

# EQUESTRIAN FRIENDS OF ED LEVIN PARK

## General Membership Meeting

Friday, July 30, 2010; 6:00 p.m.

Chaparral Ranch - Milpitas, CA

### Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Becky Siebel.

### Roll Call

Members present: (From Indian Hills Ranch) Debbie Souza, Karen Morton, Cliveden Chew Haas, Joy Rajasalu, Brook Fruzen, Karen Munson; (From A & J Ranch) Janet Peter; (From Diamond W Ranch) Cecelia Taime; (From Curtis Ranch) Jerry Rascano; (From Chaparral Ranch) James Cantrell, Shawn Mott, Simon Westbrook, Keith Love; (From Private Ranches) Arlene Kaiser, Jack Wilson, Becky Seibel, Cindy Hoskins, Joy Pros, Kimberly Medal, Judy Medal,

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 7, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### Old Business

#### EFOEL Informational / Membership Flyers

Debbie shared an informational flyer that she created, containing the EFOEL History, Mission Statement, Website and Membership information. The flyer was approved by the membership and will be placed in the Suggestion boxes as soon as they are mounted within the park.

#### Fundraiser Committee

The fundraiser committee has determined that it would be best to start with a simple event to try to earn "seed money" to start an EFOEL bank account. Cindy Hoskins advised that the first event will be a Continental Breakfast and Safety Training within the Park. Cindy will distribute info to members through e-mail.

#### Hitching Rail Installation Projects

Becky showed an Ed Levin Park map, which illustrated where we would like to have equestrian rest areas built, including installation of (2) hitching rails. One rail is needed near the existing single horse paddock which is located across the pavement from the Dog Park. The other rail is needed near the metal water trough located at the intersection of the Agua Caliente Trail and the Monument Peak Trail. Both of these projects require a great deal of planning and coordination with the county park staff, so these projects will be discussed further at future meetings.

#### Bank Account

Becky advised that she opened a bank account for EFOEL using \$100 of her personal monies, which will be reimbursed to her as soon as there is a positive balance.

#### Membership Dues

A suggestion was made to collect membership dues in order to start a balance in our bank account. A vote was taken among members and it was decided that EFOEL has never required dues and will continue to be "dues free" as long as possible.

### New Business

#### Becoming a Non-Profit Volunteer Organization

Kitty Monahan and Janice Spuller shared their experiences as long-time members of the non-profit New Almaden Quicksilver County Park Association (NAQCPA). The discussion focused on financing and planning for events within the park. It was advised that the County Parks requires a minimum 2 Million dollar insurance coverage for any fundraising events within the park, however, it is possible to piggyback

onto larger policies (ie. BCHA, SCHA, etc). Janice advised that NAQCPA was able to exchange logged Trailwatch hours for park permit fees for events. Becoming a non-profit organization has issues of its own. Among these are the annual tax reporting requirement and many other commitments.

#### EFOEL Newsletter

Kitty shared an example of the very detailed NAQCPA newsletter, which is sent to members. Becky thought that we should start a newsletter for EFOEL. A discussion followed and it was decided that the EFOEL newsletter idea should be tabled until a future date.

#### VCC (Volunteer Coordinating Council) Meeting

Janice invited Becky and Cliveden to attend the next VCC meeting, where they will be introduced to Council members and discuss various volunteer issues throughout the park district.

#### Trail Maintenance Status

Becky, Cliveden and Debbie will arrange for a meeting with Park Maintenance staff to discuss maintenance of trails and get estimated timelines for completion.

#### Chapparal Trail Easement

The ranch is still on the market and this project is sitting on the back burner pending the sale of the property. Regular contact with Park Real Estate Division will help us keep status on the trail easement project.

#### Adopt-A-Trail Program

Becky suggested that EFOEL apply to adopt a particular park trail so that trail maintenance can be regularly scheduled among EFOEL members. It was determined that the most widely used trails are the Airpoint Trail and the Calaveras Ridge Trail. We will be applying to adopt the Airpoint Trail and the portion of the Calaveras Ridge Trail known as "Spooky Alley". "Spooky Alley" is that section of the Calaveras Ridge trail from the Group Camp crossing at Downing Rd North to Old Calaveras Rd. Becky will research the application project.

#### New Ed Levin Volunteer Liaison Ranger

Ranger Mike Maximovich has returned to his post at Ed Levin, and will now be the Volunteer Liaison for the Park.

#### **Future Meetings**

A meeting with Trails Supervisor Greg Bringelson will be planned for a later date.

A Trailwatch Academy is pending to be held at Ed Levin Park. Contact Debbie Souza if you are interested in joining the Trailwatch Program and certifying your horse.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Souza  
Secretary, EFOEL