

Executive Board Meeting
November 27, 2023

The meeting came to order at 5:33 p.m.. All board members were present as well as the present barn boarders

Calendar of Events:

December 16th: Christmas Parade, 4:00 followed by movie at 5:30

December 22nd: Christmas light competition

January 20th: highway cleanup at 9:00 a.m. Thank you to 10+ people who participated this month!

Barn: Those who keep horses at the barn were invited to express grievances and concerns regarding the updated Barn Boarding Contract and the new barn manager, Shannon Brenneman.

Concerns & Grievances:

I. Boarding Fees:

- A. The boarders do not want an increase in fees. They don't see the need.
- B. Board members replied that the increase would provide more resources to repair things.
- C. Suggested buying a mower w/ proceeds.
- D. Present fee covers electricity, water, etc.
- E. The Board doesn't expect barn repairs to be made by boarders.

Discussion amongst the board, led to a motion to raise the fee to \$145.00 as a compromise. The vote passed unanimously with the following additional provisions: For return checks, there will be a \$25.00 fee. After seven days, \$25.00 late fee.

II. Hay storage:

- A. No one is interested in storing hay in the loft for a variety of reasons, with specific concerns about ventilation.
- B. Three boarders prefer to have "community hay", but that doesn't work for everyone. The three in favor will continue as they have been doing.
- C. Discussion about storing hay individually met with some resistance, due the special needs of one horse.

III. Arena and number of horses:

- A. Present boarders prefer not to split the pasture, claiming that growing vegetation would be possible if it was left intact, to control erosion.
- B. Historically, growing vegetation has not been successful with more than 2 horses.
- C. The acreage (~2.37) warrants the accommodation of 4 horses ideally; five max.
- D. There are signed contracts for six boarders. This matter will be discussed by the HOA board.
- E. Building another shelter met with some disagreement

During discussion of the number of horses to be allowed on the property, a motion was made by the president to honor the contracts currently in place, but to reduce the number of horses when someone leaves. Five members voted in the affirmative; one abstained and one did not agree.

In addition, a motion was made to divide the pasture. Six voted affirmatively; one abstained. There will be new shelters built to accommodate all horses.

The arena will be left as is at this time and discussed at a later date when all 6 horses are settled in.

Christmas:

- Brian is looking for a Santa. Please contact him directly if you can help.
- Dec 16th will be a parade followed by a movie, details coming
- Movie choices: Elf, The Grinch w/Jim Carey, Home Alone

Next meeting:

January 2nd, 6:00 p.m.

January 18th, executive meeting at 6:00 with **community meeting to follow at 7:00.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.