

## Horsemen's Council Sept 2009 Minutes

Present ~ Barbi Howell, Anita Scott, Marj Harper, Lindi Vishoot, Laura Bakker, Drue Kerns, Mike Hartkorn, Connie Long, Christine Foster

August minutes were read and approved.

The portable pump was fixed by Tom Liek. The parts cost \$65. Marj ran an ad in the Missoulian but there was not much interest.

Marj reported \$17,600 in the two accounts. She was unable to bring a report. This does not include the Aug. mini event which had a lower than expected turn out. Drue estimated \$1825 would come in from that event.

Drue's trailer suffered damage in the process of moving jumps. A motion was made and approved for the Council to cover up to \$500 to get it repaired.

The roof of the announcers stand is in need of replacement. Lindi estimated the cost to replace at \$450. This would be a metal roof similar to the stall roof material. A motion was made and approved to get it replaced. Lindi will look into having someone help her with the job.

A motion was made that new members that sign on after 9/1 will have their membership not only through the end of this year but also through next year. The motion was approved.

Over the next several months we will be reviewing our forms and updating as needed.

A request was made that we get an additional porta-potty for the mini events as people were waiting a bit too long to use the facility. Lindi will make sure this happens.

The idea of berms instead of bleachers was discussed. We will need to gather more information.

Nominations for Pres. & VP will be made at the November meeting. Elections will occur at the December meeting. Marj will put this in the newsletter. Marj is not interested in another year as president. Barbi is interested in the position.

Barbi will help Marj and DeeDee look into other insurance options.

Rita, Laura, Barbi and Marj will be going over the By-laws & bringing ideas to the Council for discussion.

Connie & the Backcountry Horsemen will be putting on a trailer backing practice at the park on 9/26.

Drue requested having a membership list in the office during mini events. Lindi will make sure they have an updated one on hand.

Marj installed a sump/drain in the corner(near M) of the new dressage arena. This corner typically holds water so this should help.

The Montana Draft Horse & Mule Assoc. will have a gathering at the park 10/3 &10/4. The park will have a general membership meeting 10/4 and the teams will give members & guests rides around the park in the wagons. Alex can get a 20' x 30' tent for \$260. This includes set up and tear down. A motion was made and approved for the two groups to share the cost.

Ken Wood finished the new trakehner and everyone likes it. The bill was only \$450 vs his estimate of \$1250 as we were able to use materials that we had around the park.

The new chain link enclosure is up. It ended up getting built larger than approved & we are not sure how this happened. Most comments are positive; some feel we could have done something more appealing.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm. Minutes submitted by Lindi Vishoot.