MVHC Minutes 3/14/24

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

In attendance: Laura Plunkett, Sofia Campos, Nina McMann, Clare Harrington, Jen Rand, Jill Lane, Porter Fraser, Vickie Thurber

Old Business:

Secretary's Report: Not available

Treasurer's Report:

Operating: \$3,285.64 (Balance after deducting scholarship money and FAF)

First Aid Fund: \$1,210.22 Scholarship: \$8,434.37 Junior: \$5,389.28

CD: \$17,963.81

The insurance will will be due soon.

Committee Updates:

Dressage: We are still looking for a new person to take over this committee.

Hunter: Samantha Look will organize a summer show and the Fall Fuzzy. Dates for the summer show were discussed, and July 7 was thought to be the best if we can get the Ag Hall grounds that day.

Ideas were discussed to make the summer show more inclusive, including possibly having dressage in the morning (Leslie Kornfeld might be able to judge) and flat/jump classes in the afternoon.

Education:

Lucile Bump clinic - April 20 & 21 at Misty Meadows if we get enough people to sign up. Jill will talk with Sarah McKay to see if anyone at Misty might want to participate.

Scholarship: No applicants this year

Vici Surr is in then process of updating the MVHC website. She is going to create a section with MV equine resources: places that offer boarding, lessons, trainers, equine body workers, etc.

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LAERC:

Laura and Vickie gave an update about what the committee has been doing. They have been in contact with a vet in Texas who plans to move to the island in the next few years. She has been made aware of our situation here and has been helping to put the word out on several veterinary Facebook pages. Several applicants have come forward and if they continue to be interested, will have the opportunity to speak with Dr. Atwood and the vets at Vineyard Vet.

Housing for any new vets is one of the main issues. Christina Graham can provide housing for an equine vet in a cottage on her property. There would also be room for 1 or 2 horses.

The LAERC would like to do another First Aid training night. The Horse Council could have a table there to share information and sign up new members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.