



MISSOULA HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL

STEWARDS OF THE MISSOULA EQUESTRIAN PARK

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

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Patterson at 7:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent and excused: None

Unexcused: Carolyn Quinn (unexcused)

Guests: Drue Kerns, Bill Bucher

MINUTES: Minutes from the September 2, 2014 meeting were previously electronically distributed by Eunice for review prior to the meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Rachel made a motion and Val seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. All approved, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Colleen Harrison submitted her resignation due to other priority shifts. Kitty Herrin submitted her resignation as webmaster for the MHC website. The Nominating Committee will send out an email to the membership notifying them of these opportunities to serve with the MHC.

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 Kim seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

- **Steve Buckman deposit** – Jeff and Drue have both written email letters to Steve Buckman requesting return of the \$1,000 deposit since he did not do any work at the Park this year. There has been no response from Mr. Buckman. Jeff will follow up with a phone call.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS: None

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- **Dirty Dash reclamation** – Reclamation has been completed except to spread grass seed. Will wait until there is some moisture so the seed doesn't blow away.

- Bill spent 793.28 with several vendors and requested Board approval for his reimbursement:

1.	AxMen	\$15.68	2" Water Hose Clamps
2.	Mountain Supply	\$38.84	Fittings To Blow Out The Large Irrigation Lines
3.	K & N Electric	\$59.00	Repair To Newer Water Pump Impeller Housing Bolt Hole
4.	Mountain Supply	\$32.70	250" Of 18-2 Wire To Rewire MEA North Irrigation Zone
5.	ABI	\$117.52	TR 3 Rake Tips
6.	O'Reillys	\$58.97	Electric Fuel Pump and Wiring.
7.	O'Reillys	\$23.85	Air Filter, Fuel Filter, etc. For Water Truck
8.	Lowe's	\$32.69	Parts To Repair Bleacher at 4-H Arena
9.	Murdoch's	\$13.99	Weedeater Trim Line
10.	Murdoch's	\$61.81	Miscellaneous Supplies For Park
11.	ACE	\$14.27	WEA Water Line Repair
12.	Murdoch's	\$323.96	Oil, Antifreeze, etc. To Service Equipment

Rachel made a motion and Val seconded the motion to approve the supplies reimbursement for Bill. All approved, motion carried.

- **West Fence Reconstruction** – The wire has been stretched. There are a few posts that are not as tight as they could be. They will be replaced .
- **Hitching Rails and Round Pen** – Hope to get this done soon.
- **Water Truck Repairs** – Have installed a mechanical shift for the PTO. There is a fuel issue, possibly something in the tank or a collapsed fuel line. No fuel is getting to the carburetor. The rubber lines also may be deteriorated. Otherwise the PTO is working great.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Lease Negotiations:** BSSC is promoting a management agreement instead of a lease agreement. Some members of BSSC don't even want MHC to manage MEP. Jeff reported that he told Michele Landquist and Lisa Moisey that MHC cannot function as a management company since it is a non-profit board and would not qualify as a management company. Our insurance would not cover this scenario either. Jeff will meet with the County soon and let them know we are a 501 c (3).

Met at the park to discuss location of ADA parking adjacent to the pad. Laura Bakker objected stating the road was supposed to be temporary and only for the duration of the construction project. Michele Landquist requested Jeff attend the Park Board meeting Thursday. The procedure is supposed to be that MHC makes a proposal to the Park Board first and then BSSC makes their recommendation. BSSC does not have the authority to direct MHC to do or not do anything.

There would be liability issues if the ADA parking was built according to the original plan—people would have to cross in front of the main WEA gate.

During non-event times, signs could be put up to show where the correct

parking locations are. Could close and lock the gate to the stalls. We've done a good job and the park looks good. Tower Street plan is antiquated and conflicts with itself; therefore, it is not enforceable. The BSSC members have not complied themselves. Many of them have exceeded their term limits.

- **BSSC report:** See Lease Negotiations section above. Responses to the letter written by BSSC to the Missoula County Parks and Trails Advisory Board about MHC.
 1. This is an old issue resolved long ago with the person who complained. His was the only letter written about the roof.
 2. There is nothing in the Tower Street Plan requiring this.
 3. Work in progress, also see #9
 4. MHC manages equestrian use. If used by the public, it will go away.
 5. It took time for the mud to dry out. There was a safety issue to consider for the machine operators.
 6. This is not in the plan
 7. Made proposal per Park Board guidelines
 8. Unauthorized Parking Areas have not been "established". Stall gate could be closed, but emergency access is needed.
 9. Need well and irrigation to get water to this area
 10. Have planted many saplings, but will need to plant larger trees since saplings get eaten by the deer.
 11. Insurance lapsed because we don't have a current lease.
 12. Have always had a representative except for one month in transition.
 13. Purchased a water truck. BSSC would not assist with any funds.
 14. Jumps support the Park. People come from all over and spend a lot of money in the community. Working on completing the course, not adding new.
 15. Redundant of #3.
 16. No protocols in Tower Street Plan for a main gate.

- **Website Report:** None.

- **Membership Report:** Membership list was emailed by Eunice prior to the meeting for review. A new membership superintendent is needed, and Rachel has volunteered to assume the membership superintendent duties.

- **Back Country Horsemen proposed obstacle trail update** – Working on obtaining a conceptual design. Need a landscape architect. Possibly contact MSU. The drawing would need to comply with the engineering for the project.

EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT: The Mini Event and Dressage Clinic went well. Discussed the Bike Races and whether this type of non-equine event should have access when preparations are in progress for a Mini Event or other

equine event.

We should not have to police whether events, not our own, have the correct permits. Porta potties are required for events with more than a certain number of people.

Working on three open shows for next season. Working on obtaining sponsors.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **County Reimbursement for Irrigation Project** – Eunice received an email from Christine Dascenzo, of the Parks Department, on September 25, indicating they should be able to get a check for \$5,417 out in two to three weeks. It will be the amount the Park Board authorized for the project--\$6,000 minus the previous payment of \$583 to Ag Sales for pump parts on the irrigation project.
- **Jump course repair status** – Bill and Drue repaired three jumps before the mini event. More can use repair. Maybe more logs can be obtained from Carl. Jumps need to be stained to protect them from the winter weather.
- **Horse with tongue hanging out** – Eunice will forward to the Board the letter Susie Mayer wrote to Shirley Smith.
- **Paypal** – On Hold
- **Letter regarding change of reps for Waddell & Reed endowment** – There is still no response from Laura Bakker. Eunice will contact Alex Clemow from Waddell & Reed and inquire if the original document addresses the issue of who designated reps should be and the procedure for changing them.
- **Weed Control** – BSSC is focusing on the hill around the parking, baseball, and fast pitch. Ashley Juran, from Missoula County Extension Office will come in January to talk about weed control.
- **Letter to pony clubs regarding membership requirement** – Both club reps, Alex Ambelang and Char Harmon, thanked Jeff for the letter explaining membership requirement to use the park, and they will police their club members.
- **Well log** – Rita Baumgardner had copies of the documentation for the well next to the announcer stand. Water rights need to be renewed and the application to do so is \$125. Bill noted that the location is a closed basin, so we need to file soon. Will be discussed further at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Nominating Committee appointments** – Lynn, Kim, and Drue volunteered to be on the nominating committee. Susie Mayer will be contacted to see if she would be willing to serve again this year.

Terms are as follows with expiration dates:

Jeff Patterson	2014
Lynn Thee	2015
Jake Kolb	2014
Eunice Misbe	2014
Rachel Ambrose	2015
Cindy Arnott	2015
Colleen Harrison	2014 (Due to resignation)
Val Knudsen	2015
Sheila Mealey	2015
Carolyn Quinn	2014
Kim Stickler	2015
Open (Erika)	2014
Open (Lisa)	2014

Rachel volunteered to assume duties of Membership Appointee.

- **Membership ID or means of showing membership** – Sheila reported that 4 X 4 stickers would be \$1.50 each.
- **UM Rodeo – Cowboy Ball Donation** – The UM Cowboy Ball is October 11, and they have contacted MHC about a donation. Lynn made a motion and Kim seconded the motion that we donate one Family and one Individual Membership to be auctioned off.
- **Park dedicated license plate** – Val reported that we would receive \$30 a plate for new registrations and \$10 a plate for renewals. Cost is \$4,000 to apply plus the cost of hiring the design work. Design needs to be kept generic in order to sell statewide. Design needs to reflect both English and Western riding disciplines. Sheila made a motion and Lynn seconded the motion to pursue this idea further. All approved, motion carried.

Next meeting will be November 4, 2014, 7 p.m. Extension Office

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eunice Misbe
Secretary