



BIG SKY HORSE PARK

November 3, 2015 BOD Missoula Horse Council Meeting

**BOD members present: Lynn T. Sheila M, Joan S, Kim S, Lynn L, Cindy A.,
Excused: Ginny F, Rachel A, Val K. Non BOD present: Bill B., Joanna K.**

**-Amandine Redington was introduced and wishes to help on the
Western
Committee. She may be a future applicant for a BOD position.**

OLD BUSINESS: Approved Sept. and Oct. meeting minutes.

Joan will start bullet points of meeting highlights and tasks at the beginning of meeting notes for better reference and reminders.

- Crazy Horse can take directed donations for the Park from any of its membership that wants to donate.
- Ditch Rider thank you note, re-contacting

TREASURERS REPORT: Sent to all BOD by e-mail. Joanna went over these. Taxes due Nov. 15th, Waddell and Reed Endowment fund and use discussed. Try to have an agent from the meeting with BOD at January meeting to go over this fund.

ENGLISH EVENTS COMMITTEE: Jump colors selected, to be sent to BSSC. Need number of jumps at Park to Lynn ASAP.

WESTERN EVENTS REPORT: Work beginning on large arena. Knife River bringing sand, Mike Welling leveling arena.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: New lease agreement, tax payment for Nov. 15, Grant request from NWE to BSSC

FACILITIES:

- Cindy BS student may do signage for park, dropbox.
- Mowing being done by Bill and Penny.
- Dressage arena blocked by jump to prevent traffic.
- Pole Fencing around substations, entry gates need work, telephone pole donations?,
- ADA trail traffic

MEMBER OUTREACH:

- Newsletter out: Thanks Ginny and Rachel
- Applications for BOD positions
- Park forms updating and fees updating

PR and MARKETING:

- License plate report update
- New events for spring
- Carlie and webpage update
- Recognition Award program idea
- December 1st meeting Potluck meeting at Lynn Thee's home
- 2016 retreat at Ruby's Inn (all day 0800-1700)

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of September meeting minutes with amendments. Moved: Sheila, seconded Lynn L. All BOD approved,

Approval of October meeting minutes with amendment: Kim moved, Sheila seconded: All BOD approved.

Cindy mentioned that minutes should be sent to the BSSC once approved. Lynn will follow this up and get them out once they are read over, completed and approved.

The BOD membership wished to have the minutes highlighted with bullet points at the first of the minutes so they can find items more easily, as notes have been lengthy. Joan agreed to do this. She will try to note specific tasks people have agreed to help with to try to remind them of what was discussed and what was remaining to be done.

TREASURERS REPORT: Joanna K.: 990 Taxes due Nov. 15. Need to transfer funds that are designated for insurance payments to correct account so payment can be made. Waddell and Reed (W&R) investments dropped significantly the past month. Need to review how these are managed and see if we could better use them. The BOD would like to meet with someone from W&R at the January meeting when new BOD members are there to discuss this loan and its endowment use. The endowment is for the BOD to use for Park needs. The previous treasure did not do much work with these and Joanna would like to know what was done in the past. Kim will try to retrieve records from the old files and get them to Joanna to go over together. Cindy moved and Sheila seconded that the treasurer reports be approved. All BOD voted in favor of this.

Lynn T had a check from Crazy Horse for a saddle that had been purchased that was donated for the Park. Lynn wanted to mention that people could do this and we should get it into the next membership letter as a way to donate to the Park.

Kim said we still need to contact the Ditch Rider, Tim Supplee (406-544-5040) to thank him and that he should be contacted about the Park improvements that involve the ditch. Bill thought this would be better done in Spring, as nothing can happen until the ditch is running again. Kim still wanted a thank you to get to him soon.

NEW BUSINESS

ENGLISH EVENTS COMMITTEE: Lynn had spoken to Rachel, Drue and Susie-who were not present tonight. The committee that Val headed picked out the colors that they felt worked well to use on jumps and this will be presented to BSSC at their next meeting for approval. There were five colors chosen. Cindy

had some comments regarding these. Lynn expressed that it was better to have a set of colors that we can use and not have to go to theme each time a jump needed to be painted. The lease agreement will be for a 10 year period and this would lessen problems we had this year with changes in the jumps colors.

WESTERN EVENTS: Kim reported that Mike Welling needs to get back to her about doing his part for leveling current sand in the big arena. Knife River has the additional sand mix and is ready to deliver it. Hopeful that this can be completed this Fall. There is a surplus dollar amount that was allocated for this project originally that could be used to add yet more sand to the project area. This was due to Knife River's price reduction on the quote that they had originally stated. Kim said this was because of a minor change in the sand content of the mix. We voted to use that extra amount to get as much of the arena area done as possible. The extra amount was \$1000. There was some discussion from Lynn about possibly using this for the electricity to be placed for the Western Events arena. Since this had been previously approved for arena ground improvements, the BOD felt all of this should go towards the needed sand mix.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The lease agreement should be finalized soon. Our part is done. We will add the jump colors that were decided upon and Lynn T has tried to get a specific number of jumps from the English committee for it. They were having trouble coming to an agreement. Lynn will attempt to contact Rachel again and get a number or else leave it without this. This is a 10 year agreement. The grant request for the Northwestern Energy fund of \$8000.00 was submitted by Lynn. It will take meeting of the other groups to get this fully approved and the money given to the Horse Park.

FACILITIES: Cindy mentioned that she has a student and Big Sky who is interested in a project using the school's plasma cutter to redo the Park signage so that we can change the name on it to Big Sky Horse Park. Cindy will get a bid from him and talk to Rachel who had gotten other bids on it already. Kim said it would be very nice if we could also get the current drop box at the park replaced as the current one leaks and is a bit unsightly. Cindy will check on this as well. Joan said the new fencing around the added power substations looks good. One was completed. Kim said that the ADA trail was getting some traffic through it since it was the only way to get trucks in to the Western Events arena.

MEMBER OUTREACH: Board Elections. We have 3 applications in: Sheila Miller, Jessie Lyons and Arwin Anthony: who have bios sent in. We can have 6 total new members added to the current BOD. All were approved tonight by the BOD unanimously. Lynn T, Sheila M. and Kim S. are returning. Rachel and Val are not sure if they will return. Aneil F., Joan S and Lynn L are not up for re-election until next year. Cindy will be our BSSC representative again. Cindy and Kim will work on an electronic submission ballot for elections with bios attached. Lynn T, Sheila M and Kim S. need to be on the ballot along with any new applicants. Voting needs to be finalized by Nov. 15 and out to membership for voting to be done by December. New members will begin at the January Board meeting.

Park forms were tabled until January and it is hoped there will be a new committee interested in this who can deal with changes in show current fees and protocols. (Stalls, entries, stall cleaning, etc)

Sheila reports that we have gotten good income already for license plates and need to continue marketing for this. 31 plates have been sold! Sheila explained the non-profit support, its application process and the amount that is shared with this. That share runs from January 1 – December 31, 2016. We do have one applicant so far, but it just recently went out. The plates are for sale throughout the state. Sheila requested \$250 for marketing them on Facebook, where we can trace who is hitting on it and get reports on use of the site. Joan Moved and Cindy seconded we approve that with the possibility of added more towards it in the future if it is useful. The BOD voted in favor of this expense. Sheila still has key chains that we could hand out. Bill talked about his receiving a hat from a stranger who noticed he had the plate he had and thanked him for getting it handing him a hat. Sheila said we could use the remaining keychains and do the same thing. Everyone thought this a good idea. Lynn T. said we should look into hats and shirts for marketing and get some designs and pricing. Everyone should think about other good marketing ideas for the Big Sky Horse Park. Joan had talked with Sheila about maybe doing a park calendar to sell in the future.

Carlie is at work on the web site and is on track to update forms and slide shows. Everyone was raving about the excellent pictures Lynn T had taken at the Omoksee. Rachel has been helping Carlie with on line payment ideas. The new site should be up by the end of the month. We would like Carlie to come to the December BOD meeting if possible.

Bill asked where we now send photos? Lynn said she is able to edit and spruce them up, so she thought they could come to her.

Cindy said the October BSSC meeting was mostly a social gathering, so she doubted much business would be finalized at it. There is going to be some general signage going up at the dog station in the park that will be provided by BSSC. She said there is some issue as the cell tower payments have not come through to them as yet from Verizon and that is the only income they have. So, if it does not come through, no money will be coming to the Park from that fund.

Cindy has the Equestrian team looking at a Spring date for an event.

Sheila said the Town Square Media's "Inflatable Run" is on hold due to Karl Tyler not sponsoring them as the date is on college graduation date of May 14th 2016. She is going to try to find out how much sponsorship money is needed. Bill suggested it be run by the Board of Real Estate Agents as a possible donor.

Sheila present the information about the membership renewal award and it was met with much opposition and concern. It was tabled for now.

Special Olympics needs to get us a price quote for their needs for their show in spring. Do they need stalls, equipment, special things?

Lynn T. said she would like to host a Potluck dinner at her home for the December 1st, 2015 BOD meeting. Everyone thought this would be fun. She also suggested and had discussed with Sheila a “Board WORK Day” meeting in January with new board members where we could get to know one another, select our various committees, and work on goals and plans for 2016. We could have W&R tell us about the endowment and get a lot of things well started. Sheila had looked at UM’s meeting rooms and Ruby’s Inn. It was decided that Ruby’s Inn would be the best for this type meeting. It would be from 0800-1700 in January. The 16th or the 31 were possible dates and Joan said she thought later in the month may be better due to holidays. It was felt it had to be a Saturday to work for most folks. Lynn felt that it could count as the February BOD meeting and we would not need to have another in February. The BOD agreed on this event and the Ruby’s Inn location.

Other ideas that were touched upon for the future were: Trail Challenge events and courses, Barrel racing practice and Timed runs dates, Horse desensitization (Llamas, pigs, bicycles baby carriages, oddities, & obstacles/water were mentioned here). More clinician offerings and specific trainings were also talked about.

Cindy moved and Sheila seconded that we adjourn. All agreed.

JS 11/06/2015