



Manitoba Horse Trials AGM

November 15, 2014 2:30 pm

Canad Inns Windsor Park

Minutes

Attendance: Paige Dueck, Eileen Blais, Jennifer Low M^cEleney, Danae Martin, Geri Sweet, Lisa Reimer, Jessica Clemens-Reid, Sherri Parkinson, Dianna Fraser, Sarah Read, Callum Read, Pat Napier

Regrets: Deborah Shepherd, Val Crowe, Phil Crowe

1. Call to Order

Paige called the meeting to order at 2:48pm.

2. Acceptance of AGM Minutes November 16, 2013

a. Motion: Jen Low M^cEleney, **Second:** Paige Dueck; **Motion passed.**

The minutes of the AGM November 16, 2013 were approved as distributed.

3. President's Report – 2014 Year in Review (see attached)

a. MHC East/West Championships –

Went well, encouraged to do it again, still need more help with set up.

b. BHP Event

- i. Issues with the new rule governing officials, which caused problems with organization due to CE rule changes, **May 31st 2015** is the deadline to submit a rule change request to Equine Canada. Kellie Towers is the new chair of rules and any change, if accepted, will not be implemented until 2016

- ii. Not enough riders and too many volunteers required
- iii. Horrible weather
- iv. Financial loss (to be discussed later)
- v. Will not run this show next year (2015)

c. Willville

- i. Had issues with the officials as well, and this was not resolved until the last minute
- ii. Show was wonderful but significant financial loss because of flights to bring officials in and other expenses
- iii. Moving forward, Danae and Paige discussed this issue at the eventing congress who offered to come out pro bono, this would include a TD and a 3D event judge in training from BC, we would have to pay for flights. MHT will use this offer towards the Willville event if this is helpful (Aug 8,9th 2015). Geri Sweet has already agreed to be the TD for the event, so this TD can be on the GJ to satisfy the current rules.
- iv. Since this will be the only event this year, MHT may encourage a day pass purchases to attend Willville (\$10), instead of buying a full membership- Only applicable for Canadian Eventing.

d. Derbies:

- i. 1st Derby we made about \$2k and in the fall (it rained the whole time) we made ~\$240 (see financial report for details).
- ii. Publicity options: Sue Brawn's newsletter, Horse Country, Tack shops, advertise at other shows. Give copies to Dianna for Brandon advertisements, and Bruce Rose for MHC advertisement.
- iii. Sherri said those who aren't active members (or aren't members) didn't know how it was run so they didn't feel comfortable coming to the shows. Sherri will write a layman's description of the derby for the newsletter and posters. This can also be used on the sign up sheet.
- iv. There is interest in Saskatchewan to attend our derbies; Lisa Reimer has offered to liaise for us. Lisa also suggested 2-day derbies to encourage some people from SK to make the drive.
- v. Stonewall and Selkirk Fair, as well as Interlake riding club participants may be interested in joining MHT.

- vi. Suggestion of online registration form for derbies, to encourage people to pre-
enter (free use of: ocoos.com).

4. Reciprocal Agreements

- a. MPC intends to maintain our agreement for another year, we greatly appreciate using their jumps, especially since it's so difficult to move the jumps.
- b. DW really enjoyed working with us for the combined show and wanted to do it again; we need to stick around to check the bill in advance. We would like to work with them again too. Their 2015 shows are held: mid May, end of June, mid August, and mid September.
- c. MHJA will be asked if they would like to have a reciprocity agreement again, but the agreement will have to be rewritten to avoid abusing their system. Danae will approach MHJA. MHT membership will now mandate volunteer hours.

5. Treasurer's Report – (attached)

Phil sends his regrets but is in Toronto this weekend at the CPC Semi-Annual Meeting.

- a. We lost money in the July event by ~\$3k (see report for details), all other ventures made a small profit. This includes the course design and building clinic, we made a small amount of money and have 4 new jumps, extensive training and hope to get the grant valued at \$1,500. The Birons and Danae have put forward for the next step in certification. We can't afford to run a horse trials this year, we will run derbies to fund a horse trials in the future. A % of the derby money will go towards horse trials held in Manitoba, with the focus to offset the cost of bringing in officials etc. The percentage will be reviewed with the Treasurer at the next meeting.
- b. **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's report as presented: Eileen Blais, **Second:** Danae Martin. **Motion passed.**

6. Membership Report – (attached)

Val sends her regrets but will be in Toronto this weekend at the CPC Semi-Annual Meeting. Her report will be sent out prior to the meeting.

- a. 67 members total, which is a decrease from last year. This is likely a result of the change in the reciprocity agreement from last year. 32 seniors, 35 juniors, including 27 pony club members, 61 course user fees and 7 coaches. (see membership report)
- b. **Motion** to accept the Membership report as presented: Paige Dueck, **Second:** Geri Sweet. **Motion passed.**

7. Communications Report

- a. Newsletter, E-mails, Facebook, Website: All are useful forms of communication. Eileen will be getting more contacts to add to our email list (Danae and Lisa will provide).
- b. In the next newsletter: Sherri will write about derbies, Lisa will write about out coming back to MB and her mount, Jessica will write about her first Willville experience.

8. Canadian Eventing Congress (Danae & Paige, see attached)

- a. Setup: Committees met, provinces gave reports to Canadian Eventing, which gives a view of how eventing is going across Canada. Last year they condensed the meetings, this year there was no information going back and forth or feedback from CEC, it was more of an information download. Not as many delegates were sent this year either and most information and networking was done outside of meetings. It appears as though the Provinces, CEC and EC disconnected.
- b. There has been a fair amount of restructuring since working with EC. We have a new chair Peter Gray (CDN team eventing coach), he's stepped down for Canadian safety officer to FEI.
- c. No athlete development chair.
- d. How can we better our derbies? Info will be sent to Peggy Hambly (Chair of competitions, past chair of CEC). CE office is very busy as 80 eventers declared for Pan Am, they have to do 2-3 FEI competitions and everyone has to go through the CE office... lots of time doing passports and paperwork.
- e. CEC will levy \$ to help smaller provinces to fund flights for officials to come in, also look into flying out officials to finish their certification, but they need to do a minimum number of shows to keep their cards. We have enough officials to support our shows but they are not located all across the country. Sport Manitoba money can't be used to bring in officials for shows, only sending them to clinics. Women to watch program by Sport Manitoba should be reviewed. CEC has \$ to support those who wish to become an official.
- f. **Competitions committee**, they gave out information but there was no conversation back and forth during the last meeting. **We no longer apply to Omnibus with dates of competition, it's now as weeks (i.e. 2014-1 is the first calendar week in 2014, Attention Val, implementing in 2015, mandatory for 2016).** We'd like the calendar to be the same every year and you request a change of your show dates, it allows the

competitors a much better idea to plan their calendar, the omnibus can get out earlier, etc.

- g. Young rider applications need to be in soon.
- h. Free entry tracking software we could use for derbies: ocoos.com
- i. We were 8x the national average in % of riders to fall off (and most of our accidents are at the lower levels). This may be because of: our strict paper trail of accidents, an average of only 2 shows (most provinces have more), people compete higher than they should because there aren't many showing opportunities, not enough clinics or shows for the riders to practice or for coaches to be aware of standards, infrequent riders, non certified coaches, etc. CE is tracking why people are falling off, note coaches must be certified (EC rule but not enforced strictly). We must ask ourselves why we're allowing the riders to compete if there is a risk of injury.

9. Athlete Development Report – (Danae)

- a. Athlete development has no chair, Aussie S. (consultant) comes from Alpine and has a business view to identify athletes, transparency, and fundraising. Looking to recruit young talent to make it to the top. Athlete development program still in effect- you go through Fleur.

10. EC Convention (Danae)

11. MHT Activities for 2015

Note: Please do not put anything on the Willville weekend and please consider not holding derbies on the same day as Dressage Shows. We lose competitors. **To be discussed at next meeting**

- a. Willville – August 7-9, 2015
- b. Derby 1 Date: May 29-30 (dressage test and derby each day) CD Judge
- c. Derby 2 Date: June 27-28 (dressage test and derby each day) CD Judge
- d. Note: NHPC is running a derby July 12, MHT members are welcome to attend.
 - i. Can we add a T/P to the derbies?

- ii. Should derbies have pre-registration the week before the derby so that the courses are not prepared for 5 or 6 riders?
- e. Jump Painting & Repair Day – invite NHPC to join us
- f. Clinic
 - i. Jessica suggested Jim Graham, it will be difficult to get him into Canada as there are a lot of restrictions on bringing in Americans. He will need a sport VISA with ITP
 - ii. Lisa suggested Tammy Ewing, and Ian Roberts (Danae has been in contact with Ian, scheduling is the issue)
 - iii. Dianna is working on hosting a clinic in June

12. Year End Awards

To be eligible for MHT Year End Awards:

- Must be a full member of MHT as of the first show
- Must be the same horse/rider combination in one division
- Must have competed in MB in order for out of province competitions to count
- Must have competed in a minimum of 3 activities including Horse Trials, Derbies and the MEC
- Weightings
 - o MHT Horse Trials 10 8 7 6 5 4
 - o MHT Derbies 2 points per derby
 - o MEC 6 4 3 2 1
 - o An additional 2 points for participation in any HT or the MEC
 - o Out of Province HT 8 6 5 4 3 2 1 unplaced 2pts
 - o **Clinic participation 1 point**
- Out of Province results must be submitted to the secretary at least 6 weeks prior to the Awards Banquet
- Out of Province results will not count if the same level is offered in MB on the same dates.

➤ **Motion:**

To accept the revised eligibility requirements for MHT Year End Awards.
Paige Dueck; second by Sarah Read **Motion passed.**

13.Election of Board – Nominations will be accepted from floor.

The board is made up of a minimum of 3, and a maximum of 20 members.

Current Board

Eileen Blais
Jennifer Low
Paige Dueck
Carly Norris
Danae Martin
Sarah Read
Val Crowe
Phil Crowe
Callum Read
Lesa Cafferty
Dana Young
Pat Napier

2014-2015 Board

Eileen Blais
Jennifer Low
Paige Dueck
Carly Norris
Danae Martin
Sarah Read
Val Crowe
Phil Crowe
Callum Read
Pat Napier
Lisa Reimer (1st:Sarah, 2nd:Paige)
Jessica Clemens-Reid (Paige, Sarah)
Sherri Parkinson (Danae, Jen)

Officers are elected at the first meeting of the Board following the AGM.

14.Other Business

13.1 Acceptance of revised MHT Constitution.

➤ **Motion:**

That the Revised Constitution be approved by Paige Dueck, second by Danae Martin. **Motion passed.**

13.2 Volunteers – should they be charged if they didn't put in the required hours?

15.Adjournment at 4:50pm by Paige

16.Next meeting January 11th at the Roadhouse, 11am. Items to discuss:

a. NHPC and MHT Paint day

b. Council of Club notes

c. Derbies:

i. Logistics of running 2-day derbies

ii. Dates with DW an issue?

iii.Course Designer, derby judge, dressage judge

iv.What % of finances to go to support horse trials

d. Clinicians and logistics

e. Tracking and charging volunteer hours/ Updating membership form