

SQUARE BUTTE RANCH CLUB
Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022

Present: Maureen Heffring, Kym Penner, Louiss Delesalle (via Zoom) Hazel Sangster, Lori Collins (to present her report.)

Move to adopt agenda. Kym/Hazel. Approved.

Lori Collins presented her report.

The two main herds, one of geldings, one of mares, are doing very well. Lori has moved the round bale feeders further back in the condo pasture.

The internet in the barn has not worked for two weeks. Grant is working on it.

As Spring approaches it will become urgent to move the horses out of their current pastures to allow for these pastures to be harrowed, cleaned and for the grass to grow. Because of the storm and the huge amount of damage to the fence in the West pasture, all horses have had to winter in the pastures around the barn and the saloon and these pastures have taken a beating. We need to get trees cleared and fences in the West pasture fixed as soon as possible. This is an insurance item, but we need to make the Condo Board and Grant aware that this needs to be done. Once the insurance is in place, the Ranch Club can assist in finding timely fencers, and are also ready to reactivate the waterer there (this was decommissioned to protect the waterer). This should happen by the end of March. Both main herds will move to the back forty, kept separate from each other with electric fencing, as well as contained in the lower pasture to allow for easier capture. Holding pens will be set up for each herd. This cannot proceed until the perimeter fence is repaired and dangerous trees removed. Gary Bennet has already started working on tree clearing.

The small shed by the back pond will be cleared and secured for owners who wish to store their tack there.

When the new grass comes in , limit-feeding areas will be set up for those horses that need it.

The old horses currently in the gate pasture will rotate between there and a section of the pond pasture

The gate waterer has been leaking. Lori and Clay have worked on this and it seems to be fine now. If it leaks again we will contact Keith Almborg who has a great deal of experience with waterers and we will repair, buy new, recycle Hoskins() waterer (without guts) in the bone yard.

Lori will organize de-worming, annual shots in March/April.

Lori is already investigating the acquisition of reliable ranch horses for the summer. We need to put a budget together, as well as protocols. These horses will be kept segregated from the owner horses. They will only go out with a wrangler or for wrangler-organized lessons.

Lori is investigating buying bulk shavings from Spray Lakes - much cheaper.

Thank you Lori for your report.

Motion to adopt January 7 minutes. Lori/Kym. Passed Lori will send out minutes.

Nancy Barrett was thanked and receipted for her donation.

There has still been no response to the letter congratulating the new board or indication if they got it.

Concern was expressed regarding the very large utilities bill and the Ranch Club portion. This will be taken up with the board during our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) meeting. There have been heaters and fans in the saloon since the storm and the shop and the barn heat should be controlled (thermostats) to avoid these high energy costs. Kym will put together a year to year history of utility costs.

Ranch Club staff policy document.

This should be sent to all owners outlining staff and Board contact after hours. It should include:

- Contact info (phone and email) for our staff and Ranch Club Board members. (Board members are covered by WCB when providing service when staff are not available.
- List Lori's regular hours and Erin's part-time hours.
- Emergency contact sheet (to be updated)
- Urge owners to contact Lori re times they are away from the ranch with alternate contact person details.
- All horse owners must sign boarding agreement.

Meeting with Board to discuss MOU

Hazel will draft request to the Board for such a meeting. This request should be sent ASAP to reach the Board before their next meeting on February 24 with a meeting requested in late March or early April.

Ranch Club Board member should add to and edit the MOU document in Google docs so we can begin planning out presentation.

Our next meeting is March 11.

Meeting adjourned.

