

MINUTES
Carroll County Equestrian Council
General Meeting June 2, 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,, Peggy Miller, Dave Radcliffe, Darlene Welsh, Heather Johannes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of 05/05/2026 provided. Motion to approve by Joe Dragan, second by Barb Carr.. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report for April 2026 provided. The CD at Truist Bank is due to renew at the end of June. Board members will be contacted by phone. Association membership to Maryland Horse Council (\$125) are due 06/17/2026. Motion to renew by Stephanie Brennan; second by Dave Radcliffe. Motion passes.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER REPORT – Barb Carr reported the large tree limb that fell on top of the storage container has been removed..4-wheelers and dirt bikes continue to be a problem on the trails and causing damage at the rings.

RECREATION AND PARKS NEWS: Heather Johannes, Parks Division Manager was welcomed As the new liaison to the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Gillis Falls Trails –Jon Arnold reported there were dirt bike riders on the trails and there was an encounter with one aggressive rider. Jon thanked the Department for the 3 new signs at Salt Box Park showing the gate is closed Nov 15 – Feb 15, Trail Rules, Hunting Season info..

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 was the first trail work day; 20 volunteers with 2 mowing. Park staff arrived to mow the parking area. Next date is Saturday, June 6, 2026 (33rd) National Trails Day.

Union Mills Trails – Hashawha Environmental Center is hosting Hill Fest, a mountain biking event On June 4 – 7, 2026.

The Equiery – Barb Carr shared information she received – August 2026 will be the last print issue. Future to be determined.

Motion to adjourn by Barb Carr; second by Stephanie Brennan. The meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Carolyn A. Garber, Secretary