

# Missoula Horsemen's Council

## MINUTES

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 – 7:00 PM – Hilton

**Attendance: Board members: Barbi Howell, Lisa Barnes, Janice Maurer, Ginny Schuler, Autumn Kozimer, Mike Hartkorn, Christine Foster, Jeanne Gaudreau**

**Guests: Laura Bakker, Doug Cox,**

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

Public Comment Period – none presented

Mini-Event Report – Christine for Kathryn reported that activities are ready for the Sept 24th mini-event. Jump judges, jump movers, and other volunteers are needed. Contact Christine or Kathryn to volunteer or with questions.

Dressage Show August 6-7th- Jeanne Gaudreau reported \$7,598 revenue and \$8182 expenses, and \$1500 sponsorships. Show net of approx. \$1000 for the park. Thirty-three riders participated in the show, which is a huge success and turn out for a dressage event. This was the first sanctioned dressage show to be held at the park.

**7:30 PM**

**1. Meeting called to Order - Roberts Rules Of Order- Barbi Howell, President**

**2. Minutes – Lisa Barnes – Minutes were approved electronically and are currently posted on the web page.**

**3. Treasurer's Report – Janice Maurer presented the balance sheet and budget summary report including expenses and income per show. Not all income is reported to-date pending receipt of invoices due. Christine proposed a motion to approve the report; Kathi seconded. Motion passed; treasurer's report approved.**

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

**a. The tines on the implement are badly worn. It has been used with missing grooming tines and parts are worn. There was a discussion on possibilities for replacing parts or function of the implement.**

**b. Janice mentioned the need to maintain the water level in the water jump for schooling and shows. The water level should not be allowed to drop very low but instead should be consistently maintained at a minimum-to-full water level.**

**5. Business**

**a. Roof- There was a follow up discussion of options available to improve the roof coating in an effort to minimize roof reflective glare. Many options have been considered; none are felt to be reasonable and effective to-date. Mike reported that the existing stalls are prefab and were ordered, including the roof, from out-of-state. Kathi will further explore the**

options and a small amount of paint or other covering will be purchased so that Doug can paint a test coat on an area of the roof to evaluate its effectiveness in eliminating roof glare.

- b. Big Sky Stewardship Committee- reported by Mike and Laura**
  - i. BSSC agreed to share in the cost of materials for park irrigation. The cost of materials for the irrigation system was approved and will be equally divided by the county park board, BSSC, and MHC, up to \$6000.00 total.**
  - ii. The cost of replacing the park perimeter fence will be shared between the BSSC (cel tower money) and MHC. BSSC will pay for materials up to a total of \$700; the MHC board will be responsible for labor and labor costs. A volunteer workday will be scheduled in October.**
  - iii. Improvements at the main entrance to the park, including the addition of a parking area, will continue to be discussed by the BSSC.**
  - iv. Construction of a shed addition, approx 24' x 48' for storage of jumps and equipment, is under discussion by MHC and BSSC. A possible design was drawn up; materials cost was estimated at \$4,802.**
  - v. BSSC- next meeting is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>. Barbi, Laura, and Mike will attend to represent the MHC board.**
- c. Dressage Arena- Jeanne reported that the dressage arena is successfully completed with the exception that sand needs to be brought in to fill small depressions that remain in the arena. Jeanne will follow up and report to Doug where sand should be added.**
- d. 4-H Arena – Laura- has been researching options for improving the surface of the 4H Arena. Laura will contact Big Sky HS Ag department regarding the possibility of having arena floor ripped using their equipment and student labor.**
- e. Western Events Arena – Janice & Barbi- The WEA loan approval was discussed. Finalization is pending. Janice suggested that using a general contractor may be beneficial to the planning process. Laura will contact a general contractor to discuss this option.**
- f. Web site – Ginny- nothing to report. The board recognized Ginny for her excellent work on improving the web site. The domain name will be transferred to another web host within the next two weeks.**

- g. Bleachers and picnic tables- Barbi and Janice reported that the equipment is due to be delivered this week. Picnic tables were not ordered; bleachers were ordered.**
- h. Irrigation- The park has already purchased \$3500 worth of irrigation equipment; the stewardship, park board, and MHC will share this cost. The new gun is an asset and is successfully watering the park.**
- i. Community Hospital Safe Kids Coalition- Laura**  
**Community Hospital requested the park's involvement in their safe kids event. The event is scheduled on September 25<sup>th</sup>.**
- j. Stalls- flooring is uneven and needs to be leveled before stall mats can be purchased and installed. Dirt will be brought into stalls this fall and allowed to settle over the winter.**
- k. Other- several board members raised a concern about recent episodes of loose dogs in the park threatening horses, causing potential risk to riders. A discussion followed on possible remedies for this problem.**
- l. Laura requested to pass on the responsibility to produce the newsletter. The board agreed to publish a newsletter twice each year. Autumn volunteered to assume this responsibility.**
- m. Membership drive: a membership offering will be posted on the web, offering new members to join for \$50 before the end of 2011 for membership through the end of 2012.**

**6. Next Meeting Time October 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm Hilton Conference Room**

9:25 PM

Meeting Adjourned