

Equine Operations Director Board Report
September 2019

Horses:

Current working herd stands at 25.

Trial horse "Arthur" has completed his evaluation trial and has been accepted into program.

We have 3 horses waiting for trials.

As is typical for fall, I receive nearly daily calls or emails regarding horses that people would like to donate. The horses were seen by the veterinary chiropractor in August for adjustments and saddle re-fitting, all were in good health!

Holly is heading off to a conference in St Louis next week, hosted by Purina Mills, that will cover multiple horse nutrition topics and include a day at their 70 horse research and testing facility.

Horse workload efficiency for the 9 week Summer semester:

Maximum available horse usage (all horses working at their maximum availability) was 2240 units.

Actual available horse usage (this is maximum less unsound or unwell horses) was 2132 units, 95% of maximum.

Actual utilized horse usage was 1589 units, this equals 75% of actual available usage (1478/73% in Summer 2018, 2544/83% in Fall 2018, 1327/56% Winter 2019, 1138/68% in Spring 2019).

Building and grounds:

Building and Grounds Committee met on September 4 and performed a very thorough review of our capital project inventory to adjust estimated replacement dates and pricing projections. There are some projects that we have out to bid for the next fiscal year, once we have those bid numbers we will be fully prepared with budget numbers for FY 20-21 by the end of this year.

FY19-20 capital improvement projects still to be completed:

Air conditioning system upgrade

Replacement roof on our sawdust shed

New carpet in our family lounge

LED lighting fixture conversions

Millstone Dominion volunteer group came out on 9/11 to assist with fence repairs around our pastures – they replaced over 30 fence posts!

We look forward to a volunteer group from Brooks Brothers corporate on October 9 who will assist us with trail clean up and maintenance.