

MINUTES  
General Meeting October 1, 2024

The meeting was held at the Carroll County Office Building, 225 N. Center Street, Room 003-004 Lower Level, Westminster, MD, and called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Darlene Welsh, President.

ATTENDANCE: Lynda Arnold, Janet Breeding, Barb Carr, Joe Dragan, Carolyn Garber, Pam Boone-Guercio, Katy Hankins, Dave Radcliffe, Darlene Welsh, Jamie Noel.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of 09/03/2024 provided. Motion to approve by Joe Dragan; second by Dave Radcliffe. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reports for July and August provided.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER REPORT – Lynda Arnold reported September 21 was the last show of the season for Rockin A. Lynda announced that Rockin A has show dates for 2025. Lynda also advised to keep the Rockin A security deposit in order to replace the pole that was broken earlier in the season. Harrison Mule Days is October 4-6, 2024.

Ride for Responders 09/15/2024 – Barb Carr reported they had an amazing day with increased attendance due to the good weather. They were able to donate over \$18,000 to two fire departments and one mounted unit. The dumpster will be removed. Joe Dragan thanked Barb and recognized Brian Boone with thanks for dragging both rings after their event.

RECREATION AND PARKS NEWS: Jamie Noel the Volunteer of the Year event will be held on Thursday, 11/07/2024 at the Charles Carroll Community Center, 3719 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD.

President's Report – Social Dinner on 10/15/2024 at Katana Japanese Sushi and Ramen, 5959 Exchange Drive, Eldersburg, MD.

Equestrian Center Contract Review/Comments:

Lynda – Insurance is difficult to obtain 30 days prior to the event  
Carroll County Health Dept does not require Certificate 30 days in advance  
Recommend change to what County advises  
Renting the grounds – nothing in contract about free "rain dates"  
Suggested if show is cancelled due to inclement weather, refund be given  
Recommended dragging the rings day before each show

Janet – Recommend continue same rental fees for 2025  
\$250 per day/\$150 per day for Youth Organizations  
10 days is not enough time for COI to be received by mail – recommend email

Barb – pay when you save the date; submit contract, COI at same time;;no rain dates/refund  
Deposit is for damages. Ride For Responders paid deposit and rental fee at same time.  
To use the sound system determine extra fee  
Master contract should not be changed

Jamie – if rental and deposit payment is not made with contract, the reservation is not made

Pam – pay for all dates with the contract

New sound system not to be kept in building; if damaged comes out of security deposit

Joe – recommend two from CCEC review contract and require two signatures

Equestrian Center Manager and one from Officers/Board of Directors to have good transparency.

Recommend security deposit/rental fee and COI be submitted at same time

To use the jumps/poles determine extra fee

Contract signature should show Equestrian Council instead of Equestrian Center

Morgan Run Trail Work Day – 09/07/2024 - Carolyn reported the volunteers mowed and removed trees blocking trails. Next trail work day is 10/13/2024.

Gillis Falls Trail Work Day 09/15/2024 – Jon Arnold email report 2 attended.

Union Mills Trails – no report

Piney Run Trails – next trail work day 11/02/2024 to install mounting block

Hunting Season 09/01/2024 – 02/15/2025 - calendars have been distributed, posted on FB and Web/signs posted; also available at Rec & Parks Office

Nominations for Officer/Board of Directors for 2025

President – Darlene Welsh

Treasurer – Peggy Miller

Secretary – Carolyn Garber

Equestrian Center Manager – Barb Carr

Board of Directors – Janet Breeding/Joseph Dragan/Dave Radcliffe

Equestrian Center – Celebrates 30 years in 2025

Joe Dragan shared promo ideas – recreate Joe's Playground in honor of Joe Zentgraf; install a flagpole at the Biddison Building to enable the American Flag to be flown during Events – in honor of Gilbert Breeding; repair the "Miller Jump" in honor of Bob Miller.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Radcliffe, second by Joe Dragan. The meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.  
Submitted by Carolyn A. Garber, Secretary