



10 April 2020

**To: Members and Friends of Rainbow Equitation Society (RES)**

**From: Linda Arsenault – President**

On 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020, the RES held its annual AGM at the home of Lance and Denise Briggs, there were 21 in attendance either by cell phone or in person. The Briggs' made sure everyone was safe.

A new board was elected, all but one spot was filled. I am pleased to introduce our newly elected board.

<b>President</b>	Linda Arsenault
<b>Vice President</b>	Lynn Murray
<b>Secretary</b>	Tammy Ouellet
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kristiina Doblanko
<b>Site Director</b>	Rose-Ann Caruk
<b>Events Director</b>	Shona Lee
<b>Directors w/o Portfolios</b>	Chantal Bilodeau & Jenny Losey

The position that remains open is the Stewardship Director, if anyone would like more information as to the duties of this position or would like to fill this role, please reach out and let us know.

## **COVID19**

Who would have thought in our lifetime, we would see a world pandemic?

I have been in touch with our insurance broker and Alberta Parks. The insurance broker said we **must follow** the provincial by laws. If we decided to do otherwise our insurance will not cover us.

On March 27, 2020, Alberta Parks has closed access to all the parks, parking lots, staging areas, public lands, road ways that are alongside these lands to vehicles. **They are asking us to stay home.** As the RES has long partnership with Alberta Parks, we must do our part. We steward 5 Natural Areas; these lands are considered public lands and can be accessed from the RES site. For over 30 years the RES has consistently made the correct choices to achieve our goals of responsible outdoor recreation and that no harm is done to our lands, our neighbor's or the community that we are a part of.

**Our Mission Statement is**

**Rainbow Equitation Society in conversation supporting Albertans for responsible outdoor recreation.**

So, with that being said the RES area will be closed temporarily. It is very disappointing that this has to be done, to prevent the spread of COVID19. I love to ride there and do most weekends weather permitting.

**We have decided to waive membership fees this year. Please we do need you to fill out your membership forms and get them and get them back to us.**

For those of you that have already paid, we can either put the funds into next year's membership or return your membership fee. Please let us know.

I am watching this situation very closely and when we are given the OK from Alberta Parks, I will let everyone know and it will business as usual.

Our Events Director – Shona is planning a big open house once this is behind us, so we can celebrate, and I pray it is sooner than later.

Stay safe, stay well everyone.

Kindest regards

Linda Arsenault  
President