

Missoula Horseman's Council

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 3, 2012 – 7:00 PM – Hilton, Missoula

Board Members present: Cindy Arnott, Lisa Barnes, Mike Hartkorn, Barbi Howell, Heidi Kneib, Kathi Olsen, Jim O'Reilly, Ginny Schuler

Guests present: Doug Cox, Laura Bakker, Christine Foster

7:00 PM Welcome-Members, Guests & Visitors

7:10 PM 1. **Meeting called to Order** – Barbi Howell, President

2. **Minutes** – Lisa Barnes- minutes were electronically distributed and approved in December. Ginny made a motion to approve the minutes as electronically approved; Kathi seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Barbi presented the treasurer's report for Janice, treasurer. Kathi made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented; Ginny seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kathi made a motion that the board reimburse Ginny for printer ink cartridges due to the large amount of printings she does for the board. Lisa seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. **Grounds Keepers Report** - Doug Cox –

The electrical box is in place and Northwestern Energy (NWE) has been paid to run the electric out to the box; NWE agreed to have this completed by early January.

Stall locks – need to be re-keyed.

5. **Old Business**

a. **Western Events Arena** – Jim reported that the arena fill (footing) is in place. The next step will be to install 6-8 inches of clay. A decision was made not to install matting; this will result in a cost savings. There are several places to acquire clay at no cost and a contact has been made who will deliver the clay. Therefore we will need to purchase only a minimal amount of clay. There is dirt available as well, for the price of hauling and delivery.

Jim has made several contacts regarding bids for fencing, panels, and gates.

The target completion date for the arena is May 15th 2012

- b. **Web Site** – Ginny reported on the previous discussion to introduce board members including bios on the web. Board members are requested to submit updated bios and photos for web posting.

New, updated park photos have been posted on the web site.

- c. **XC Jumps, stadium jumps** – Autumn prepared a flyer for distribution to potential donors of stadium materials and structures.

Steve Buckman has been contacted regarding his fees and availability this year. Barbi presented the prepared cost table for construction of a prelim course based upon the construction of approximately 30 jumps over a 5 year continuum. A deposit is required to reserve a time in Steve’s schedule.

Ginny made a motion to send the \$1,000 deposit to get on Steve Buckman’s schedule with a goal of having him oversee construction of least 5 prelim jumps this year. Lisa seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- d. **Fund raisers and park promotions**– Christine & Kathi –

- 1. Kathi will print out a listing of media so that board members can share responsibilities to contact them.
- 2. There was a suggestion that a sign be placed on the corner of the park near the cemetery and BSHS to promote the park.
- 3. There was a discussion of ideas for constructing an improved park entrance to enhance access and park visibility.

- a. Laura announced that we may be able to change the entryway and to expand parking near the sledding hill, with Big Sky Stewardship Committee’s support.

- 4. Valentines’ day wine raffle: Christine shared a fundraising idea to raise money for landscaping at the park. Lisa made a motion to proceed with the Valentines’ day wine raffle as proposed; Heidi seconded the motion. Motion carried. The drawing will be held at the next board meeting, February 7th. Tickets will be distributed to board members to sell.

- 5. “Boots, buckets, and bandanas”: Kathi presented a proposed fundraiser to raise money for the park. An admission fee of \$25 per person would be charged; Sept 8th 4-9pm was suggested as the event date and time. A discussion followed. Door prize tickets could be included. The date will be reserved on the calendar and this event possibility will be discussed further at the next meeting.

6. New Business

a. **Dirty Dash** – Barbi reported on fees to be charged for the upcoming dirty dash, scheduled at the park on Sept 18th. Refer to www.thedirtydash.com to find our event on their web site. Barbi proposed to charge a flat rate fee of \$6,000 to \$7,000 for this event and she will discuss this with dirty dash organizers.

b. 2012 Events –

1) Barbi reported that the MEP event schedule can be posted on the Missoula Chamber of Commerce website.

2) 'Destination Missoula' has an informational 'welcome' package for out of town guests who use the park that could be distributed at shows and events.

3) July 7th & 8th schedule of events: two events are scheduled back to back. Barbi shared event format change requests that were made to avoid conflicts and noise interference between the two events.

c. **Locks** – The front entrance gate lock will be re-set to the current code for 2012 membership year. Codes will be written on the back of membership cards when they are distributed.

d. **Horse Expo** – Barbi attended the Horse Expo planning meeting. Ideas were shared on opportunities to sell products and raffle tickets at the Expo. The MHC commitment to advertising costs for the event may increase to \$1,000 from \$700 in previous years, and will result in countywide advertising and an insert in the Sunday Missoulian. Ginny made a motion that advertising be split, with a \$1000 cap. Kathi seconded; motion passed.

7. **Other:** Jim responded to a previous suggestion that racks or a trailer be used to store jump rails. A trailer could be used for this purpose and parked near the stalls. An old pipe trailer was suggested as an excellent option. Jim will peruse Craigslist for trailers for sale.

9:30 PM

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: Feb 7, 2012 7:00 p.m., Hilton Blue Canyon meeting room