

MINUTES
Carroll County Equestrian Council
General Meeting April 7, 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: Gail Boone, Janet Breeding, Barb Carr, Joe Dragan, Carolyn Garber, Peggy Miller, Dave Radcliffe, Darlene Welsh, Jamie Noel

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of 03/03/2026 provided. Motion to approve by Barb Carr, second by Peggy Millere.. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reports for February 2026 and March 2026 were presented by Peggy Miller.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER REPORT – Barb Carr reported that Joe Dragan met with representatives from Brightview Landscape Inc. Damage to ring 1 and the panel jump have been repaired. The combination to the rings has been changed and current members with signed releases on file have been notified. Rings will be groomed soon.

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. No response from Andrew Maisano.

RECREATION AND PARKS NEWS: - Jamie Noel reported the day of the week for mowing at the Center (and other parts in southern Carroll County has not yet been determined. Steve Aberts is working with Brightview Landscape, Inc. Jamie announced the new Bureau Chief of Parks starts on May 7th. Heather Johannes, will attend the CCEC meeting beginning in June. Her office will be at Bear Branch Nature Center; CCEC mail will remain at Rec & Parks office.

Jamie reported PDF files are being removed from the County website and are to be removed From Rec Council social media due to ADA compliance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Darlene Welsh reported the Social Dinner at Sergio's was attended by 13 people and enjoyed by all. The information booth was set up for the 4-H Tack Sale/Swap sponsored by the 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program of Carroll County at the Ag Center in Westminster on Sunday 03/29/2026 from 10 – 2. Thanks to booth volunteers Janet Breeding, Peggy Miller, Joe Dragan and Carolyn Garber.

Gillis Falls Trails – E-mail from Jon Arnold provided report on trail work day held 03/29/2026 – 5 volunteers. Recommendation to have "No motorized vehicles" sign installed at the Salt Box trail head similar to the one at the Grimville gate. Jon provided photos of the signage at Salt Box Park "Park Closed Nov 15 – Feb 15" Recommended duplicate sign "Gillis Falls Trail Parking Area" sign be posted at Salt Box Park location since trails are open on certain days. Jamie advised she would follow up on this request.

Piney Run Trails – Discussion regarding providing a portable toilet for the Piney Run Equestrian Scavenger Hunt (10/16 -25, 2026 and trail clean up on 11/07/26. Motion by Carolyn Garber To provide portable toilet October 15 – November 15; second by Joe Dragan. Motion passed. Info will be provided to Stephanie Brennan to share with Piney Run Park staff. Peggy Miller will contact Freedom Septic prior to the date requested.

Morgan Run NEA Trail Work -- Carolyn Garber reported May 9th is first trail work day; with a rain date of May 16th...Peggy Miller will contact Freedom Septic to have the portable toilet delivered on May 1, 2026.

Equiery – May Issue – Carolyn Garber brought attention to page 12; Industry Professionals/New Member News featuring Sew What Blankets (Owner Barb Carr.)

Motion to adjourn by Dave Radcliffe; second by Joe Dragan. The meeting adjourned 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by Carolyn A. Garber, Secretary