

**Square Butte Ranch Club
Board of Directors Meeting
March 11, 2022**

Present: Maureen Heffring, Kym Penner, Louis Delesalle,, Hazel Sangster

Meeting called to order at 9.40 am.

Move to adopt agenda Kym/Hazel. Passed.

Move to adopt minutes of February 10, 2022. Hazel/Louis. Passed.

Kym will circulate minutes to Ranch Club members. Hazel will make sure all Board minutes are in our google docs file.

Square Butte Condo Board and Ranch Club Board Meeting.

An email will be sent to the Condo Board with suggested dates for this meeting. The Condo Board have allotted 2 hours for such a meeting. In this fact-sharing meeting the two boards will establish a "road-map" to facilitate better communication, sharing of experience, staff, expenses etc between the two boards.

Discussion will include:

Communication

Utility sharing

Staff sharing/

Equipment sharing

Pasture management

Waterers

Labour/staff

Fencing\Arena

Maureen will draft a letter of invitation emphasizing the format'

Financials

Kym circulated the financials. Balance of \$16,596.98. (May Insurance outstanding.)

Watering the arena.

Louis presented two options for watering the arena (the current water caddy is too small and not working right now.)

Option One: pump water from the pond through hose to arena and use sprinklers. Approx \$2000 for pump etc. (Negatives - noisy, hose across pond pasture, impact on fish in pond?)

Option Two: Replace water caddy with new 500 gallon water caddy. \$10,000

Benefits; more uses - fire suppression, dust control, community garden.

Negatives: expense, probably cant be towed by ranch quad (side by side or truck).

More information needed and discussion with condo board.

Discussion re collection of rain water and using top pond. Louis will investigate.

Herd Pasture.

Square Butte offers herd boarding only. Most horses adapt to a stable herd but sometimes they do not adapt. If we have a horse who is aggressive to wranglers, other owners and other horses, and whose behaviour does not change after training and consistent handling, it is best that this horse be moved to a facility that better suits his needs.

West Pasture update

Grant is still working on the insurance claim for our damaged fence. Kelly Dunford is submitting a quote for repairing the fencing. He will remove the downed trees (non-insurance portion) for free (lumber) asap.

Lori will provide a list of fencing supplies needed.

Lori's Report

Ranch Horses

It was agreed that we will acquire two ranch horses for June, July, August, September (as well as using selected owner horses). Cost per hour will be determined (around \$25-35). Lori will coordinate, establishing rider competence before these horses can be taken out (at her discretion). All riders must sign liability waiver. Lori will draft an email to go to owners "No horse, no problem!"

Lori would like to have mulch (chipped poplar) or the runs and around the gates. Also suggested was using shavings/manure for boggy areas on trails on property.

We are conducting an inventory of first aid supplies (horse and human). Maureen will pick up what is needed at Greenhawk.

The board is working with Lori Young on the main board to upgrade our safety/evacuation plan.

We discussed the app Equilab Equestrian Tracker which tracks your rides, records every movement of your horses, pinpoints your gps position etc.

Barn

Louis and the other board members will meet Saturday to brainstorm and initiate comprehensive upgrade and re-organization of the barn. (Tackroom, bathroom, Lori's office, feed rooms etc) Costs will be covered by the Ranch Club. A letter will be sent to the Condo Board asking for board approval on this.

We are planning a roping clinic (demonstration and on ground instruction) in the arena as soon as the snow melts (with accompanying bbq).

Lori will make sure that we have hay reserved with our suppliers.

Our **next meeting** is April 1.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Kym/Hazel