

BSHP Board Meeting

November 14, 2023

Started at: 6:30pm

In Attendance: Clara Davison, Tienry Wheaton, Deb Anderson, Katie Nichwander, Jan Harris, Arwyn Anthony, Bill Butcher, Jen Belitz, Drue Kerns

Start and Welcome- Meeting started at 6:35pm.

Jan makes a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting. Katie 2nd, no discussion motion carries.

Committee Reports

Mushers Group- Karla is requesting for the local Mushers Group to use to park in late September. The board will need to know more about the amount of space and type of terrain they would need. There are still two open weekends in September potentially available. The board is conceptually ok with hosting this event.

Endowment-Karla recommends Deb Anderson to be appointed to the endowment committee. There was a meeting with Laura Bakker who also recommended Deb and to have appointees in training in case there was vacancy of the committee. There are decisions that need to be made to recover the endowment to its original amount, which the endowment committee is responsible for making. *Jan makes a motion to have Deb serve on the endowment committee. Bill 2nd. All in favor, motion carries.*

Dog Waste- The pet waste stations are not working well, so the Parks, Trails, & Open Lands department is recommending that we split the cost to have a pet waste service clean the perimeter trail from November through March (\$50/week) split between the horse park and MJWSLL. This would cost the horse park approximately \$500. Currently, the horse park is closed in the winter and does not have garbage service during that time. Having the pet service would require us to plow the path to the garbage cans and continue our garbage service throughout the year which will cost the horse park additional money. The total extra cost of paying for pet waste removal and garbage service would be \$1,245/year. The stations were originally put in at the behest of the country and it is not the Horse Park's responsibility to maintain them. These concerns will be brought up at the next BSSC meeting.

Clarification from Karla attached below. Emails were send after this meeting.

Events- Arwyn has all the horse park sponsored events submitted for next year. She will send out the dates for the various events. There is a potential conflict with the Quarter Horse Show and two Omoksees, but Bill feels that sharing the facility should be fine. There is also a concern that having shows too early in the season will not have water available to them. Katie suggested that we contact the city and use the city's water to fill the water truck to supply water to the park. The board agrees that we will not allow shows prior to the parks work day (currently scheduled on 4/20/24). *Jen makes a motion to publish the current calendar of internal events. Katie 2nd. All in favor, the motion carries.*

Fees-

-Membership will increase by \$5/year for the next 4 years.

-Stalls will be \$30/night with \$50 cleaning deposit. The park requires that all shows charge the same amount for stalls. The stall fees and deposit will go directly to the park, not to the show organizers.

-Shavings will be \$12/bag paid directly to the park.

-Outside events: The events committee recommends that we create zones of the park for rental and that those zones would have a flat rate instead of piecemeal services (use of jumps, PA system ect...). In addition, the facility maintenance would remain consistent with a higher standard of quality. The board likes creating a flat rate arena rental fee that includes a morning water and drag use of the tower and PA system with a higher fee if it includes jumps or obstacles. Jen would like if the 4H arena not be advertised for rental because it reduces availability to 4H members.

- Main arena is currently \$150/day. The cost will increase to \$300 (including water, drag, tower).

- Use of jumps or obstacles would be an additional \$100/day and \$200 deposit.

- Western events arena is currently \$100/day. We would increase the price to \$300 (including water, drag, PA system). The WE arena takes about twice as much time to maintain as the main events arena.

- Dressage arenas are currently \$50/arena. We would charge \$200/day for use of both dressage arenas.

- Cross-country rental currently doesn't have a price. We would charge \$300/day with \$200 deposit to include mowing, weed whacking, and water jump filled.

- For any non-arena area requested we will charge \$500/day.

Drue makes a motion to increase the cross-country membership fee to \$75, as well as to increase the WE arena and main arena to \$300/day, dressage arena to \$200/day, use of jumps or obstacles \$100/day (\$200/day deposit), and non-arena events \$500/day, cross-country course \$300/day (\$200 deposit). Bill 2nd. All in favor, motion carries.

PA system- The WEA does not currently have a PA system and we need to purchase one. Bill has been using his own for omoksee's.

Maintenance- We need to prioritize increasing our maintenance plan. This will be discussed in depth during our board retreat.

Katie makes a motion to adjourn. Bill 2nd. All in favor, motion carries.

Arwyn Anthony

Wed, Nov 15,
11:01 AM

to me, PrairieFire, Natalie, Tierney, Tierney, Scott, Karla, Katy, Debra, Drue, Jennifer, Bill, Jan, Irene

Hi everyone,

To follow up from our discussion last night, here is the schedule of BSHP events I have for 2024. I will be communicating with Suzanne Sherrick today and adding her requested dates (April 27th, June 15th, and July 13th) once we've talked and make sure all is clear on what we offer and what else is going on during those times.

May 4th - Pet Run
May 4-5th - 4H Camp (Tentative)
May 11th - Pony Club H/J Schooling Show
May 18th - *open
May 25th - Flying Colors Derby
June 1st - *open
June 8-9th - WE #1
June 15th - Omoksee #1
June 22nd - Mini-Event #1
June 29-30th - Breeches N Buckles #1&2
July 6th - *open
July 13th - Omoksee #2
July 20-21st - Breeches N Buckles #3&4
July 27th - *open
August 3-4th - CMR
August 10th - Jumper Day
August 17th - Omoksee #3
August 24th - *open
August 31st - *open
September 7th - *open
September 14-15th - WE #2
September 21st - Mini-Event #2
September 28th - *open
October 5th - Omoksee #4

I will be working on getting the new rental form updated with the pricing that was voted on last night and will send to the board for review before I send to any facility renters. To summarize, here are the prices I have:

(Each arena rental includes AM water and working and use of a warm-up area)

MEA (including tower/PA): \$300/day

WEA (including use of PA): \$300/day

Dressage Arenas (both): \$200/day
Use of jumps or obstacles: \$100/day + \$200 deposit
XC course: \$300/day + \$200 deposit
Non-arena area for outside events: Starting at \$500/day
Stalls: \$30/night including 1 bag initial shavings + \$50 deposit
Additional shavings: \$12/bag
Hookups: \$25/night

We are not going to advertise the 4H arena and roundpen for rentals so we can continue to have that area available to 4H or membership when other events are using other park arenas.

Rick Nichwander

Fri, Dec 15, 1:58 PM (3
days ago)

to Bill, Katy, me, Debra, Susan, Arwyn, Tierney, Scott, Natalie, Jan, Jennifer, Jennifer

I am in agreement of increasing family membership to \$130/year

On Dec 15, 2023, at 11:44 AM, Bill Bucher <billbucher@eralambros.com> wrote:

I vot yes on \$130.00

On Fri, Dec 15, 2023 at 10:30 AM Kathryn Nichwander <knichwander@gmail.com> wrote:

I vote yes to increase to \$130 for family membership.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 15, 2023, at 9:28 AM, Irene Given <asti8@icloud.com> wrote:

I vote yes for the \$130 family membership

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 15, 2023, at 10:30 AM, Clara Davison <clarajune94@gmail.com> wrote:

I vote yes for \$130 family membership.

Clara

On Fri, Dec 15, 2023, 8:13 AM Debra Anderson <msonative@icloud.com> wrote:

I vote yes on \$130 family.

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 14, 2023, at 10:35 PM, drue linton <snowyhorses@hotmail.com> wrote:

I also want to suggest that we come up with some other plan for the "retreat". Spending an entire day in a meeting room on a Saturday is just not a way that most want to spend their Saturday. Maybe this is just me feeling this way. But life is short so I think best we come up with some other way to organize the parks upcoming year. Drue K

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From: drue linton <snowyhorses@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 10:28:34 PM

To: Arwyn Anthony <arwyna@msn.com>; Tierney Wheaton <tierneywheaton@gmail.com>; Scott David <bshpvicepresident@gmail.com>; Clara Davison <clarajune94@gmail.com>; Natalie Shaw <natmc12@gmail.com>; Debra Anderson <msonative@icloud.com>; Jan Harris <shespirit55@gmail.com>; Bill Bucher <billbucher@eralambros.com>; Jennifer Cote <jennifer@cote-mtcpas.com>; Jennifer Belitz <prairiefireequine@gmail.com>; knichwander@gmail.com <knichwander@gmail.com>; Karla Nichwander <krnichwander@gmail.com>; asti8@icloud.com <asti8@icloud.com>

Subject: Re: January Meeting Date Poll

I vote yes \$130. Drue

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From: Arwyn Anthony <arwyna@msn.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 7:59:44 PM

To: Tierney Wheaton <tierneywheaton@gmail.com>; Scott David <bshpvicepresident@gmail.com>; Clara Davison <clarajune94@gmail.com>; Natalie Shaw <natmc12@gmail.com>; Debra Anderson <msonative@icloud.com>; Jan Harris <shespirit55@gmail.com>; Bill Bucher <billbucher@eralambros.com>; Jennifer Cote <jennifer@cote-mtcpas.com>; Jennifer Belitz <prairiefireequine@gmail.com>; knichwander@gmail.com <knichwander@gmail.com>; Karla Nichwander <krnichwander@gmail.com>; Drue Kerns <snowyhorses@hotmail.com>; asti8@icloud.com <asti8@icloud.com>

Subject: Re: January Meeting Date Poll

Follow up to that email also - I am working on getting memberships updated on the website for 2024 and need the board to advise on Family/Couple membership pricing. Last year it was voted that we would increase each membership by \$5 each for the next 4 years. Since we aren't doing early bird, this makes Individual \$80, Youth \$60, and Family \$110. The Family membership could include up to 5 people (2 adults and 3 youth) and we feel this price is a bit low given that. The current proposal is to increase that to \$130 for a Family membership for 2024. Please respond with your opinion on this -

Option 1 - Yes, \$130 is good

Option 2 - No, I think it should be \$_____

Option 3 - Add to agenda to discuss and vote on Tuesday

Thanks!

Arwyn

7 members vote to increase the family membership to \$130/year. The motion carries.

Clarification on pet waste disposal:

From: Rick Nichwander <krnichwander@gmail.com>

Date: December 18, 2023 at 12:22:10 PM MST

To: Tierney Wheaton <bshppresident@gmail.com>, Scott David <bshpvicepresident@gmail.com>, Natalie Sullivan <natmc12@gmail.com>, Jan Harris <shespirit55@gmail.com>, Debra Anderson <msonative@icloud.com>, Katy <knichwander@gmail.com>, Jennifer Belitz <prairiefireequine@gmail.com>, Jennifer Cote <jennifer@cote-mtcpas.com>, Bill Bucher <billbucher@eralambros.com>, Susan Drue Kerns <snowyhorses@hotmail.com>

Subject: Re: Pet Waste Proposal Update

Ill verify with Nick, but my understanding is the trash service would continue under the Mount Jumbo Little League and the BSHP would utilize the BHSP trash during the April through October. THE BSHP would continue with our current trash removal contract at the same times over the season we are open.

I would also think we (the BSHP board) could vote to either pay for the \$50/wk during the April through October or get a volunteer to do it for those months.

And for clarification, the PTOL County reps provided the BSSC minutes from a few years ago, where the BSHP requested the Pet waste receptacles to be put out. So someone on our board "wanted them" (I hate it when the county debunks our story):)

Karla

On Dec 17, 2023, at 12:49 PM, Karla & Rick <krnichwander@gmail.com> wrote:

I had sent this earlier to the board, but don't think we came to any decisions. A followup for this next weeks agenda, or if the board is ok, I can advise the county to move forward

Karla

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Nicholas Zanetos <nzanetos@missoulacounty.us>

Date: December 11, 2023 at 3:18:35 PM MST

To: bshpdirector@gmail.com, Karla Nichwander <krnichwander@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: Pet Waste Proposal Update

Hello – just following up on this and wondering if you have had a chance to discuss further with your board?

Thanks!

NZ

Nick Zanetos (he/him)

Operations Administrator

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From: Nicholas Zanetos

Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 11:45 AM

To: bshpdirector@gmail.com; Karla Nichwander <krnichwander@gmail.com>

Subject: Pet Waste Proposal Update

Hi all – I just wanted to touch base on our pet waste proposal that we talked about last week. Mount Jumbo Little League meet and they are comfortable with the initial proposal which is:

- November through March
 - Pet Waste Stations are serviced by a 3rd party contractor – Montana Pooper Scoopers.
 - \$50 / Week – to be split evenly by MJWSLL & Missoula Horse Council
 - Trash service remains on-site through the winter so that trash disposal can occur.
 - The pet waste receptacle on the hill is removed for the winter months, eliminating extra charges that would be incurred for servicing a harder to reach site than the other 4 pet waste stations.

- April through October
 - MJWSLL provides weekly service to the two pet waste stations circled in red on the map below.
 - This includes the pet waste station that was removed during the winter months – PTOL staff will reinstall come April.
 - Missoula Horse Council provides weekly service to the remaining three pet waste stations circled in yellow on the map below.

A member of the MJWSLL Board knows the owners of Montana Pooper Scoopers so they are going to reach out to try and negotiate a better rate. Greg from MJWSLL is also looking into winter trash options but will likely duplicate what Tim set up last year which was 1 bin, Nov – April.

Let me know if the Horse Council has had a chance to discuss. Happy to answer any questions!

Have a great thanksgiving.

NZ

Nick Zanetos (he/him)

Operations Administrator

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