



MISSOULA HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL

STEWARDS OF THE MISSOULA EQUESTRIAN PARK

MISSOULA HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL BOARD MEETING December 2, 2014, 7 p.m. Missoula County Extension Conference Room

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Patterson at 7:12 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Jeff Patterson, Lynn Thee, Jake Kolb, Eunice Misbe, Val Knudsen, Sheila Mealey, Rachel Ambrose, Cindy Arnott,

Excused: Kim Stickler

Unexcused: Carolyn Quinn

Guests: Drue Kerns, Bill Bucher

MINUTES: Minutes from the November 4, 2014 meeting were previously electronically distributed by Eunice for review prior to the meeting. Lynn requested the wording regarding parking on the North side of the barns be changed to "The Tower Street Plan does not allow any parking on the North side of the barns". Kim should be added to the MHC committee meeting with Lisa Moisey. Rachel made a motion and Val seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. All approved, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report was previously electronically distributed by Jake for review prior to the meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Lynn made a motion and Rachel seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS: None

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- **Update on Maintenance, Bill** – Trailer for storing/moving jumps tabled until next meeting. MDCTA has offered a trailer, but at present it can't go into storage because of the grade's drop off. The grade could be brought up to level and possibly add a gate. Another option is to store them in the breezeway. Trailer doesn't need a bed, only a rack. Jeff suggested Drew put together a "wish list" including the desired capacity, length, etc., taking into consideration the needs of the future. A price can then be obtained for this design. Jeff will draw up his concept of what would work and share it with the board.

- The fence has been fixed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Nominating Committee:** There were 62 votes cast by the membership. All candidates received the required number of votes to take office. The new secretary will be appointed at the January meeting. The following are the new officers/directors:

Lynn Thee	President
Sheila Mealy	Vice President
Jake Kolb	Treasurer
Rachel Ambrose	Director
Vicki Balfour	Director
Ginny Fay	Director
Aneill Fisler	Director
Jennifer Kendall	Director
Val Knudsen	Director
Lynn Lee	Director
Carolynn Quinn	Director
Joan Scheffer	Director
Kim Stickler	Director

- **Lease Negotiations:** On hold due to the lack of consensus at the November 17 meeting. Cross County Course and trails need to be addressed and resolved. Public can come in and use anything where members are required to have an instructor with use of jumps and trails.
- **ADA Pad Parking and Trail Committee – report on November 17 meeting:** Next step is to meet with the Health Department and Commissioners. Need a variance. More than one entrance is needed for emergency reasons. Would actually make more dust to use main entrance to access 4-H Arena. Lisa had hoped to have a draft of the lease/maintenance agreement two weeks after the November 17 meeting, but it is not available so far. The agreement cannot be completed until the ADA Trail and Parking is resolved. The lease agreement needs to have co-liability and shared risk with the County to cover the County’s invitees and MHC’s members.
- **BSSC report:** The trail project is on hold because it is over \$20,000 and will require an RFP.
- **Website Report:** None.
- **Membership Report:** Membership list was emailed by Eunice prior to the meeting for review. Rachel has assumed the Membership Superintendent position. Next year a new membership form will be sent along with the ballot in order to encourage people to renew early. Membership committee will treat membership fees separately from rental fees.

- **Back Country Horsemen proposed obstacle trail update** - On hold pending outcome of lease/management agreement.

EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ADA Pad Trail** – See discussion under committee reports.
- **Park dedicated license plate** – On hold
- **ID Tags for members** – Discussed how many per family. Three per family will be included with membership. Additional family tags can be ordered for \$5 each. No perfect solution, but need to initiate a process. An email vote of the Board was completed December 9, 2014 unanimously passing the following motion: *“change the wording of our family membership to include two adults and any children under the age of 18. All must reside in the same household. We will issue three ID tags for a family membership, and more can be purchased for the cost of \$5 each.”* Discussed membership fees being presented in a more positive frame. For example, individual is \$60 per year with a \$10 discount for signing up by April 1 (\$50). Family is \$85 a year and a \$10 discount for signing up by April 1 (\$75). Discussed raising day use fee to \$15 each for park and for CC Course. Discussed raising all membership fees. Rachel made a motion and Cindy seconded the motion to raise fees for individual membership to \$70 a year with a \$10 early bird discount for signing up before April 1, raise family membership to \$95 with a \$10 early bird discount for signing up before April 1, raise Cross Country fee to \$60 with no early bird discount, and raise day pass to \$15 with no discounts. All in favor, motion carried.

Cross Country members need a list of cc rules included with their Welcome letter. Decided Professional membership could cause liability issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next meeting will be January 6, 2015, 7 p.m. Extension Office

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eunice Misbe

Secretary