



BOD Meeting Minutes

January 2012

Hello to all CEA Members (or potential CEA members):

We had our first board meeting last Sunday night and I just wanted to take a few minutes to cover some highlights of the meeting. All new board members and committee chairs were present and we had a very active discussion. Here are some highlights and if you'd like to see more, the minutes will be published on the CEA Website. If you'd like a copy before then, just let me know.

General points:

- Communication:
 - CEA President (Gary) will communicate to CEA after each BOD meeting and will provide any feedback or news from POA (as received) to CEA members
 - Quarterly newsletter for CEA will be coming!
 - CEA Website will be updated, soon!
- CEA and POA working session held recently - very positive, action steps planned to improve trails, good working arrangement under construction!
- The CEA was asked by the POA to act as 'Stewards or Ambassadors of the Trails' with the focus of 'maintaining the integrity of the Commons Trail System'. We happily agreed and you will begin to see this as our 'tag line' in advertising the CEA to the Commons residents!

Treasury Report – Balance of \$5,019.67

- Supported Huffman FFA with \$100 donation for their BBQ Cook-off – CEA name was displayed on banner during show
- 2012 Operating Budget Approved \$2,350
 - Trails - \$1,000 (trail sign program approved in 2011)
 - Events – \$1,250 (Various expenses associated with certain events)
 - Membership - \$100 postage

Trail Committee Update:

- Fox Trotter Lane (behind Susan & Dean Woods and Jo & Ken Sanders) – the ability to ride behind these lots came into question a few weeks ago and with concerted effort by Ken and Susan, along with a large show of CEA support at the last POA meeting, the POA has stated that the access to this area will continue, exactly as it is, with a new

culvert/driveway planned. We will continue to be able to ride behind their homes and pass out of the entrance into the Waterway to access the trail that runs behind Linda's. Do not turn into the 'developed' area of the Waterway. That area has been marketed to 'non-horse' community and the POA/Developer has asked for no horses in the developed areas, parks and nature trails in this section (see more below).

- Dirt available for filling/spreading – some in the Sander's pasture and more available from Triple B upon request (see Linda for more information).
- Trail behind and beside the water facility – Mark Rudolf (POA President) has seen this area and agreed that repairs are in order. The CEA will identify work, determine solution, and/or need for contractor - Mark Miller has begun to work this area, also – more to come!
- Trail around the Reserve – both sides of dead-end of Reserve Parkway – cutting trail beside 'stucco house' and drainage method - Mark Rudolph (POA President) and developer working on a plan to cut trail and drainage, but this will require drier conditions.
- Rocky Mountain Pass - Caving in of ditch past Mike/Amy and Donna/Rick's place. Will require large effort, so we will begin to gather bids and submit to POA for approval and funds.
- Better materials for 'craters/cracks' in trails. Suggested limestone or cracked concrete. Mark M. working material estimate to deliver to Linda (Trails Committee)
- 'T-Post' issues - all are now in the process of deed restriction notices, but realize this is a long process; progress will be tracked.

Event Committee Update: (2012 CEA Events Schedule attached)

- Calendar was modified and approved – 14 events planned for 2012
- Added an 'Aaron England 2 day clinic' sponsored by the CEA
 - Cost of clinic will be \$2,500 to be offset by participant fees of \$250 for CEA members under early registration and \$350 for non-CEA participants or later registration.
 - Audit fee of \$25 (for both days) will be offered for spectators.
- Look for notices soon on the next 4 upcoming events:
 - **February 11th - Mardi Gras ride**, gumbo and boudin! With Knox Feed speaker: Chuck Ridder at the Ulmers
 - **February 18th – Chili Cook-Off** – Commons Pavilion – Millers
 - **March 10-11th – Nails Creek, Lake Summerfield Ride** and/or overnight stay – Bulicks
 - **March 22nd - Mike Heimer, County Extension Agent presentation** on grass/fertilizer and pasture management, Community Center
 - **April 14-15th - Aaron England's Versatile Horsemanship Clinic** – Cowboy City, Humble – Shank

Membership Updates: (Membership form attached)

- Planning for mail outs to potential members in early February, with emphasis on new and renewals at the Mardi Gras event.
- **If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so quickly!**

Sponsor Program – 2012 Revived! (Sponsorship form attached)

- Bill Shank will lead this effort
- Program has been developed and would ask for all to participate – contact Bill with your contacts or your ideas

Requests of the POA Board:

- Please review the latest Commons Property Owner Newsletter in regard to the new 'Waterway' section – see the "quote" below:
"The new Waterway Arboretum Park is for all members of the Commons P.O.A. Please keep in mind that animals are not allowed in the park area. In addition, the 'nature trails' in the 'Waterway' area are for pedestrian use only. No horses are allowed on these trails." If you have any questions, please contact the Commons P.O.A.
- The POA board has asked that individuals not to remove trees from the nature trails (fallen or otherwise) due to liability reasons unless it is your own property. Notify Linda or Jake of those issues and they will communicate with POA Board.

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