

August 2025 Meeting Minutes

August 12th 2025

7:00 meeting commenced.

Attendees:

In person: Melanie Wolters, Gary Nelson, Lisa Nelson, Selena Kessler, Mandie Armstrong, Marilyn McLean, Maggie Miall, Ashlyn Miuccio, Carolyn Vacyk,

Online: Beth Ruggaber, Cayla Mural, Kristi + Alexis Lawton/Stevanka, Paige Shepley, Ali Sauve, Payton Lucier, Holly Tofflemire, Avery Shepley, Payton Lussier, Danielle Lauzon, Savanna Dupuis.

July meeting minutes were read by Gary.

Motion to accept made by Dee, seconded by Maggie, accepted by all.

Treasurer report was read by Gary Nelson.

	General Account	Charity Account	Building Account
Balance	9522,79	10149,38	2048,92
Deposits	777,42	2593,55	
Payments total	404,12	494,61	

Motion to accept treasurer report as written made by Gary, seconded by Melanie and Marilyn accepted by all.

Old business:

- **Playground:** this either needs to be updated or removed as there are liability concerns. Potential to put in a sandbox or something in. Needs to be taken down, Gary hasn't had the chance to look at it yet. Replacement needs to be covered by insurance because not all people that use it are members.
- **Neighbours dogs:** No trespassing signs still have to be purchased to put up. Plan to add some signage with phone number people can call to report the dog that's on our property during show days. One to be added to food booth too.
- **Hole on property:** Fixed and set to go.

New business:

- **Goats and Ropes:** We still haven't received anything yet from them. It seems as though the two options we have previously suggested have been melded together, we need to clarify and let them know that they no longer need to charge a non-member fee/have people be members of SOTC since they are paying SOTC a 10\$ grounds fee per horse and rider pair. They do need to submit their financials, forms of liability to ride on property, etc. For next year, we will develop a rental form/contract in order to facilitate the organization of grounds usage for people who are interested in hosting shows on the SOTC grounds. Erica is away on vacation and will send financials when they're back.
- **Putting sand in pens:** Gary wanted to talk to Dylan about this, planning to do it at the end of the season.

- **The announcer tower** corner needs to be replaced by full windows so the announcer can see out into the games pen while they're announcing. Laurie McCarty (Nelsons contact) can likely help with this as they have a company/do this style of work.
- **Move up the games time:** In order to beat the heat, make the show day go by quicker and lessen the time that entries are open, exhibitions will now start 10:30 sharp. Gaming entries will now close at 10:00. Classes to run promptly after exhibitions. If there are leadliners showing in the classics pen, we will pause the games pen as needed to ensure safety.
- **Trail Class:** The trail exhibition will be changed to a 20 minute paid warmup. To revisit at a later date to possibly remove this now that the interest for trail is up and better in order to avoid people training solely at the grounds and to lessen the amount of time the classics pen takes to get through classes.
- **Show program:** we will look into better ways to make the day flow a bit better (ie: western riders sit around the majority of the day waiting for their classes until late afternoon). Need to also confirm that riders are getting a proper warmup time for the classics pen.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Gary and accepted by all. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: September 2nd 7:00pm.