

MINUTES
Carroll County Equestrian Council
General Meeting September 01, 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: 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 06/02/2026 provided. Motion to approve by Joe Dragan, second by Barb Carr. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reports for May, June, July 2026 provided. The CD at Truist Bank was renewed for 1 year per phone vote on 06/29/2026.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER REPORT – Barb Carr reported vandalism damage was repaired. Thanks to the Sheriff's Department for making their presence known during the Young Riders Clinic; positive comments from Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization (ODEEO.) Some areas will need to be reseeded due to wet conditions while clinic was held. Burnt Woods Pony Club Games Rally scheduled for 09/26/2027.

Equestrian Center rental fees were discussed; fee to be charged for each day of event use. Gail Boone suggested concrete pads be installed near each ring for the bleachers. Joe Dragan will obtain an estimate from the vendor that did the pavilion concrete pad.

RECREATION AND PARKS NEWS: Heather Johannes, Parks Division Manager reported the security cameras will be installed at the Equestrian Center in the fall. No details on monitoring.

PRESIDENT REPORT: Fall Social Dinner Tuesday, October 13, 2026 6:00 p.m. at Fiamata, 2900 Baltimore Blvd., Finksburg, MD RSVP to Darlene by 10/11/2026.

Gillis Falls Trails – Next trail work day is 09/13/2026 – contact Jon Arnold. Hunting season begins 09/15/2026. Trails are closed M/W/F/Sat.

Piney Run Trails – Stephanie Brennan reported the Equestrian Scavenger Hunt October 16-25, 2026 details are being finalized. Peggy will contact Freedom Septic to order the portable toilet for 10/15/26 – 11/15/26.

Morgan Run NEA Trails -- Carolyn Garber reported on the scheduled trail work days
06/06/2026 (33rd National Trails Day) 17 volunteers with 3 mowing
07/11/2026 22 volunteers with 3 mowing
08/01/2026 10 volunteers with 2 mowing.
09/05/2026 trail work day cancelled.

Union Mills Trails – Hunting season begins 09/15/2026. Trails are closed M/W/F.

Janet Breeding shared information about a Poker Ride to be held at Morgan Run NEA on 09/26/2026 Hosted by the PA Rangers..

Motion to adjourn by Dave Radcliffe; second by Joe Dragan. The meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m. Submitted by Carolyn A. Garber, Secretary