



Manitoba Horse Trials AGM

October 17th, 2015 3:30 pm

The Ranch, Birds Hill Park

Minutes

Attendance: Paige Dueck, Eileen Blais, Jennifer Low M^oEleney, Danae Martin, Geri Sweet, Marilyn McNaughton, Tecla Dopheide, Sheri Parkinson, Helen Martin, Colton Martin, Robby Norris, Dana Young, Lisa Reimer

Regrets: Dianna Fraser, Deborah Shepherd, Pat Napier

1. **Call to Order:** Paige Dueck 3:45pm.
2. **Acceptance of AGM Minutes January 11, 2015**
Motion: Eileen Blais **Second:** Paige Dueck **Motion:** Approved
The minutes of the AGM January 11, 2015 were approved as distributed.
3. **Review of Notes from non-MHT meetings**
 - a. **MHC AGM meeting (April 26, 2015)**
 - i. April 24-26 ish for Equine Canada Convention
 - ii. January 2017 MHC membership year will change. 2016 membership year will run March – December, 2017 and future memberships will run January-December
4. **Reciprocal Agreements**
 - a. Leads on approaching DW, MHJA, PC
 - i. MHJA didn't happen in 2015
 - ii. We had one DW rider this year. It's beneficial for us to use DW shows, however not a many DW riders came to MHT shows.
 - iii. Paige will approach MHJA (Andrew) in mid-November via email. Paige will also speak with PC (Deborah Shepherd) and DW. Dana is going with Westman dressage and will bring it up at their AGM.
 - iv. Dana will email Brandon Light Horse (Tannis Lee) to break the ice, Paige will follow through and get the paperwork done.
 - b. We may need to increase promotions on the reciprocity.

5. Communications Report

- a. Newsletter
 - i. Got one out this year, it's been a very busy year. Lots of good stuff from people, but takes a long time to format it. One in January/February (with firm show dates) and one in Fall.
- b. Gaitpost
 - i. It's a great idea, but time/resources is lacking. This will be on hold for now.
- c. Facebook
 - i. Going well.
- d. Website
 - i. Needs to be updated more often. Jen couldn't update it because it kept crashing. Probably need to upgrade the widgets.

6. Treasurer's Report

- a. See handout for reporting.
- b. Waiting to cash volunteer cheques until after BSS to see donations (\$950 current cheques in holding- many will be destroyed as commitment was filled)
 - i. ACTION ITEM: Deborah email Robby a list of names who need their volunteer cheques cashed.
 - ii. Emails will be sent out prior to cashing cheques.
- c. We're out of money for memberships.
 - i. Upgrade membership spreadsheet to include details (cash, cheque, who received it, etc.) for better tracking
- d. Bingo income outstanding, Diane (MHC) said it's on it's way.
 - i. Aside: If volunteers don't show up the club is off the Bingo list as well as possibly MHC.
- e. Minimum 25% of derby profits to go towards promoting horse trials in Manitoba- how much are we able to commit? \$300 donation (minimum is \$283.09) which will go towards 2016 horse trial held in Manitoba (Willville).
 - i. ASIDE: Dianna is welcome to more Pan Am jump materials. However, if we send portables out we need to make sure it comes back.
- f. **Motion to accept Treasure's report: First: Danae Martin second: Dana Young. Treasure's report accepted.**

7. Membership Report

- a. Increased from 66 (including 19 Pony Club members) to 70 (including 27 Pony Club members).

8. Review Membership

- a. **Update to forms:**
 - i. Add pinney purchase option (rental option will be on entry forms), contact person, update fees (see below)

b. Review Volunteer hour requirement/cheque amount, Membership fee, Day pass fee, and course user fees (Eileen)

- i. Pony Club may be running a series next year, so this may be incentive for MHT points.
- ii. Membership Senior 55\$, Junior 35\$, Temp Membership (day pass) 30\$, Course User fee (20\$ unlimited, 10\$ day pass),

1. Motion to pass Temp day membership fee: First: Paige Dueck Second: Sheri Parkinson, Motion approved.

- c. Volunteer cheque is low (Geri), Dana feels the \$100 is too high.
- d. **Action Item:** Ask the membership via Facebook/website “How can you help? Send your ideas on fulfilling volunteer hours to Eileen, Jen or Paige to make a list.”. Volunteer options can be put in the newsletter.
- e. **ACTION ITEM:** Contact local farms to Birds Hill Park - we expect people to abide by regulation of course usage. MHT will create a poster to put on their farm information board (distributed in Spring). Also give this document to MHC to distribute in their membership mailers.
- f. Aside: Currently at Birds Hill it is suggested to park just inside the East Gate. They prefer all recreational parking to be in the lot beside the Ranch and eventers using the XC course for competition or practice are asked to park on the east side of the drive leading to the course or on site.

9. Year end awards:

- a. No one participated in 3 outings for Pre-entry levels (2 clinics, 2 derbies, MEC, Willville).
- b. Suggested change: Only points given out for highest level competed at the derbies?
 - i. Currently: 2 points per derby to encourage people to come out. Suggested we leave it as written.
- c. Combined tests (more than one phase): will be weighted 3, 2, 1.5, 1 points based on placing (this is 1/2 MEC points system):
 - i. **Motion to approve: First: Danae Martin Second: Lisa Reimer. Motion passed.**
- d. Weightings: MHT Horse Trials- Reword to “Any Horse Trials run in Manitoba” **Motion: Danae Martin, Second: Geri Sweet. Motion Passed.**
- e. Reviewed current rules.

10. Upcoming meetings:

- a. MHC Council of Clubs meeting on Sunday November 8th from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the sport for life centre (145 Pacific Ave)
 - i. Bylaws have been revised, accepting agenda suggestions until Oct 28th.
 - ii. Lisa Reimer is attending
- b. Equine Canada in Toronto this November.

- i. Key points to pass on: We had more members, attempted to host a clinic to address falls in previous year.

11. 2015 Review

- a. We need to become more organized; Marilyn will make a big difference in 2016. Our struggles were with several people taking on parts of Phil and Val's previous positions. Spreading the workload made it more manageable, however, more disorganized.
- b. We need to do a better job communication between all board members. This will be done via more meetings and acknowledgement of reading emails
- c. Having the clinic days was really positive, it got people out on course who may not have got out there otherwise. It also made it a positive experience on the derby the following day. Tough to give up an entire weekend, but it was positive.
- d. Lisa has offered to organize clinic days in the future, in the spring.

12. 2016 Plans

- a. **Spring Derby (Sun) & Ian Roberts Clinic (Fri/Sat)**
 - i. Date: May 27-29, 2016 suggested
 - ii. The goal with the clinic and derby coinciding is to have Ian Roberts sign off on our coaches (EC gold level riders). Currently have two level 2s and a level 1 coach who need to be evaluated to transition (Ian can sign off on our coaches), however, they need prelim riders (to be discussed at congress). We will also need MHC to sanction our derbies and run a prelim level.
 - iii. Lisa will organize.
 - iv. Format – depends on congress results.
- b. **Women's Retreat: Possibly June 17-19 At Willville**
- c. **Summer Derby**
 - i. Date: Try to do it during the Pony Club working rally, July 17th
 - ii. Format: Derby XC
- d. **Willville HT suggested date: August 12th-14 (Same as Otter creek)**
 - i. Format to be considered
 - ii. Ideally more jumps will be built
- e. **AGM BSS**
 - i. November 19th, 2016

13. 2017 MHT Horse Trials

- a. We need to book officials this winter if we want them for 2017.
- b. Possibly July 15-16th in 2017 and have Pony Club working rally at the same time
- c. Run it at the same time as the driver's show? Share costs.

14. Signage at Birds Hill Park XC Course regarding course Usage

- a. Where should these signs be located?
 - i. One at the big tree where we park,
 - ii. On Powerline on a jump (on the eyelash/cordwood)
 - iii. On the bank (top of hill)

- iv. By the water jump
- v. **Update:** Signs have been posted (Danae and Paige)

15. MHT Assets

- a. Sharing Announcement Equipment
 - i. MHT owns stopwashes and announcement equipment. MHT/Drivers co-own the radios. Paige will contact Don Downs about replacing two batteries in the radio. Eileen will check with John to confirm who owns what assets.
 - ii. Should we be lending stuff out to other clubs? DW was in an emergency and we did lend it out but they didn't use it. In the future, we will charge a rental fee to use the equipment in emergency situations. Robby will look up how much the speaker system is worth to determine a rental value.
 - iii. Addition: Flags, clips, sound system, and radios are currently all stored at Eastridge
- b. **Purchasing a storage locker**
 - i. Looking for a trailer that can be movable, but not road worthy to be parked where MHJA trailer is parked. Don Down has a horse trailer (brown 2 horse stock or 3 horse angle)- Drivers are replacing it.
 - ii. Harry Crawley has a 2 horse blue stock trailer (Rathwell trailer) that may be available.
 - iii. Dana Young may have an option (steel horse trailer)
 - iv. Zettlers (Portage) may also have trailers. Sheri will put it on other facebook groups
 - v. Stock trailer preferred.
 - vi. Can obtain a temporary permit to move something that is not road worthy
 - vii. Budget \$1000 MAX including getting it on site. **Motion to pass: First: Jennifer Low Second: Lisa Reimer. Motion Passed**
 - viii. **Update:** If a vehicle is knowingly failed a safety it cannot be moved by a permit, however, the item in question may not require a safety. If MHC does purchase a trailer, the club will need to set itself up as a customer with MPI to retain ownership properly. Carly has offered to review this if required.

16. EC New Rules

- a. **Please go on-line to review all changes to the current rules!**
- b. People who fall (training, warm up, etc.) Must have medical clearance before competing OR leaving the site. Competitor is responsible to make sure the exam has taken place.
- c. 30 minutes minimum between tests
- d. Abuse of horse: Whip, spurs, or BIT
- e. Protective headgear requirements have been updated (European and Australian now included. BSI doesn't count anymore).
- f. New helmet required every 2 years

- g. Dressage: 90 seconds to start your course, if you don't enter in 90 seconds you are eliminated. If you enter between 45-90 seconds = 2 error points.
- h. Safety Flags will be mandatory in future years. **Some money must be put away for this in the future.** We can use our numbers but not our wooden flags.
- i. **Officials: A Gold or platinum licence (knowledgeable horse person instead of official) is now allowed to be used (again).**
- j. **Check out all details on EC website.**

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

2014-2015 Board

Eileen Blais
 Jennifer Low
 Paige Dueck
 Carly Norris
 Danae Martin
 Sarah Read
 Callum Read
 Pat Napier
 Deborah Sheppard
 Lisa Reimer
 Jessica Clemens-Reid
 Sherri Parkinson

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Marilyn McNaughton (secretary) **Nomination:** Jennifer Low **Second:** Danae Martin. **Motion to add Marilyn McNaughton accepted.**

Additions: No

Removals/Changes: Callum is removed as he no longer lives in the province.

Motion to approve: First Danae Danae, Second: Lisa Reimer. Board members for 2015-2016 approved.

18. Request for board members to sell a minimum number of BSS tickets

- a. Cheaper tickets in the future,

b. To be discussed in January

19.Adjournment:

a. **Motion to adjourn: First:** Danae Martin, **Second:** Jennifer Low.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:16 pm

20.Next meeting: TBD