

## Missoula Equestrian Council Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2011 – 7:00 PM – Hilton

### MINUTES

**Board members present: Lisa Barnes, Christine Foster, Jeanne Gaudreau, Mike Hartkorn, Barbara Howell, Drue Kerns, Janice Mauer, Ginny Schuler,**

Guests in attendance: Laura Bakker, Florence Miller, Cindy Arnott, Katie Rolf, Barb Rolf, Ken Rolf, Kathryn Maslanka, Arwyn Anthony

**7:00 PM          Members, Guests & Visitors**

Cindy Arnott represented the County 4-H mandatory clinic and the Bear Creek show (June 11<sup>th</sup>) and the 'Buckle up and Ride' show on July 17<sup>th</sup> in the 4H arena and round pen. Mandatory clinics are this Sat 5/7 and Tuesday nights in July on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>.

**7:10 PM          1. Call Meeting to Order - Roberts Rules Of Order**

2. Minutes – Lisa- Minutes were distributed electronically to board members prior to the meeting for review and amendment. Janice proposed a motion to approve the Final minutes as distributed. Ginny seconded the motion. Motion passed

3. Treasurer's Report – Janice distributed the P&L statement. Financials were discussed; membership contact lists were distributed.

4. Grounds Keepers Report - Ken Rolf –

Ken reported on recent work completed at the park. Volunteers participated in a burn event to dispose of old wood on the east end of the park. Another burn party may be held in the near future.

Ken reported that bulk shavings arrived at the park without prior notice and possibly some bagged shavings are missing. Arwyn reported that 15 stalls were reserved for the weekend Jumper event. A discussion on the present shavings supply followed.

Ken suggested that we consider landscaping to be promoted for adoption. Planters need to be planted; Cindy volunteered to have 4H kids do the planting prior to the Horse Expo.

Ken reported on supplies that have been purchased for availability on-site at the park. Donated hydraulic fluid is available at the park for treatment of the XC jumps.

Jumps need to be painted; volunteers are needed to paint in order for the project to be completed

5. Business

a. Horse Expo – Mark Wright, representing the Back Country Horsemen: Mark distributed flyers for the Expo, which is scheduled for May 21 at the Park. The completed schedule is pending. A work party will be setting up on the Friday (day before) the event. Various stands, tents,

vendor booths, camps, etc. will be set up. One planning meeting for the event remains, on Weds May 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at the press box upper level. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join.

b. Jumper Show – Arwyn reported on the jumper show. There were 27 participants.

The show jumps are still in place from the weekend jumper show. It was discussed whether to dismantle the jumps until Friday. Through Friday, the arena will be locked and signage put in place to request that the jumps not be jumped.

a. Mini-Event- Kathryn Maslanka reported on mini event planning.

b. Dressage Arena- Jeanne reported that a contractor was hired for the project. The need to remove railroad ties and pvc piping or not was discussed at length. It was decided that the ties and piping must be removed in order for the arena to be rebuilt properly. Ken will be involved in the removal of existing structure. When ties are replaced, a small, approx 1" space should be left between ties to allow for drainage. The entrance will be centered (currently it is not centered). Barbi and Christine will write a letter to Susie Mayer & MDCTA in this regard.

c. Western Events Arena – Laura reported on planning progress and on bids that have been obtained. There was a discussion on packing and ripping procedures to maintain a western events arena. Kory Mitty offered to oversee the WEA base and footing restoration. The aim would be to provide a footing base that could be adapted to various equestrian disciplines in the main arena, from reining and barrel racing to stadium jumping. Janice proposed a motion to spend up to \$2,500 to rework the main arena surface. Christine seconded. Motion passed.

d. Cross Country repairs – Drue reported on recent cross country course repairs. Certain stacked jumps need to be set with rebar for stability.

e. Sponsorship – Florence – reported on prelim jump sponsorship postings, to request donations to support building the jumps. Florence would like to develop the sponsorship tier and post to web page. She suggested that donations could earn individual memberships and web page ads, links.

f. Web site – Ginny reported on recent web site updates and improvements.

g. Show Events Calendar – Barbi shared the 2011 events schedule

h. BSSC – Mike reported on the most recent committee meeting

i. Stall roof – Barbi authorized the purchase of 1 gallon of paint to test on the stall roof.

6. Next Meeting - June 7, 2011 Hilton Garden Inn Conference Room

9:40 PM

Adjourn