

**TWHA 4/4/12**

**7:00 PM, Wednesday, April 4 2012**  
**Home of Kirsten Whitsett, 17 Middle Road, Lafayette**

Ute to submit January annual meeting minutes

Present: Lila Abdul-Rahim, Jane Binder, Gary Fitts, Ute Frey, Lisa McLaughlin, Morris Older, Jen Rader, Trish Pillsbury, Page Schorer, Jenni Smith, Marilyn Terstegge, Kirsten Whitsett,

- **Minutes-Lila:**  
Minor corrections (it was EBATC hasn't met in a while, not TWHA; East Bay Hills Ride finances; executive session noted without details discussed in the executive session not to be included in the minutes). Minutes approved with noted corrections.
- **Treasury-Kim (not present, see email on current)**  
TWHA balance \$7925, Trail fund \$805  
EB Ride balance \$ \$7944 (\$4500-5000 toward donations, rest toward next year's expenses)
- **Membership-Page**  
59 members (pending 1 check to be posted), which is relatively low
- **Newsletter-Morris**  
Hasn't had time to do it, content might change based on tonight's discussion. Lila offered help, but nobody uses Morris's software. Discussion point: should the club invest software and, if so, which?
- **CSHA-Marilynn**  
Stampede at end of April. Looking for volunteers for one of its events, the Wine Trail Ride on 4/26. CSHA has added an endurance group back as one of the programs. Hossmoore's Heti Doutra is the repository for the bail twine collection. Heti is looking for another repository site with lifting equipment; she'd pick it up. Money from twine recycling goes toward CSHA trail funds.
- **EBATC-Morris**  
There appears to be no reason to have EBATC meetings at this point. Bicyclists attend to get trails opened to bikes, but equestrians are not well represented anymore. EBATC doesn't have a purpose at this point. But there is an EBATC Picnic planned for May 20 at Es Anderson Horse Camp in Tilden. Need EBRP approval. Considered to be an important event to build community among different kinds of trail users. Expecting around 70 visitors. Bay Area Barns and Trails founder is in ill health, BABT elected new board of 5 to revive it. Looking for representation in all Bay Area regions (missing Solano, Napa, and Sonoma counties).
  - TWHA has been a member of BABT in the past. Board members are asked to gather ideas of equestrians in these counties and to share them with Morris and Marilyn.
  - Discussion: Should TWHA think about how it ties into larger organizations to share causes, fundraising, best practices, host rides, etc.
- **Trailwork-Morris**
  - Wildcat Park trailer area has turn-around circle, no pavement for horses, needs sealant cover for pavement and stripes for parking spots. Morris and 2 volunteers agreed to put in a little dirt trail along the paved section. Idea for gates to slow bikes down. Work to be done likely on May 5 or 6. Opportunity for a few TWHA volunteers, also has Tri-Valley Horsemen volunteers.
  - June 13, Clifbar will bring in volunteers to work on section where Lupine connects to SeaView (rocks) and possibly section parallel to and above Corporation Yard (clay pit).

- June 8-10, Morris is coordinating Volunteers for Northern California Work Day in Joaquin Miller Park, camping at Sequoia Arena. Needs kitchen help (Sat. dinner, Saturday and Sunday breakfast).
- TWHAs Work Day April 21. Sergio wants suggestions from us. They include:
  - Ridge Trail,
  - Arroyo-Seaview connector,
  - above corporation yard (clay pit),
  - past De La Viega toward Fish Ranch Road,
  - Big Springs too rocky, but requires major equipment.
  - Trail between Sibley and Pinehurst Road (near Huckleberry Reserve) needs help.
- Lisa to provide refreshments for Trail Day on April 21. Jen to manage RSVPs.
- **Riding events-Trish**
  - Trish wants to send questionnaire about what members would like to do. We'll add her questions to our original membership survey. Page, Jenni and Lisa can advise on how to send it.
  - Trish knows horse folks and ranch owners in Marin who might host us. Potential horse trailer issue. Trish to get estimates and contact info for haulers. Muir Beach, Hill Ranch staging area, etc.
  - Potential local ride out and back with lunch in the middle.
  - Lisa considered organizing a "Meet a horse event" at Wildcat, additional riders to hand out flyers to hikers and bicyclists along the way. Make wildcat a destination.
- **Future of local barns—ideas?**  
Not discussed further at April meeting
- **Corporate organization/insurance-Lila**
- Lila recommends that we maintain corporate status. Benefit of being a corporation is limitation of liability for board members and club members. But club hasn't filed taxes in past years. Lila is looking to rectifying situation for 2008, 2009, 2010. Largest TWHAs income is EB Ride, which can take in more than \$25,000, but a portion of it goes toward the Ridge Trail. Lila's friend Richard Ferguson to help us file the paperwork. Board approved hiring Richard for up to \$500 to help bring us in compliance (going above \$500 requires further consultation).
- **Bylaws**
  - Mission Statement Review—Lila, Gary, Ute
    - Does current mission statement allow us to support private stables or entities? Does it provide guidance to allocate donations and proceeds from EB Ride?
    - Changing mission requires majority of the members at a duly convened meeting → Annual meeting in January, enough time to revise and review statement.
  - Quorum: Ensuring we have a quorum at TWHAs meetings can be difficult. We need 8 board members for a quorum currently. Should we change to requiring one third, instead of one half, of board membership for a quorum.
- **Next meetings:**
  - June 6 meeting at Lila's
  - July 25 meeting replaces August meeting, location TBD

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