

MINUTES
Carroll County Equestrian Council
General Meeting May 5, 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 7:35 p.m. by Darlene Welsh, President.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of 04/07/2026 provided. Motion to approve by Peggy Miller, second by Barb Carr.. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reports for February 2026 and March 2026 were provided at the April meeting. No additional income/expenses to date.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER REPORT – Barb Carr reported the mowing at the Center will be done on Thursdays with Saturdays to be used as rain days.

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 been determined. Steve Aberts is working with Brightview Landscape, Inc. .

Gillis Falls Trails –Jon Arnold reported two volunteers attended the most recent trail work day. He also reported that on the 3/29/26 trail work day there were dirt bike riders on the trails and there was an encounter with one aggressive rider.

Piney Run Trails – Stephanie Brennan reported the flyers for the Equestrian Scavenger Hunt October 16-25, 2026 are available and will be included in the Recreation and Parks Program Guide.

Morgan Run NEA Trails -- Carolyn Garber reported May 9th is first trail work day; with a rain date of May 16th. National Trails Day (33rd) is June 6th with rain date of June 13th.

Union Mills Trails – no report.

Friends of Carroll Recreation and Parks meeting 04/28/2026 – Carolyn Garber reported Lisa Householder announced at the FRCP meeting that the deadline for ADA compliance for social media has been extended one year. This relates to the colors used on sites; attachments and photos used on sites must also provide voice descriptions to comply with low vision requirements.

Legislative Update Equiery – May Issue – Janet Breeding called attention to pages 12-13 with special attention to Sunday Hunting and the bill that was withdrawn pertaining to Shamrock Farms.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Radcliffe; second by Joe Dragan. The meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Carolyn A. Garber, Secretary