MVHC 4/09/15 minutes

Present: Julie Flanders, John & Joan Mancuso, Jackie & Caroline Hermann, Isabelle Crawford, Lisa & Karinne Nivala, Maddie Alley, Tracey & Aiden Olsen, Jen Rand, Ginny Lobdell, Chrissy Arenberg

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm & adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 3/12/15. The motion passed unanimously.

Jr Horse Council: Maddy said they were still working on getting a sport psychologist.

Hunter Show: Julie said she had arranged for judges for the shows.

Dressage Shows: The possibility was discussed of offering a show discount to someone that brought new members in at the show.

Fun Show: Chrissy said they wanted to have the show on June 28th, she said she would call Eleanor and book the grounds and she would work on getting a judge.

Education: Ginny said she had spoken with Dr. Graham about doing another educational talk. Jen said that Dr. Graham had indicated a weekend might be better. Jen will call her and see if she has time in May.

Scholarship: Ginny said she had heard from the recipient, she will send a check when the transcript arrives.

Website: The website will be up by June. It will have a mobile app, it will be able to take money for memberships and sell apparel.

Open House: Tracey said we need to order a banner; they are making a poster for the event and an event poster to display showing the upcoming events. Maddy said she would get a write-up in the paper. John and Bob will bring tables over from the Ag. Hall. Joan has poster board from last year she will drop off. Jen will ask if Sophie would like to come with her Icelandic pony again. Ginny said she would reach out to Phoenix and Angela to see if they want to participate. John will bring the sign over. Tracey said the event should make sure to showcase the local farms, giving each time to explain what they offer.

Other: Jen asked if everyone wanted to remain at the town library for meetings or go back to the school. It was decided to stay at the library for now.

The YMCA is still looking for ponies for an event, call Tracey if interested.

Jumps need to be moved from the barn.

Julie asked if the MVHC still wanted to be involved with the proposed cross country course in the State Forest. She said the donor will pay to construct it and pay for maintenance and we would add it to our insurance. Risks and benefits were discussed. An escrow account with funds to pay for removal was suggested. The general consensus was to continue to move forward.