

BSHP Board meeting 4/9/24

Start at 6:31pm

Members Present:

Clara Davison, Jan Harris, Bill Bucher, Irene Given, Arwyn Anthony, Deb Anderson, Karla Nichwander, Katy Nichwander, Scott David, Drue Kerns

Guests: Sarah Flaherty, Marsha Rickey

Cowboys for Christ- Marsha is asking to be able to have a booth at events. They would have free Bibles, newsletters, and other materials.

Approval of minutes from March meeting- **Karla makes a motion to approve minutes. Jan 2nd. All in favor, motion carries.**

Treasurer's report- **Irene makes a motion to approve the report. Karla 2nd. All in favor, motion carries.**

Karla has contact with an accountant (Cascadia Management Group- Ranae Miller) who can take over the accounting work for the park for a fee. They work with multiple non-profits and specialize in QuickBooks, which is a plus for the park. Marsha Rickey also has a contact, Bighorn Bookkeeping (Wendy Terhaar 880-6815 and Nancy Kieffer (406)542-1040) who may be able to become the accountant for the park.

Deb makes a motion to hire an accountant to give a quote on streamlining and upkeeping the books. Irene 2nd. All in favor, motion carries.

There is also concern that we still haven't confirmed the 2023 budget or 2024 budget.

Bill makes a motion that we approve the 2024 events budget. Jan 2nd. All in favor, motion carries.

Irene has calculated that we are 9% behind memberships from 2023, which may be due to no more early-bird specials. Irene will send out the financial report to the board after the meeting.

Dressage Arena- There was a member open house three weeks ago to discuss the new dressage complex. There was not a great turnout, however the discussion was insightful. Arwyn has been researching footing, location, and timelines to be able to start fundraising. Overall, the consensus is that the footing is in dire need of fixing. By expanding the current sand arena footprint to fit two arenas, it would also be possible to use the space as one jumping arena.

Planning committee- Karla sent out the committee meeting minutes which will be attached below. The top three priorities for the park are upgrading our equipment, spectator, and user experience, and the dressage complex. With all the projects that we would like to do, it totals about \$150k-\$175k.

Marketing/PR- The committee did not meet; however, Callie has started posting on social media and has been given access to the website.

Maintenance- There will be a new ditch rider, however, Scott has met with him and he will burn along the ditch. Bill has stepped up to help with maintenance to help Scott, given the fact that he needs to take

over more vice president and president duties. The main arena has been leveled and the others will be leveled soon.

Water Complex- The project request form will be attached below. Due to inflation, Arwyn is asking the board for a budget increase from \$10,000 to \$13,700. Bill is concerned that this project was approved in 2022, however, it hasn't moved forward. One roadblock was that it was initially thought the complex would have to sit for a long time, however, that information has been updated to only a few weeks. Zane also has more availability to start working ASAP. The board requests this project be completed by May 1st, 2024.

Bill makes a motion to approve the additional funds. Deb 2nd. All in favor, motion carries.

Cross-country course revamp- The project request form will be attached below. Arwyn would like to get two jumps minimum built if the board is not comfortable with approving the entire \$5,350. Scott would like to get the new layout for the course before the work day on April 20th because the equipment rentals will already be there. Scott would like to make sure the old jumps get burned.

Jan makes a motion to approve the \$5,350 to improve the cross-country course. Irene 2nd. All in favor, motion carries.

Kubota Grant- Scott will ask Sarah if she is willing to read through the grant because she professionally writes grants for the county.

There is an issue with day fees and giving gate codes to day-use. Currently, day-use will need to fill out the form and put it in the box. Arwyn will try to get an online system in place.

Deb makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Katy 2nd. All in favor, motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21