

MINUTES  
Carroll County Equestrian Council  
General Meeting March 3, 2026

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 7:40 p.m. by Darlene Welsh, President.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of 11/04/25 provided. (No meetings held in December 2025, January 2026 or February 2026.) Motion to approve by Joe Dragane, second by Dave Radcliffe.. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reports for October 2025, November 2025, December 2025 and January 2026 provided by Peggy Miller. Peggy advised the CD came due and unanimous vote obtained by phone to renew for 5 months. Peggy read a letter from Central Maryland Saddle Club that included a donation of \$100 for the Morgan Run portable toilet.

Email from Andrew Maisano BSA Troop 733 Winfield –proposing construction of a fire pit at the Equestrian Center for an Eagle Scout Project. Discussion followed; response provided by Bob Hicks to redirect project to information kiosk.

RECREATION AND PARKS NEWS: - Jamie Noel reported Freedom Septic remains the vendor for the portable toilets Steve Aberts is working with a new vendor for mowing; will set up a meeting at the Equestrian Center/ date TBA. Jamie announced she will be reassigned to Freedom/Central Carroll and Westminster Recreation Councils. The new Bureau Chief of Parks will be assigned to the Equestrian Council and will attend the CCEC meetings. No information on new hire since interviews are still being held.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Darlene Welsh reported the Social Dinner to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 6 p.m. at Sergio's, 330 140 Village Rd., Westminster, MD.RSVP to Darlene.

Gillis Falls Trails – Jon Arnold provided trail work days scheduled for 03/29/2026, 04/18/2026 and 09/12/2026 from 9 – 12. The parking lot on Grimville Road in front of the Equestrian Center entrance has been enlarged.

Piney Run Trails – Stephanie Brennan reported the Equestrian Scavenger Hunt on Piney Run Trails will be held October 16-25, 2026/ Piney Run Trails clean up will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2026. Based on comments from previous Scavenger Hunt, participants requested a portable toilet be available during the event dates. Tabled until next meeting.

Morgan Run NEA Trail Work -- Carolyn Garber reported dates for trail work days have been submitted to PVSP management/awaiting approval..

Motion to adjourn by Joe Dragan, second by Dave Radcliffe. The meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Carolyn A. Garber, Secretary