

Horsemen's Council March 2009 Minutes

Present ~ Marj Harper, DeeDee Gianchetta, Barbie Howell, Lindi Vishoot, Ginny Schuler, Laura Bakker, Marge Clark

The Sept. 12th Flying Colors Mini Event date is changed to Oct. 10th.

Drue got an estimate on excavating the schooling trakehner jump of \$300. Lindi will get an estimate on building the jump from Ken Wood w/Bitterroot Fence.

Aimel was to help update the website but realized school was taking up too much of his time. He will work his hours owed during the April Mini Event. Thanks to Dick for continuing to update the website until we find someone. Lindi would like to take this over .

A motion was made to have at least one person to help with groundskeeping duties in exchange for membership dues. There are also individuals throughout the summer who work off entry fees to shows. The Motion was passed.

Lindi motioned to have \$1700 set aside to upgrade the main arena perimeter water system. A bid was submitted by Paul Ronoldo Sprinklers. This will include new uprights, new sprinklers heads, and adding several new uprights and new valves if needed. With this done we should not experience as much puddling which is caused in part by less than optimal heads. By installing additional uprights , the pump can run more efficiently & not cycle on & off excessively. These upgrades will also enable the heads to water deeper into the center of the arena. The motion was passed.

Barbie handed out the next draft of the brochure and comments & suggestions were discussed. Hopefully at the April meeting it can be finalized and we can get copies at the tack & feed stores to spread the word on the great park we have in Missoula.

DeeDee went over the balance sheet in detail. She is finding many areas in which we could be saving money. She felt that the way Sweet Pea was billing us (every 4 weeks) was not appropriate and found Brown's that will bill monthly. This will have us paying 12 times per year vs 13 with Sweet Pea. Also Brown's monthly charge is \$10 less. Our greatest savings in this area will be noticed in only having one porta-potty this year. Last year we also had one placed near the 4-H arena. Also we will not be leaving it in place over the winter.

DeeDee feels that we could be getting better insurance coverage for our money and will be looking into this.

A motion was made and passed to lower the Stall Deposit to \$250 from \$750. It is important to DeeDee to deposit these checks and then reissue a refund. It was felt that \$750 might be too big of a hit for organizations renting the stalls. In the past the checks were never cashed.

Marj Harper discussed the need for a club membership form and lower clinic fees.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.