

Missoula Horsemen's Council

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 2, 2011 – 7:00 PM – Hilton

Attendance: Board members: Barbi Howell, Lisa Barnes, Janice Maurer, Ginny, Autumn Kozimer, Mike Hartkorn, Drue Kerns, Christine Foster, Jeanne Gaudreau

Guests: Laura, Doug,

7:00 PM Members, Guests & Visitors

Public Comment Period

Treasure State/Big Sky Classic Report

Mini-Event Report

Diabetes Run Report

Paint/Open Horse Show Report

4-H Show Report

Benefit Show – August 6 & 7 – Jeanne reported on the show preparation for this weekend. She will connect with Doug regarding grounds preparation needs.

General Discussion

Barbi pointed out that the user agreement outlines a mandatory requirement that a member representing each scheduled event attend a MEC board meeting immediately prior to and following the event to report on needs and outcomes of the events. A meeting deposit of \$100 will be added to the user agreement, refundable only if the event representative attends the board meeting before and after the show.

Barbi reported that the single porta-potty is insufficient for shows. For scheduled events, the event coordinators must arrange for an additional portapotty to be brought in for each event. Next year the user fee will be increased and portapotty costs included. For the remainder of this year a second porta-potty will be provided by MEC.

Event clean up schedules: after any event, garbage should be immediately cleaned and taken to bins. Garbage pick-up at the park is early Tues a.m.'s. All post-show clean up and park equipment stowage from weekend events should be finalized by the end of the day on Tuesday.

7:30 PM 1. Call Meeting to Order - Roberts Rules Of Order- Barbi Howell, President

2. Minutes – Lisa Barnes – were approved electronically and are currently posted on the web page.

3. Treasurer's Report – Janice Maurer reviewed the balance sheet and budget summary report including expense and income per show. Ginny proposed a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Autumn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

4. Grounds Keepers Report - Doug Cox – Doug was welcomed once again and the board expressed appreciation for his hard work on the park to-date. The remainder of Doug's report and issues are covered within items under #5, 'Business,' in the minutes, below.

5. Business

- a. Irrigation – Barbi – distributed a proposal for repair and improvements to the Park irrigation system. A discussion followed, on the most efficient way to repair the system, including irrigation pipes. There was a motion by Christine to allocate up to \$4,000 to initiate improvements in the irrigation system; this project is to proceed under the supervision of Ginny, Laura, and Doug. Jeanne seconded the motion. It is anticipated that the Stewardship committee will contribute half of this expense. During the first week of August two large irrigation guns were purchased and are currently in use at the park.
- b. Dressage Arena – Jeanne reported that the fencing is in place and the arena is completed. Jeanne expressed her delight at having the arena finished, and the excellent outcome. Similar feedback has been received from members and event participants. Additional dressage shows have been scheduled in August as a result of the arena's completion.
- c. 4-H Arena – Ginny & Laura – nothing new to report
- d. Western Events Arena – Janice reported that the loan application has been submitted and is currently being reviewed for approval.
- e. Web Site – Ginny shares website updates with the board as they are completed. Updates have been distributed electronically throughout the month.
- f. Bleachers & Picnic Tables – Barbi shared ideas about picnic table needs and bleacher possibilities. Christine proposed that we purchase two sets of 8 foot bleachers. Lisa seconded, motion passed. Three sets of portable bleachers for a similar price were identified following the meeting. The purchase of three bleacher sets was approved by the board via electronic communications and the bleacher sets have been ordered. These are similar to the aluminum bleachers that are currently in place at the park.
- g. BSSC – Mike reported that a meeting has not yet been scheduled, possibly the next meeting will be in October.
- h. Drue suggested that work should be done on the park jumps. Jumps need to be oiled. August 14th was identified as the day for jump maintenance, volunteers are requested to assist with this project. Volunteers should gather at the park at

9:30 a.m.. Drue has recruited several students to assist with this project. Pizza will be provided for volunteers.

i. Laura reported that the west end storage and entrance fences are falling down and need to be repaired. This will be addressed on a volunteer work day in the fall.

6. Next Meeting Time September 5th 7pm Hilton Conference Room

9:15 PM Adjourn