



WELCOME! from the Cross Timbers Equestrian Trails Association Board of Directors

January, 2021

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to all of our new members that are just joining us this year, as well as to our dedicated existing members that have joined us along the way!

2020 was a challenging year for everyone that impacted all aspects of our lives including our equestrian pursuits and leisure activities. We counted ourselves lucky to be able to continue riding the trails during a pandemic and I'm sure most of our fellow trail riders did too! While riding lesson and boarding stables were subjected to the strict quarantine guidelines during last spring, I know many of us were still able to haul our own horses to the trail and social distance accordingly! Thank goodness for that! There certainly were a few silver linings to be found...I think more people decided to venture outside and get back to nature, and I know many of us witnessed that on the trails.

Our CTETA Board spent last spring struggling to figure out if we could safely continue our activities that are essential to our mission and to being an active non-profit organization. We ran our meetings via Zoom (and continue to do so!) and had to cancel many of our planned rides for the first half of the year. This past fall we downsized our educational and fundraising events and altered our format so that we could adhere to social distance guidelines. We appreciated everyone that was still willing to attend and help us continue to do outreach!

This January we were able to host our first bigger ride of the season at the Fort Worth Stock Yards and we are looking forward to continuing to grow our membership this year and hosting our monthly rides. We are off to a great start with many new members, and we are definitely looking forward to our fall educational event with perhaps a little more normalcy!

For 2021

- As always we are continuing our work to maintain our local trails alongside the Army Corp of Engineers, the towns and our volunteers. We are always in need of new trail stewards and volunteer help on trail clean up days throughout the year!
- This year we have launched a new updated website to assist our members and fellow trail riders to find our trails, stay connected and share information about our events and rides. Feedback is always welcome! If there is something you would like to see on the website please contact us through our contact form, or directly by phone or email.
- We will once again be hosting fall membership drive BBQ, and an educational event. Please check our Facebook page and our website frequently for information and dates as they become available.

We hope that everyone and their equine friends are starting this new year happy and healthy and we look forward to seeing you on the trails!

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