



## MISSOULA HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL

STEWARDS OF THE MISSOULA EQUESTRIAN PARK

### **MISSOULA HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL BOARD MEETING July 1, 2014, 7 p.m. Missoula County Extension Conference Room**

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Patterson at 7:15 p.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** Jeff Patterson, Eunice Misbe, Rachel Ambrose, Cindy Arnott, Colleen Harrison, Val Knudsen, Jake Kolb, Sheila Mealey, Kim Stickler

**Absent:** Carolyn Quinn (excused),

**Unexcused:** Lynn Thee, Erika Scofield

**Guests:** None

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the June 3, 2014 meeting were previously electronically distributed by Eunice for review prior to the meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Sheila made a motion and Rachel seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. All approved, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Northwest Reining Association is interested in the possibility of renting the Western Events Arena and will be coming to look at the facilities. A clay base with sand on top is needed to meet their needs. MEP will see if their event can be accommodated. May have Bill work the arena prior to their arrival. They currently put on two events per year and would like to have three. Jeff will follow up.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's Report was previously electronically distributed by Eunice for review prior to the meeting. Eunice reviewed the Balance Sheet and amounts currently side aside for various projects. There were no additions or corrections. Val made a motion and Kim seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All approved, motion carried.

- **Decision on new treasurer:** Eunice was out of town from June 11<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> and was not able to meet with Vicki Balfour prior to this meeting. Eunice is in communication with Vicki and they will meet prior to the August Board meeting.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS:** None

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Lease Negotiations:** Jeff met with Lisa Moisey today. Ditch water is a major issue. There are no water rights available to the Park. Jeff requested verbiage be added to the lease contract that would release the Park from the requirement to water if the ditch rider, who currently is allowing the park to draw water, changes. The Park cannot be run without water. Jeff will research who does have the rights to the water to see if rights can be leased or transferred. Our small well pump is too small to take care of all the needs of the Park. Jeff will draft proposed well language for the lease.

Dust abatement is also a real issue. An option is to plant trees on the SE side of the 4-H arena. The Park does not have control over public use or cannot water for each and every event—only for scheduled events. While it is open for passive use, it is not open for equine use. The Park may have to pay for trees and a watering system. Hybrid poplars grow quickly. Ben Schmidt, Missoula County Air Quality Specialist, would like us to change the combination on the 4-H arena gate and restrict the arena to 4-H use only. Need to formulate a plan to address complaints when they arise.

The lease needs to be what we can comply with in the long term. Need to research the cost of a well and make presentation to Lisa.

### BSSC report:

- **Dog Stations:** The dog stations are in. There is one at North Avenue near the round pen, the Main Gate, and the NE corner. Laura Bakker is changing and disposing of the used bags.
- **Jump Course/Perimeter Trail:** BSSC is spending \$22,500 to restore the 1.7 mile path. Knife River is doing the work. Cindy has not received a copy of the formal presentation made to the BSSC for the proposed new jumps. The new jumps could be approved by October if all the pieces come together.
- **Obstacle Course:** BSSC would like drawings and locations of obstacle course. Plans needs to be submitted to Lisa Moisey and copied to BSSC. BCH is willing to provide labor and materials but wants MHC to design plan with their recommendations.
- **West Fence repair:** BSSC will partner with the Park to fix the fence both with labor and funds if we provide signage naming the Park “Missoula Equestrian Park at Big Sky Park”

**WEBSITE REPORT:** None

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** None

**PR COMMITTEE REPORT:** None

**EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT:** Pony event went very well, and damage deposit of \$655 will be returned.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter was sent from Amazon “Smile” introducing an opportunity for patrons of Amazon to support their favorite non-profit. Sheila will follow up on the requirements to participate and report at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Waddell & Reed representatives** - Jeff sent a letter to Laura Bakker, but he has had no reply as of meeting date. Jeff will contact Waddell & Reed to see if the change can be made without the representatives signing off.
- **Power for WEA:** Need to contact Northwestern Energy and get a price on bringing power to the WEA for the announcer and other electrical needs for shows. Need to check with BSSC to see if plan allows power in that location.
- **Grounds and Habitat Development.** On Hold
- **Weed Control:** On Hold
- Back Country Horsemen **proposed obstacle** trail – (See above notes in BSSC report).
- **Round Pen Repairs** – Cindy will count posts and rails needed and Val will order them.
- **Hitching Rails** – Installation will be the same day as the Round Pen Repairs.
- **Wheels around water hydrants** – On Hold
- **Fee schedule for arenas** – On Hold

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Insurance for dressage event:** Marj Harper registered a complaint regarding how the insurance is now being handled for rental events. The

new insurance is much more expensive and it was not finalized until right before the event. Cindy will look into streamlining the insurance process.

**Next meeting will be August 5, 2014, 7 p.m. Extension Office**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eunice Misbe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Eunice Misbe  
Treasurer (pending new appointment)/Secretary