

MVHC Meeting Minutes

1/12/23

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

In attendance: Julie Flanders, Jen Rand, Jill Lane, Nina McMann, Clare Harrington, Vicki Thurber, Lara Baykent, Liz Reid, Samantha Look, Kara O'Sullivan, Porter Fraser

Old Business:

Secretary's Report: The report from the December meeting was read, corrected and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Numbers were not available but Clare reported that she has been in touch with Lisa Scannell about what she will need to take run Quick Books and take over the books.

Committee Updates:

Dressage: Jen announced that she is working on organizing two shows this year, the first one on to be held on June 11 or 18 , and the second one on a Sunday in September. She has also been in contact with Christina Graham, who organizes clinics for Felicitas von Neumann-Cosel when she is on the island. IF her schedule allows, and IF there is enough interest, a clinic may be possible.

Hunter: Samantha reported that she would like to do two shows this year. The first was proposed for June 25 or July 9, with Tony Workman judging. The plan would be for classes, but no games. The second show would be the Fall Fuzzy, possibly October 1, and could include games. Jen suggested that we might include an activity that we did once before: have Chris from the Ag Society open the scale, people could guess their horse's weight and then compare it to the actual weight. The person with the closest guess would win a fun prize, and everyone would have an educational experience.

Liz Reid suggested having a separate day for games, or even a gymkhana series. She will look into this more.

Samantha and Vicki also reported that they have looked into having Stephanie Hayes here to do a Working Equitation clinic. Apparently, Misty Meadows has said that they would be willing to reduce the ring rental cost for this. Housing would need to be arranged for the instructor, and Julie may be able to help with this. A Saturday near the end of July would be best.

Trail/Pace Rides: Stephanie and Tara will likely plan 3 rides again this year.

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Education: The Equine Emergency First Aid class has been planned for January 25th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Misty Meadows. Kara has arranged for the event to be listed in the Calendar sections of both island newspapers, and has posted it on the MVHC website. Do we want to post a phone contact for anyone with questions? Kara will check with Laura Plunkett, who has done a lot of the organizing.

Scholarship: Applications are due March 15. Jill has spoken with two high school students who are involved with horses, encouraging them to apply.

New Business:

- * There was a short discussion about buying an inexpensive laptop that the Horse Council would then own so that the new Treasurer (and whoever may come after her) would have easy access to Quick Books or whatever program is needed. A motion was made and seconded to do this, and the vote was unanimous in favor. Jen will look into the purchase.
- * Someone needs to check with Lisa Scannell about when insurance is due, and when the CD matures.
- * Possible clinics were discussed. Julie has reached out to Lucile Bump, but has not yet heard back from her. Jen reported that we can probably get Sheila McLevedge to come again, but that she will wait to hear from Julie about Lucile's availability first. Lara said that she has a contact with Jane Hannigan and will check on prices.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.