

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MISSOULA HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL WAS HELD  
ON APRIL 6, AT ROSAUER'S AT 7:00PM**

President Barbi Howell called the meeting to order at approximately 7pm.

**PRESENT:**

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| Lindi Vishoot | Barbi Howell     |
| Mike Hartkorn | Laura Bakker     |
| Drue Kerns    | Ginny Schuler    |
| Connie Long   | Anita Scott      |
| Sue Mathewson | Kathryn Maslanka |

**ABSENT:** Christine Foster

**MINUTES:** Laura Bakker moved to accept the March minutes and Ginny Schuler seconded the motion.

**CARRIED**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Income for this year: \$6283.35 (includes memberships, Waddell and Reed interest, and bank interest.) Checking account: \$10,349.34. Bills paid: Small Dog Solutions: \$625; DeeDee Gianchetta: \$60.10; The Directory: \$79.43 (for membership mailing and mini event mailing); and Northwestern Energy: \$21.75.)

The treasurer also attempted to encourage the board members to look at and familiarize themselves with a book describing parliamentary procedure. The idea was met with skepticism.

**GROUNDS KEEPER'S REPORT:** The Groundskeeper reported about Russell Riders, about shavings for the stalls for the show season, and about extra hours of work that the Groundskeeper provides for special events and how that is to be handled. It was decided by acclamation that stall users are required to use shavings (as opposed to putting horses in unbedded stalls). This requirement will be added to the contracts. Also decided by acclamation was that the Groundskeeper's extra hours will be billed to the park, and then paid by the board to the Groundskeeper. This also will be added to the contract.

It was also decided by acclamation that the Groundskeeper should get multiple bids for the next section of the perimeter fence to be replaced. Also, there was a suggestion that there should be a walk gate in the fence in the vicinity of the Tower Road - 33<sup>rd</sup> Street corner.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Club Memberships/Volunteers

Discussion centered on Russell Riders. The board decided by acclamation that the President shall write a letter outlining the club's responsibilities to the Park. These responsibilities will include a monthly fee to cover the Park's costs, which will be waived or partially waived if the club provides sufficient volunteer hours to offset the costs. The club director will also be allowed to use the tower. The letter will state that both of these items will be added to their contract.

B. Insurance: Liability; volunteers; groundskeeper; board.

President Barbi Howell will research our insurance to find out exactly what it covers, and what options we have to add things that are not covered.

C. 501 C3

Christine has enlisted pro bono legal advice from a staff member from Worden, Thane.

D. Roof Stalls

The barn roof needs to be painted because of glare. Board Member Laura Bakker researched this with the barn company and received advice and a discount for Sherwin Williams paint. Anita Scott moved that Laura Bakker move forward on getting forest green paint and bids on painting the roof. Drue Kerns seconded.

**CARRIED**

E. Western Events Arena

Ginny Schuler and Laura Bakker reported that the Park board highly approved of the plan. April 7 at 1:30pm at the courthouse the plan will be presented to the County Commissioners.

F. Horse Expo

Connie Long reported on the Horse Expo to be held at the park on May 22. She passed around a proposed schedule. She would like the board to make sure that the Park insurer will cover this event.

G. Cross Country - Mini Event Committee Report

The Mini Event Committee talked about its planning meeting.

H. Groundskeeper Contract

The Groundskeeper Contract is still in progress.

I. Policies and Procedures Meeting and Committee Report

It was suggested to add a code of ethics to the PandP manual; and also to address how board members are to be replaced.

J. Newsletter - ads

By acclamation the board decided to allow advertisements in the quarterly newsletter. Prices of ads will be determined.

K. Irrigation System/Grant

Ginny Schuler moved that Sue Mathewson apply for the grant for the irrigation system. Laura Bakker seconded the motion.

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Laura Bakker reported on plans for the board's involvement with the Safe Kid's Coalition which is having a fair at Community Hospital on April 25. She, Drue Kerns and Christine Foster will have a booth on equine safety.

B. Ginny Schuler passed around for editorial comments the new membership forms she has designed.

C. Sue Mathewson reported on the weed grant. A copy of her application is attached.

Laura Bakker moved and Connie Long seconded the motion that we adjourn. This carried at about 9:45 pm.

