

Horsemen's Council August 2009 Minutes

Present ~ Ginny Schuler, Laura Bakker, Connie Long, Christine Foster, Marge Clark, Anita Scott, Barbie Howell, Marj Harper, Lindi Vishoot, Vince Gavin

Marj reported \$16,000 in our accounts. After the meeting I studied the report & it showed \$20,000. We'll clarify at Sept. meeting.

In the future the Minutes will be posted after they are read and approved at the following meeting.

A motion was made & approved to purchase a set of small bleachers @ \$1500. This will give us something to use now as we work on getting some wooden ones built. They will be fairly portable so can be used @ the different arenas.

Lindi will contact Sue Mathewson regarding the possibility of a grant to help build some nice bleachers. Barbie, Drue and Laura offered 4 lessons each(@ \$50/lesson) to help offset the cost of Vince Gavin's services. He has been working on plans that will meet the codes & requirements of the County Planning Dept. Vince discussed some ways we could bring the building costs down. It seems quite expensive so securing a grant will be key.

A motion was made and carried to give Drue a yearly membership for each year she puts on the Benefit Mini Events.

A motion was made and approved to go ahead with having Ken Wood build a new smaller schooling trekehner,

Marj will be putting together a fall newsletter.

Discussion of insurance slated for Sept. meeting.

Plans are in the works for a General Membership meeting/lunch in early October (the 3rd or 4th) in conjunction with the Montana Draft Horse & Mule Fall Gathering.

Tom Lieke is fixing the portable pump so we can sell it. He thinks we can get about \$600 or so for it. There are also plans for Tom to get the manure spreader going. A motion was made and approved to give Donna Lieke a yearly membership in exchange for Tom's work.

Bob Saurer Pump Service fixed our pump problem @ the stalls. He replaced a couple of switches that had corroded from moisture. He suggested to Marj that we install a regulator on that pump (\$250). The regulator will help protect the pump as it is way to large for what it is used for.

Laura will contact Rita to look at old bylaws and see what may need to be changed. Nancy Hinman may be of assistance but is very busy with her other obligations.

Laura and Ginny will put together a landscape plan for the proposed West Arena.

The perimeter fence is falling over and posts need to be replaced. Ken @ Bitterroot Fence gave us an estimate of \$16,000. Big Sky Park Stewardship Committee had mentioned they may help out with materials and suggested we do 1/4 of it each year. The Tower section needs to be done first. Lindi will contact Bill Dahlgren, who is the Stewardship Committee's President, to see if they are still willing.

Connie requested May 22, 2010 for the next Horse Expo!!

Meeting Adjourned ~ 8:35