

Missoula Equestrian Council

Tuesday, June 7, 2011 – 7:00 PM – Hilton

MINUTES

Members, Guests & Visitors:

Members present: Lisa Barnes, Christine Foster, Jeanne Gaudreau, Drue Kerns, Mike Hartkorn, Barbara Howell, Janice Maurer, Kathi Olson, Ginny Schuler,

Guests: Laura Bakker, Ken Rolf

Public Comment Period – no comments were offered

7:10 PM

1. Meeting called to Order - Roberts Rules Of Order -Barbi

2. Minutes – Ginny proposed to approve the electronically distributed and amended minutes with one typo correction. Janice seconded; motion passed. Christine suggested one additional edit; Kathi proposed to approve the change; Jeanne seconded; motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report – Janice raised the question of Ken's contract status. Ken will provide an update on his independent contractor's status at the next meeting.

4. Grounds Keepers Report - Ken Rolf

a. Ken suggested the need for a covered area to store jumps and other items outside at the park.

b. Stall cleanliness: there was a question of stall cleanliness following the recent mini event. The board discussed methods of stripping vs. cleaning of stalls after usage. The current MEP agreement instructs users to pick up manure only. The stalls will be stripped prior to the mid-July show. Wording in the stall user agreement will be amended to reflect that users must strip stalls after each rental or episode of use.

5. Business

a. Horse Expo – Christine

The Expo was a success; the BCHC provided feedback that they were pleased with the event and the facility.

b. Mini-Event –Kathryn Maslanka was not present to report; Christine reported on the financial outcome of the mini event, which was successful.

c. Dressage Arena – Susie Mayer & Marj Harper & Jeanne Gaudreau

Jeanne reported that the arena surface is completed.

The need for dressage arena fencing vs. existing railroad ties as arena perimeter edging was discussed.

Janice proposed a motion to spend approximately \$2000 on arena fencing and Jeanne will coordinate the selection and transaction of the fencing. Kathi seconded; motion passed.

Christine reported that the letter to Susi Mayer (as described in item "C." of May minutes) was unnecessary; because the issue was resolved by phone.

d. Western Events Arena – Barbi reported on financing options for the western events arena. A discussion followed regarding the needed dimensions for the arena. Further information will be gathered and details will be discussed at the July meeting.

e. Bleachers – Drue suggested that there is a need for an additional set of bleachers outside the main arena. It was suggested that an additional set of metal bleachers be purchased.

Jump Storage – Prior to the recent mini-event, jumps and flags were left outside and minor damage resulted. There was a discussion of where the responsibility lies to replace jumps/flags to stalls for protection.

f. Web Site – Ginny reported on web site updates. Photos of recent events are available to be added to the site.

g. Trees/Landscaping – Christine presented info obtained from the DNRC on the availability of native trees and shrubs for park landscaping.

h. Recycling – Christine shared research she had on recycling. Large trash cans will be purchased and labeled for recycling at the Park.

i. Target Range Homeowners Assoc. – Laura shared a letter that was received from the Missoula County Deputy County Attorney office regarding the request to dedicate the park as a county dedicated park.

j. BSSC – Mike had nothing new to report.

k. Other Items:

1. Park entrance: There was a discussion of ideas to improve the park entrance and gate. Ideas included the addition of a visitor parking area, and various thoughts on replacing the gate and improving the entrance.
2. Christine shared that MEP shirts and caps were discounted to \$5 at the Expo. There is remaining inventory in a variety of styles, sizes, and colors. The park will continue to sell MEP shirts and caps for \$5 each.

6. Next Meeting: Tuesday July 5, 2011 7pm, Hilton Conference Room