

## Missoula Horse Council Board Meeting Notes

9/7/2022

### Maverick's Meeting Room

In attendance: Sheila Mealey, Arwyn Anthony(Zoom), Deb Anderson, Bill Bucher, Scott David, Drue Kerns, Penny Bucher, Jennifer Cote, Clara Davison

Meeting Start: 6:10pm

**Elections** – Arwyn will find out who is where in their terms and handle elections

**Minutes from August** – tabled for next meeting

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Membership hasn't changed much
- \$6,000 has come in for the new dressage arena
- Payroll 8,800 so far not including Kathryn
- Neon listed under software expense
- \$18,000 in square not yet assigned
- Bank reconciliation \$48,xxx at end of August
- Roberta and Laura would like to see endowment reports so they can have a meeting and make recommendations
- Debit cards: now that we have the p-cards, board needs to decide whether we continue or discontinue the previously issued debit cards, will vote at next meeting. A policy needs to be put together on card use to avoid personal purchases and submission of all receipts.
- Signors for the checking account have been changed

#### **Merchandise**

- Got bumper magnets, stickers
- Have more on the way, along with another clothing merch order
- Looking into other options for screen printing, next order won't be in before the Mini-Event

#### **Event Reports**

- **Jumper Show:** went great, made just under \$3,000. First time doing MHJA optional rating, a few bumps that can be improved for next time.

- **Mini-Event:** Arwyn and Geneva taking over most organizer duties from Susie as she's out of town, have everything covered so far.
- **Omoksee:** made about \$1,400 at last event, Bill has timing lights down to a science and are working great. Halloween Omoksee October 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Working Equitation:** last show of the year this weekend, need volunteers to help set up tomorrow (Thursday) 8:30am. Would like to use timers for speed round.
- **H/J Schooling Show:** October 1<sup>st</sup> – should have enough ribbons, also doing MHJA rated
- **Marketing:** Have seen increase in reactions to facebook ads for WE show, good thing for events to try. Outside events – events must be approved by the County and board. Event coordinators should think about dates for next year and get those in ASAP
- **5 Year Plan:** Kathryn communicating with County on vegetation plan and berm options – will try using vinegar to kill poison hemlock along ditch

### **Membership**

- Will not do early bird membership this year, membership will run January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Have suggested changes to the membership application
- Jennifer has included email to NeonOne for discussion since it may not work for us after all, wants to consult with Andrew (Clara) about whether we're going in the right direction
- Membership forms: need to review forms for updates and approval for next meeting

### **Director Report**

- Fair booth went well – good interaction with the community, sold some merch
- Bike race changed route – caused damage last year, needs to be addressed this year
- Fundraiser for Kathi McConnell – local trainer who got kicked by a horse and has significant medical bills, Brandy Ashford would like to do fundraiser on October 15<sup>th</sup> if we can move work day to the 16<sup>th</sup>. Or possibly work with Omoksee as Penny and Bill would like to work out a deal with a portion of Omoksee proceeds going to her.

### **Maintenance**

- Not much to report – Scott working on a maintenance form for event coordinators to fill out
- Can spread manure after the mini-event

### **Old Business**

- County visit went exceptionally well, mostly to let them know and see what we do so they can answer questions when they come up. They want more direct communication with the horse park. Want to try and include more community involved activities as part of shows or other events.

## New Business

- Event dates for 2023
  - May
    - 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> H/J Schooling Show
    - 13<sup>th</sup> Pony Club Schooling Show
    - 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Breeches N Buckles
    - 27<sup>th</sup> Derby
  - June
    - 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Breeches N Buckles
    - 17<sup>th</sup> Mini-Event
    - 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> WE
    - 30<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup> Gardner Powell
    - Pony Club Camp TBD
  - July
  - August
    - 12<sup>th</sup> Jumper Show
    - TIP Challenge TBD
  - September
    - 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> WE
    - 23<sup>rd</sup> Mini-Event
- Cirque Ma'Ceo would like to come back next year and also want to do a Renaissance Fair, but would require 3-4 days set up and then 2 consecutive weekends for the fair, and an additional weekend for the Cirque itself. Possibly July 19<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>
- Archery Shoot: Looking at area west of barn, parking in stall area, looking at June 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. Bill proposes \$300 rental fee for use of the space and parking, will cover watering and mowing himself.
- Elections: Arwyn
- Parade: Penny Bucher in charge
- Laura's letter: need to respond to her concerns, Sheila will respond
- Insurance: Jennifer needs all instructors and clinicians to submit their insurance paperwork for our insurance people
- Bikes: Drue would like to see more bike activities at the park

Meeting Adjourned 8:53pm