

# **EQUESTRIAN FRIENDS OF ED LEVIN PARK**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, December 15, 2010; 6:30 p.m.  
Success Learning Center - Milpitas, CA

### **Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Acting President Cliveden Chew-Haas.

### **Roll Call**

Members present: Cliveden Chew Haas, Debbie Souza, Joy Rajasalu, Cindy Hoskins

### **Approval of Minutes**

The July meeting minutes were not available for reviewing and approval.

### **Old Business**

This meeting was to discuss timelines and details for upcoming projects.

### **New Business**

#### Flyer Boxes and Flyers

At a prior EFOEL General Membership meeting, it was decided that one box would be mounted at the bulletin board located at the Spring Valley Equestrian Staging Area. The other box would be mounted at the bulletin board near the emergency phone on the Calaveras Ridge Trail near the hang glider landing area. Cliveden will make copies of the flyers on green paper, and will ask her husband to mount the boxes for EFOEL.

#### 2011 EFOEL Paperwork

The 2011 Park Friends Agreement forms have been completed and were routed to Parks Admin for approval and signing. We are waiting for our approved, signed copy.

#### Trail Signs Project

**Scope:** Assist Ranger Mike Maximovich in replacing trail signs scheduled for Spring 2011.

**Details:** The replacement signs are metal and will be mounted on metal posts in a cement base. There are 20 posts for installation throughout the park. The signs are to be ordered at the beginning of 2011 to be installed when the trails dry.

**Date:** We are anticipating this project to be scheduled around April – May 2011.

**Work Crew:** We will need approx. 12 volunteers to complete this task, which will include mounting the signs on the posts, digging post holes, mixing cement, and leveling sign placement. We are anticipating (4) teams of 3 persons, which will be transported to the project sites by 4 WD vehicles. More info to follow...

#### Equestrian Rest Area Enhancement Project – Tularcitos Trail

**Scope:** Install picnic table and tie rail near existing single horse paddock across from dog park. Replace leaking water trough and install float valve.

**Details:** Parks Staff may have a replacement trough and picnic table available for our use. We will need to lift the skirt on the oak tree just East of the paddock, to allow for the placement of the table and tie rail. The current water trough is cracked at the bottom, so it will have to be re-leveled and secured in a proper sized area. A new float valve will be added to the trough, with an accessible bottom drain for cleanout.

**Date:** This project requires application and approval by Parks Admin before it can be scheduled. Debbie will consult with Park Rangers, complete the correct paperwork and submit to County Parks Admin for approval.

**Work Crew:** to be decided

#### Equestrian Rest Area Project – Agua Caliente Trail x Monument Peak Trail

**Scope:** Install picnic table and tie rail near existing water trough at this trail intersection.

**Details:** This project will be tabled until 2012.

#### **Adopt A Trail**

Our application to adopt the Airpoint trail and a portion of the Calaveras Ridge trail was approved by Parks Admin Staff in August 2010. Adopt-A-Trail signs will be provided by County Parks and will be posted in these areas. A trail cleanup date will be scheduled for Fall 2011.

#### **Safe Trails Training / Trailwatch Horse Certification Practice**

A request has been made to schedule this training in July 2011. Once approved, this event will be posted on the BAEN Board. More info to follow...

#### **Calero Covered Arena Project**

We are waiting for a response from County Park Admin regarding letter written by Jack Wilson on November 24, 2010.

#### **Future Project Ideas**

Debbie is keeping a list of Future Project Ideas. If you have any to add, please send them to Debbie.

#### **Fundraising for Projects**

Cindy (Fundraising Committee Chairperson) shared 2 ideas for fundraising for EFOEL projects.

One idea is to have EFOEL volunteers work the snack stand at Golden Gate Fields for a day. The racetrack will then donate money to EFOEL for future projects.

The second idea was for applying to become a beneficiary of funds raised through the STEP/TSC (Stewards for Trails, Education & Partnerships Program sponsored by Tractor Supply Company) Conservation Program. The program is coordinated through AQHA and applications are routed to AQHA for consideration. Cindy is researching both of these ideas further.

#### **New WebMaster**

Before resigning, Becky Siebel advised us that Janet Peter had agreed to take over the responsibility of webmaster. Cliveden will meet with Janet to confirm this agreement still stands and work on updating the website.

#### **Ed Levin Arena Maintenance**

The arena in the Spring Valley Area needs maintenance. The rails are misaligned, the sand is becoming overgrown with weeds, and the arena needs grooming. Debbie will talk to Rangers about maintaining the arena, possibly asking EFOEL members to assist in grooming.

#### **EFOEL Shirts**

A request was made to have EFOEL shirts available for members to purchase. We will discuss this at the next General Membership meeting.

#### **Bank Accounts**

At her resignation, Becky closed the EFOEL Bank Account.

A motion was made to establish a new EFOEL bank account.

MSC: The Board of Directors directs Cliveden to establish a bank account for EFOEL funds. Signatories are to be Cliveden Chew Haas (Acting President), Deborah Souza (Secretary) and Cindy Hoskins (Board member).

#### **Future Meetings**

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held in late February 2011, date to be announced.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Souza  
Secretary, EFOEL