discussed. Possible date July 8 or if the Social Committee for a Stamped Breakfast, perhaps it could be coordinated with that?

The Kids Camp is July 17-20. Viable but still three spots available (perhaps on a daily basis).

Kym circulated the **Financials**. Staffing costs are higher in the summer, especially as Lori is doing all of the harrowing. There was discussion around first aid supplies and

treatment. It was agreed to set a set charge for scratches treatment, bandaging, bute etc and a small monthly charge for materials used by all horse owners.

Insurance. Kym has investigated different insurance companies but they are all equally high. We will discuss any duplication with the condo board.

Ranch Club horse Riding costs and regulations. It was agreed that there will be different costs to recognize contribution from horse owners and Ranch Club members.

Horse owners - \$45 for an hour

Ranch Club Members - \$60 per hour

Non-Ranch club owners - \$75 per hour

Additional half hours at \$25/hour

(These prices are less than Moose Mountain and Anchor D.

Rides will be guided unless rider is observed and approved by Lori.

On all rides Lori is the boss.

We would like to offer **riding lessons**. We will reach out to possible instructors. Hazel will talk to Alice Schmeltzer.

The next meeting is June 16.

Meeting adjourned.