

SQUARE BUTTE RANCH CLUB
Board Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2022

Present (via Zoom):Maureen Heffring, Kym Penner, Louis Delesalle, Hazel Sangster

Meeting called to order at 9.35

Minutes of last meeting approved as presented. Louis/Hazel.

A letter of congratulations to the new Condo Board was sent to Bob Lunge with no response. Kym will follow up with Bob to make sure it was forwarded to the new Board.

There was a question re a tax receipt for donations, but as we are not-for-profit we cannot do that. Hazel will draft a letter of thanks to be sent to Nancy Barrett for her recent donation.

Financials

Kym circulated the recent financial statements (interim as they need to be verified by our accountant.

Report from Lori Collins

For safety and insurance reasons, all horses on the property must be able to be haltered and load into trailer in case of an emergency. Lori is compiling a list of owners with trucks and trailers who could haul in case of fire/flood etc. Lori will also set up training sessions for horses/owners to comply with the above.

Spot Devices. There are currently two Spots, one for Lori and one for Clay/Doug. Clay/Doug often work alone and need to carry one at all times. Currently the ranch spot can be used by owners but it was suggested that we need another one. We will research the IN Reach Spot ad report back with cost. Hazel will investigate son's back country cell phone boost link. It was suggested that this might be a good way to spent Nancy's donation. Lori will organize a training session.

Xmas Party. This was deemed a great success by one and all. Huge thanks to to the two generous anonymous donors who covered the whole cost of the wagon rides, It was agreed that this should be an annual event as it brought together people off all interests, ages as well as sharing the Square Butte spirit with friends and family.

Lori is looking into running some courses in the Spring/Summer

- Equine nutrition
- Equine First Aid
- SB Riding Challenge to encourage more people to involved.
- Clinics (especially ground work clinics) open to horse owners, future horse owners and non horse owners.

Lori has been in touch with Green Ranch Stables (the old Liberty) and is checking out their arena with the possibility that SB owners may be able to trailer in and ride.

Two horses that were sent out for training have now been back at the ranch for a month but still cannot be integrated into the herd. Lori will follow up with Rob Krueger. Lori would like to issue a challenge to horse owners to walk with their horses for 100 days.

Problem with manure disposal ramp and trailer. Louis will fix on his return (March). Meanwhile we should use the bucket on the tractor.

Clay and Doug have a debit card for gas and they gas up the ranch vehicles. The Ranch Club recommends that we go back to having farm gas on site, much cheaper, and also saves on staff time and gas money running into Millarville for gas.

The designated mare and gelding herds are working well.

The waterer in the back 40 has been temporarily shut down as there are so many fences down and they need to be fixed before we can use that pasture.

Lori Young (now on the Condo Board - congrats Lori) is working on an Emergency Response Plan which will include an Evacuation Plan for horses. Motion from the Ranch Club Board to approve and provide help in putting this plan together. Kym/Hazel Approved.

Lori Collins is already working on this, and is putting together names of local land owners who might be able to take horses in case of an emergency. Lori also has a contact with the Millarville Race Track and will check with them (they have take horses in the past). Lori will update the list of horses (with photos and descriptions) and keep one copy in the office, one with her.

Live stock markers are available in the office. Lori will advise.

Ranch Club Board meeting with Condo Board. We hope this will take place within the next few months when we can discuss a Memo of Understanding between the two Boards to foster communication and collaboration.

The next meeting is February 4, 2022.

Meeting adjourned.