

**MHC Council of Clubs notes for MHT AGM**

- MHC Council of Clubs was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and lasted 2.5 -3 hours.... Here's a quick summary:
- Membership:
  - MHC has 32 Club memberships with 26 present at the meeting (6 teleconferenced)
  - The pro-rated membership was released in October for \$35.75
  - This past year a Golden membership was released for those 70 yr.old +
  - Temporary membership will likely be available in the upcoming year. There were only 10 members last year and insurance company isn't a fan of the way the paperwork is handled.
  - This year a recreation membership and family membership was added to the list of options. This is for all riders/drivers who ride but do not show. It will cover:
    - Insurance
    - Ride and drive rewards program
    - MHC website will soon have trail maps on their website
    - Road Safety Handbook created with MPI's input will be available at CAA, MHC website, etc
    - Provincial seminars (first air for equines, safety, horse care, horsemanship, maps etc.)
    - Equine Canada recently hired a manager of recreation and will be releasing a trail ride and guide reference manual and course for instructors.
  - Fees have gone up.
- PRO-RATED MEMBERSHIP FEES: As of October 15, 2013, we have pro-rated rates for members to join the MHC for the remainder of the 2013/2014 membership season. The new rates are as follows:

• Golden – \$32.18	\$49.50
• Senior – \$35.75	\$55
• Junior – \$32.18	\$49.50
• Family – \$71.50 plus \$6.50 for each additional junior	\$110 plus \$10 for each add jr.
• Friends of Horses – \$17.88	\$27.50

  - If we want to offer full memberships at our shows, we will have to make plans in advance with Bruce.
- By Laws
  - No change.
- Athlete Assistance program
  - NATIONAL competition or higher (equivalent of EC gold or higher).
  - Clubs are to nominate the riders
  - Deadline on **Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>** to MHC, then MHC reviews and sends to Sport Manitoba
- 2014 Events Calendar on MHC webpage
  - MHT needs to send our list of events to MHC for their webpage
  - We discussed a few events at the meeting which will be discussed later in this meeting
  - We are also in the midst of planning our event for next year, this will be done in conjunction with DW to save money. Do we have a preference on the judge? The judge will be booked in the next two weeks.
  - **Volunteers?**

- Respect in Sport:
- Sport Manitoba requires Coaches (certified or not), and anyone who disseminates information in the warm up ring is required to have Respect in sport. Coaches must also give the following to MHC :
  - MHC membership
  - Basic First Aid
  - Child Abuser registry
  - Criminal Record check with the vulnerable section
  - RIS certification
- Respect in sport is a free certification which takes several hours. There will be a 'snowbound series' on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to give people access to high speed internet and get their RIS number.
- If you are a volunteer coach for an MHC club they will pay for the abuse registry and criminal record check.
- Danae offers clarification
- A few odds and ends:
  - There was a request with MHC to work with the snowmobile's association regarding horse awareness
  - Request for biosecurity rules to be available on the website
  - MHC needs to raise \$250k to upgrade electricity on site.
  - Bruce is working on grants to upgrade the ring footing and MHJA has budgeted to help with this
- MHC's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with their insurer BNL- award was presented.
- Awards:
  - Athlete of the year
    - CIEC show Jumping team
    - Mackenzie Thiessen Ryall(Won Junior)
    - Eric Martin (Won Senior)
  - Coach of the year
    - Wendy Barret
    - Chris Dolinski
    - Elaine Banfield
    - Danae Martin
    - Lucero
    - Ashley Fudge (Winner)
  - Horse of the year:
    - Abraxas
    - Welwyn
    - WKM Rascal
    - Gypsy
    - Camil
    - Zippos Cool Kitten
    - My sweet Performance (Won, non-competitive)
    - Cheers QV (won competitive)
  - Horse Industry
    - Glen Sinclair
    - Linda Hazelwood (winner)
  - Volunteer
    - Pam Glover
    - Belinda Kerda
    - Jennifer Glass
    - Brian and Naomi Sinkarsin
    - Barb Wansbutter (Winner)
  - **Award for Gerry Magus for his service as he is no longer facilities manager.**