

## Horseman's Council Feb. 2009 Minutes

Present ~ Drue Kerns, Christine Foster, Barbie Howell, Lindi Vishoot, Mike Hartkorn, Marj Harper, Ginny Schuler, Marge Clark, Rachael Ambrose, Sharon Barrett, Connie Long (w/ Back Country Horsemen)

Marj H. reported that the banking services have been changed to Missoula Federal Credit Union. They have more convenient locations.

Barbie is working on putting together a brochure for the park for advertising purposes. A copy was handed out to interested individuals; we will send her suggestions and revisit in March. Drue will try and get a copy of an old brochure that may have ideas. We need photos. Barbie is working with Jennifer Michalis ([www.tangiblememories.lifepics.com](http://www.tangiblememories.lifepics.com)) who may be able to supply us with some good ones. As per Rachael's suggestion, we'll post on the web site the need for photos.

Lindi discussed preliminary estimates on a new fence for the main arena. She has spoken with Bitterroot Fence, 5 Heart Fence, Big Creek Fence and Cenex (material prices). She'll contact a couple of other contractors before the March meeting. A good quality, fully treated 3 rail fence will run about \$6200 - \$7500; a metal fence \$12,000 - \$13,500. The majority felt that a wood fence would be best. We will need to iron out the details : split rail vs solid, 3 or 4 rail, height, ect. A motion was made and approved to set aside \$8,000 for the fence. Several members felt that priority should be put on the watering system noting over watering and puddling in the arena. Originally Lindi had hoped to replace the fence and the watering system but the majority agreed that would be too large of an investment at this time. Lindi will get an estimate on replacing the uprights and heads (and not redoing the underground portion) on the current water system. This, along with resetting the system during rain periods, should take care of the concerns.

Sue Mathewson would like to continue with the weed program and will let us know where additional spraying will be done.

Lindi will contact Rocky Mountain Wildlife and County Extension regarding gopher eradication. Rocky Mountain did a great job last spring but is unable to use the same methods so we'll need to look into other options.

Connie Long, with the Back Country Horsemen, is putting together a 1 day expo on May 2nd including packing clinics & horse safety. Marj Harper will be pulling together some other events to promote the park. We will need to get some advertising out regarding the day.

Drue finalized the Mini-Event dates : April 25, Aug 15, and Sept 12.

Drue has found someone, Aemil, Val Knudsen's son, to work on the Park's website as Dick is busy with his capitol responsibilities. A motion was passed for him to take it over. Meeting adjourned @ 8:33. Minutes submitted by Lindi Vishoot.