

# **EQUESTRIAN FRIENDS OF ED LEVIN PARK**

## **General Membership Meeting**

Monday, June 14, 2010; 7:00 p.m.  
Chaparral Ranch - Milpitas, CA

### **Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Becky Seibel.

### **Roll Call**

Members present: (From Indian Hills Ranch) Debbie Souza, Cliveden Chew Haas, Joy Rajasalu, Brook Fruzen, Karen Munson; (From Chaparral Ranch), Shawn Mott, Simon Westbrook, Keith Love; (From Private Ranches) Arlene Kaiser, Jack Wilson, Becky Seibel, Cindy Hoskins, Joy Pros.

### **Old Business**

#### Gate Closure at Chaparral Ranch:

It was unanimously agreed that this is one of our top issues. The loss of this trail access to the park perimeter (Tularcitos) trail not only limits access to all of the stables on the East side of the park, but may also be an issue with fire access. We discussed several options for working with the park district to re-open this trail access permanently by bypassing the Chaparral Ranch property. More work to be done on the research of County Parks Original plan for Ed Levin Park.

#### EFOEL Annual Validation:

Jack reminded us that the Annual Validation paperwork needs to be completed. (Becky and Debbie completed the "Friends of County Parks, 2010 Annual Renewal Agreement". The completed form was hand-delivered (by Becky) to Sr. Ranger Jeff Cossins during the week of June 21, and requested it be forwarded to Gloria Gill at Park Admin.)

### **New Business**

#### Trail Maintenance:

Becky advised that she spoke to Angel at Park Maintenance on 6/8 regarding downed tree, thistles, overgrown trails, etc. Angel advised that the Park Maintenance staff had been sent to the new Alviso Marina to prepare for the Grand Opening Celebration (6/5). Angel also advised that the Ed Levin Staff has been reduced by 1 Ranger and 1 Maintenance person. Becky advised Angel that EFOEL is here to help them.

#### Ranger Staff

Becky spoke to Sr. Ranger Jeff Cossins on 6/9 regarding working with EFOEL. Jeff advised that the Ranger staff is responsible for policing Ed Levin, Grant, Penitencia Creek and Alviso Marina parks. The staff has also been reduced by one Ranger position.

#### Trailwatch Logs

As part of our (Becky, Arlene, Debbie) Trailwatch duties, we end our ride by completing a Trailwatch log (report on condition of trails, issues, usage) and forwarding it to Parks Admin. We have decided that we will now forward a copy of those logs to Ed Levin Parks Maintenance and Ranger staff, as well as Parks Admin. This will allow the Park staff to be immediate aware of issues that need attention.

#### EFOEL Informational Flyers

Joy R. suggested we create EFOEL Informational Flyers with Contact Information, to be posted throughout the park. Shawn advises he could also distribute these flyers at Chaparral Ranch.

#### EFOEL as Park Liaison

Arlene recommended that all Equestrians that use Ed Levin Park, report any issues to an EFOEL Board Member so that they can be handled in the appropriate manner. The exception would be any issue that

would require immediate attention (danger on the trail, misuse of park, etc.). If we funnel all issues through EFOEL we will be able to track the progress and follow up to make sure that each issue is handled in a timely manner.

New Project Ideas (in order by anticipated completion date):

1. Install new Picnic table with Hitching Rail at water trough on Agua Caliente trail x Monument Peak trail.
2. Help Park Staff install 4 new Equestrian gates within park. (2) gates at park boundary with East Bay Regional Parks District property; (1) Tularcitos trail x Agua Caliente trail; (1) Agua Caliente trail (by August 2010)
3. Build and mount suggestion boxes at both Equestrian staging areas within park.
4. Re-level and clean water trough near dog park.
5. Install auto-waterers that were purchased by Marla (IHR) last year.

New Board Members-At-Large

Dave Seibel and Tiger Crites were nominated and welcomed as new Board Members At Large.

Fund Raisers

Becky advises that she personally paid for the website license for this year. The cost is \$15.00 and will need to be paid in the future years.

The following fundraisers were suggested:

1. Catered Breakfast Ride in the park
2. Poker Ride in the Park (Debbie)
3. Sale of Horseshoe creations for additional profit (Joy R.).
4. Carriage rides through the park (Shawn)

It was decided that we would concentrate on the Breakfast ride fundraiser as our first event. Cindy H, Joy R, Joy P, and Brook F, will be the committee for this first event to be scheduled for late July or early August.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Souza  
Secretary, EFOEL