

November 2022 Board Meeting Notes

Missoula Horse Council

11/8/2022

Mavericks Meeting Room

In attendance: Sheila Mealey, Arwyn Anthony, Deb Anderson, Jen Belitz, Bill Bucher, Scott David, Megan Twohig, Drue Kerns, Clara Davison, Kathryn Maslanka, Ed Taylor, Katy Nichwander, Jennifer Cote, Karla Nichwander, Nancy Addams, Jenni Johnson (Zoom), Tierney Wheaton (Zoom), Natalie Sullivan

Meeting start: 6:07pm

Treasurer's Report

- License plate sales slightly down overall but up in October
- \$6,000 already received for new dressage arena
- As of right now are sitting at \$3,900 deficit overall
- Motion to approve the treasurer's report: Scott, 2nd Bill – approved

Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from August and September: Deb, 2nd Megan – approved

Bookkeeper/treasurer proposal – Jennifer

- Sheila Miller is interested in being our bookkeeper as a paid position
- Need someone ~20 hours a week, \$15,000 flat fee for 2023
- Expect the position would be easier once a new membership/event platform is set up and running

Committee Reports

- H/J Schooling Show - \$6,200 gross profit. Was a lot of extra work with MHJA rating, will likely not do MHJA again
- Omoksee – Halloween show went great, over \$6,000 in revenue that went to Kathi McConnell
- Mini-Event went extremely well, almost \$16,000 revenue, sold out stalls and had to set up panel stalls
- Membership –
 - Neon works well for membership, but does not work for event entries and everything else we need, recommendation to not renew Neon and ask for a refund or partial refund
 - Andrew has presented several options for website/membership/forms
 - Membership committee recommends option for Andrew to create all new “ecosystem” for \$7,200
 - Top 3 priorities:
 - Membership Management
 - Event Entry Management
 - Ability to pay via website

Event Director Report

- BSSC wants our opinion on allowing cyclocross to use XC course and perimeter trail – overall opinion is no but need clarification, maybe charge a rental fee
- Want to groom xc ski trail as well – maybe use areas of XC course instead of perimeter trail – board wants to set parameters for where track can be (next to perimeter trail) and will not restrict walkers/dogs/horses in the area
- Ren Faire – Kathryn putting together a proposal for the County, has map for areas to select from. Rental fee would be \$700/day +\$200 for electrical, ~\$10,000 total for 14 days

Maintenance

- Scott is getting tractor serviced, need some repairs on the water truck
- Jen proposes putting netting or smaller fence around 4H arena to keep dogs from running through the arena, will send out pricing for a few different options

Old business

- Archery shoot – Bill working on it, will continue to update
- **Elections** – Arwyn has site that will handle all ballots in secure fashion, covers all required bases for board elections.
 - Motion to pay \$30 to use electionbuddy: Scott:, 2nd Deb – approved
 - Motion to remove Ann Vestal from the board: Deb, 2nd Bill – approved
 - Tierney Wheaton (former board member) has stepped up to run for president in 2023, Sheila will help Tierney and introduce her to the County and BSSC
- January Board Retreat – January 28th, probably at UM again
- Independent Contractor/Park Director position – need to add position into Bylaws to clarify, will open for applications. Michele Puiggari reviewing updated contract
- Tree for Jack Baumgardner – needs to be native species, thinking east side of MEA. Deb will look into options to plant something in the spring
- TWH association – they are disbanding and donating \$2000 to the park, need to decide where to spend it
- Water complex – Have plan in place for Zane to build when possible. Will work on getting donations for materials and equipment to help with cost
- Dressage arena
 - Motion to approve \$3535 to buy another white dressage arena: Clara, 2nd Natalie – approved

Website/database

- Natalie proposes we use Wix for our website and membership database,
- Motion to approve Natalie to start working on a Wix website for \$600: Bill, 2nd Drue – approved

December meeting – Christmas meeting December 9th, location TBD

Motion to adjourn: Arwyn, 2nd Deb – approved

Meeting adjourned 9:23pm