

MINUTES
Carroll County Equestrian Council
General Meeting November 5, 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 730 p.m. by Darlene Welsh, President.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of 10/01/2024 provided. Motion to approve by Joe Dragan; second by Pam Boone Guercio. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reports for September 2024 provided by Peggy Miller.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER REPORT – Lynda Arnold reported the Biddison building was winterized on 10/17/2024 and the sound system removed to her home..

Harrison Mule Days 10/04-06/2024 – via email, Rachel Troppman reported a highly successful event for their 17th year with approximately 50 volunteers and overall attendance of approximately 1500-2000. CCEC thanked Harrison Mule Days/Rachel Troppman for dragging both rings after their event.

Self-Help Project – concrete pad at the Equestrian Center. Joe Dragan reported the contractor is to do the job on 11/19/2024. Requested Community Park staff move the bleachers and picnic tables prior to that date.

MHIB Grant Application – Carolyn Garber reported the application (for the sound system) was submitted; recipients to be announced in January 2025.

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

Replanting trees on the berms at the Equestrian Center – Jamie will check with the Department to see if they will take care of replanting and obtain a list of trees that may be used so we can make sure they are not poisonous to horses.

President;s Report –Several members enjoyed a Social Dinner on 10/15/2024 at Katana Japanese Sushi and Ramen. Obtaining the Tax Exempt Certificate is still in progress.

Piney Run Trails – Stephanie Brennan reported the Department has issued 38 permits for the 2024 calendar year. The permits are to be renewed annually. Thanks to Piney Run Park Staff, the trails are in amazing condition.

Trail work day 11/02/2024 9:00 – 10:30 – Mike Macella purchased materials and constructed mounting block prior to the work event. Wayde Blank (Piney Run Park staff) surveyed and marked the area for installation of the mounting block – installed by Mike Macella and Tim Ward (Piney Run Park staff) “Use at Your Own Risk” sign for the mounting block purchased by Stephanie Brennan and will be installed. Tim Ward took care of all of the leaves covering the parking area by the time the

volunteers started to arrive. 10 volunteers who clipped back overgrowth, blew leaves off the trails, picked up trash and installed the mounting block.

Stephanie proposed a "Poker Run" event at Piney Run for Saturday, May 3, 2025. Attendees to sign up for staggered start times to ensure adequate parking; need 6+ volunteers; Ask for donation to participate to benefit CCEC or CCR&P; Prizes? Discussion to continue at December meeting. Peggy will provide contact info for Freedom Septic to determine cost of portable toilet for one day.

Morgan Run Trail Work Day – 10/13/2024 - Carolyn reported the 8 volunteers mowed and removed trees blocking trails. Next trail work day is 11/17/2024.

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

Election of Officers/Board of Directors for 2025

Motion to approve the proposed slate by Pam Boone Guercio; second by Joe Dragan. Motion passed.

President – Darlene Welsh

Treasurer – Peggy Miller

Secretary – Carolyn Garber

Equestrian Center Manager – Barb Carr

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

Motion to adjourn by Dave Radcliffe, second by Joe Dragan. The meeting adjourned 7:58 p.m. Submitted by Carolyn A. Garber, Secretary