

MINUTES  
Carroll County Equestrian Council  
General Meeting December 3, 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 7:35 p.m. by Darlene Welsh, President.

ATTENDANCE: Jon Arnold, Gail Boone, Janet Breeding, Stephanie Brennan, Barb Carr, Joe Dragan, Carolyn Garber, Peggy Miller, Dave Radcliffe, Darlene Welsh, Jamie Noel.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of 11/05/2024 provided. Motion to approve by Barb Carr; second by Joe Dragan. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report for October 2024 provided by Peggy Miller.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER REPORT – Lynda Arnold indicated nothing to report. Box of items (no inventory) provided to new Equestrian Center Manager, Barb Carr.

Self-Help Project – concrete pad at the Equestrian Center completed on 11/19/2024. Thanks to Community Park Staff for moving the bleachers and tables prior to 11/19/2024.

RECREATION AND PARKS NEWS: Jamie Noel announced the Spring Self-Helps Requests are due 02/05/2025 with presentations to be made to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board on 02/26/2025 at 7:00 at the County Office Building.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Tax Exempt Certificate

Piney Run Trails – Plans for 2025 – Stephanie Brennan. A sign "Use At Your Own Risk: was installed on the mounting block at the Piney Run Trails parking area. Park staff indicated 6 trailers seems to be maximum capacity. Stephanie asked for ideas for an event on Saturday, 5/3/2025 such as a Poker Run.

Gillis Falls Trails – Jon Arnold reported the trails are in good shape.

Morgan Run NEA Trail Work - Carolyn Garber reported on 11/17/2024 had 13 volunteers with 1 mowing; additional day on 11/14/2024 had 4 volunteers to wrap up the season for 2024.

Union Mills Trails – no report

Equestrian Center Maintenance update – Barb Carr reported the cross country jumps have been repaired and restored; metal barrels and plastic barrels stored.

Equestrian Center – Trees on the Berms – Safety hazard/Environmental Hazard if not restored

Replanting trees on the berms at the Equestrian Center – Jamie checked 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. The response:

' Bob stated "That we did look into the potential of planting trees on the berms. Unfortunately, any trees planted there will not survive long. This is why the previous planted trees all died."

Jamie indicated "As Brad does not look to replace the trees. Please let me know if you have any questions that I can forward onto Bob."

Janet Breeding presented information pertaining to MD Department of Natural Resources Gift of Trees Program/Tree-Mendous Program. Motion to proceed with inquiry by Joe Dragan; second by Peggy Miller. Motion passed. Janet will make the contact with DNR Forest Service for more details.

Grant Application for the new sound system submitted to MHIB – received advance notice that CCEC will be awarded \$1500.towards total cost of \$3970.65.

Self-Help Requests for Spring 2025 – Motion by Barb Carr to submit for difference (\$2470.65) plus any materials needed to construct the equine sensory training station (aka Joe Zentgraf's Playground) flag pole and signage in honor of Gil Breeding, Joe Zentgraf and Bob Miller in recognition of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Equestrian Center. Second by Gail Boone. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Radcliffe, second by Joe Dragan. The meeting adjourned 8:03 p.m.  
Submitted by Carolyn A. Garber, Secretary

Members donated non perishable food items for the local food pantry at Morgan Chapel United Methodist Church, 6750 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, MD