

Equine Operations Director Board Report
January 2019

Horses:

Current working herd stands at 24.

New horses "Joe" and "Rolex" have made it successfully through their trials and have been accepted as donations to the program.

Our next prospective horse "Meg" arrives on January 10.

Horse workload efficiency for the first 11 weeks of the fall semester (Sept through Dec):

Maximum available horse usage (all horses working at their maximum availability) was 3068 units

Actual available horse usage (this is maximum less unsound or unwell horses) was 3068 units, 100% of maximum!

Actual utilized horse usage was 2544 units, this equals 83% of actual available usage (2072/73% in Fall 2017, 2532/76% in Spring 2018, 1478/73% in Summer 2018). This is the highest actual utilized number in the past 12 months with working herd number stable at 24 for the same period. Utilization of the horse resource in Fall 2018 was 10% better than Fall of 2017, likely due to attendance of riders from the New London School system who did not participate in Fall of 2017 leaving a vacancy in the schedule for that time period.

Building and grounds:

Building and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for February 6, 2019.

FY 18-19 Capital projects completed thus far:

- Indoor arena footing grading and top-dress
- Baseboard heater replacement in lounge
- Resurfacing entry driveway
- Cottage second floor bathroom remodel
- Cottage second floor painting
- Cottage basement door replacement
- Brush mower purchase
- Arena drag purchase
- Replacement run in shed purchases

Remaining to be completed:

- LED light conversion in barn and arenas

Staffing:

We have hired a new caretaker! Ruth Denya and her husband Ron and their daughters Rachel and Maria will be moving into the house this month and Ruth will be officially taking on the caretaker role soon thereafter. The family currently lives in Old Lyme, Ruth is the office accounting manager at a business in East Haddam and Ron co-owns an auto body shop in Meriden. They have three horses that are kept at a barn on Grassy Hill Rd in Old Lyme.