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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Nevada Equine Council Meeting Minutes |  | | |
| Location: | South Valleys Library - Diamond Room, 15650A Wedge Pkwy Reno, NV 89511 |
| Date: | January 7, 2025 |
| Time: | 6:00 PM (check in at 5:45) |

# meeting details

## Roll call

### Samantha, Heather, Kathy, Deanna

## Approval of minutes

### November 2024 minutes, Kathy motioned to approve, Sam seconded.

## Treasurers report

NA

## old business and Action Items

### NV Equine Council setup

##### Board member recruitment

##### Status of NV Business License application – completed.

### Washoe County Equine Code Assessment Report Review. See attached [list of questions/comments](#ReportReview) prepared by Kathy.

#### Issues priority changed from #7 to #5, looks like it may come up some time in 2026

#### Fines still being assessed if no action is being taken

### Nonprofit Management Liability Policy tabled until May 2025

### IRS form to obtain nonprofit status. See attached comments

### Payment for membership, donations –fees and options Venmo, PayPal, etc

#### Add to flyer – Kathy to check on this

### Bank account – Heather and Kathy to complete prior to next meeting.

### Identify Sponsors/Partners

##### Feed/Hay suppliers

##### American Horse Council (<https://horsecouncil.org/>).

##### Veterinarians

##### Farriers

##### Nevada Rangeland Resource Commission <https://nevadarangelands.org/>

### Sam - list of Southern NV contacts (Eastern also?)

#### Kathy to create shared folder.

### Addition of any future action items for southern NV (particularly Vegas area)

## committee reports

### NA

## new business and Action Items

### Planning and direction for the coming year.

#### Publicize group

#### Collect membership

#### Advertise meetings - on-line meeting starting in March

#### Add event tab to NVEC website - Kathy

#### America 250, Sam on Nevada committee – volunteerism and civic engagement, Website will be available with resources.

#### Genoa Western Heritage Days, horse parade on Saturday, May 3, 2:00 pm – Sam riding for Nevada discovery ride <https://www.genoanevada.org/visitors/genoa_western_heritage_days.php>

#### Reno Rodeo – possible booth, Jun 18 to 28

#### Nevada Day Parade – November 1

#### Western Staes Horse Expo – Jun 6 to 8

#### Snaffle Bit Futurity – Sep 6 to 14

#### National Pony Express convention in September 5 and 6 in Elko, Sam attending

#### AERC conference in March 7 and 8, Nugget in Sparks – Heather attending Saturday

### Board of County Commissioners Meeting (Dec 10th), equine business code issue on agenda as part of the Envision Washoe 2040 Master Plan prioritization update. There was a healthy discussion amongst the board and I was the only equine business owner present. I also shared a comment on record. Ultimately it was voted to move the equine code change from #7 out of 7 to #5 on the list. In practical terms, Planning Director Kelly Mullin said that it means they won't even be looking at it for at least a year. If you are interested in hearing the whole conversation, here is the link to the meeting, cued up to that agenda item: [CLICK HERE](https://www.youtube.com/live/_htoa0zVZF4?si=aDpynaOCg9UhBWf2&t=10052)

### Updated to NVEC website: added the State survey and USDA Ag census info to their respective pages as well as the links to the Washoe County reports on the local page, all with links.

#### Survey for the Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation is collecting data on how people utilize Nevada open space. This is another important survey and opportunity to emphasize how large the equine community is in our state.

#### Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation needs to be made aware of the existence of the Nevada Equine Council! I was planning on reaching out to Debbie (listed in the email) to make the initial contact, but since I know many of you are passionate about trail use and open spaces, I wanted to see if anyone else would like to take the lead on making and developing this relationship? Deanna will contact Debbie

### 2024 ESTC Trails Summit – Deanna to contact Jay Howard re ESTC

## Calendar and meeting/events

### NV Equine Council meeting schedule and locations for 2025

##### Meetings scheduled at South Valleys Library - Diamond Room, 15650A Wedge Pkwy Reno, NV 89511 – Jan 7, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3, and Jul 1

##### Meetings scheduled at Raley's 108 - Reno Gather A Meeting Room, 18144 Wedge Parkway, Reno, NV 89511 – Feb 4

##### Board Meeting at 6 pm, General Membership Meeting at 7 pm

**For IRS nonprofit formation**

1. **Formation Date?** This must match our Articles of Incorporation  From the instructions:  Copy of organizing document (articles of incorporation and any amendments). A corporation's organizing document is its articles of incorporation. If you formed under state statute, your articles of incorporation (and any amendments) must show certification of filing. This means your articles show evidence that on a specific date they were filed with and approved by an appropriate state authority. The document must be an exact copy of what is on file with your state. If you don't have a copy of your articles of incorporation showing evidence of having been filed and approved by an appropriate state official, you may submit a substitute copy of your articles of incorporation. This substitute copy may be handwritten, typed, printed, or otherwise reproduced. It must be accompanied by a declaration, signed by an officer authorized to sign for you, that it is a complete and correct copy of the articles of incorporation and that it contains all the powers, principles, purposes, functions, and other provisions by which you currently govern yourself. **Signed Dec 7th, 2024.**
2. **$600 filing fee**
3. **Describe completely and in detail your past, present, and planned activities.** Do not refer to or repeat the purposes in your organizing document or speculate about potential future programs. Your narrative description of activities should be thorough and accurate because we determine whether you qualify for exempt status based on the information in your application.  
   For each past, present, or planned activity, include information that answers the following questions:
   * What is the activity?
     1. Effective no sooner than February 2025, represent all aspects of the equine industry in the state of Nevada (e.g., trainers, boarding facilities, horse owners, etc). Track regulatory changes and issues related to equine activities. Share information on equine resources including but not limited to veterinarians, farriers, trails, feed/hay suppliers, events, open space. Build membership, establish committees, networking and advocacy, and add board members from outside Washoe County.
   * Who conducts the activity?
     1. Board members, membership at large, and affiliate organizations.
   * Where is the activity conducted?
     1. Within the state of Nevada.
   * What percentage of your total time is allocated to the activity?
     1. 5 to 20%
   * How is the activity funded (for example, donations, fees, etc.) and what percentage of your overall expenses is allocated to this activity?
     1. Membership dues, donations. 100% to items as listed in Question 1.
   * How does the activity further your exempt purposes?
     1. The activities further our exempt purposes by providing resources to the equine industry to collaborate, inform, educate, and support the Nevada equestrian community.