

President's Report

-What happened in 2012?

- Shortly after I took on the MHT presidency in February 2012, the obviousness of the membership issue perplexed me. I had remembered at some point someone (I think Geri) saying that she and MHC were wanting to get more behind clubs supporting each other. With these thoughts in mind, I pulled up my socks and found Billy Wiltshire's email on the MHJA website and emailed him to see if I could meet with MHJA to see if there could be any solutions or resolve between the clubs potentially working together. The warm welcome I received from MHJA was overwhelming. After several meetings, emails and discussions, MHJA offered a MHJA/MHT Sub-committee, where several members currently standing on the MHJA Board have offered their time to be part of a group that would then be willing to make decisions on behalf of MHJA in supporting Horse Trials. Subsequently, the Reciprocity agreements were formed in April of 2012.

Manitoba Hunter Jumper Association

Members in good standing with active competitor memberships from Manitoba Horse Council & Manitoba Hunter Jumper Association are eligible for the following:

Senior Members: \$10 one time per annum Junior Members: \$0

These memberships allow exclusively to show at any of the Manitoba Horse Trials Events/Derbies, presently at no limit or restriction of how many or which ones. Members will be identified with MHT as "HJ" members. These members will not be eligible for: course user schooling, support funding from MHT (for clinics, out of province travel, or athlete development), points collection, year-end awards or voting rights.

MJHA in return has offered NO CHARGE memberships to MHT members within good standing with active memberships from Manitoba Horse Council & Manitoba Horse Trials are eligible for the following:

-Victoria Day Show

-Fall Harvest

Both of these shows offer Hunter and Jumper Derbies. MHT Cross Country fences to make appearances at these shows.

This agreement was made official as of April 2012, it can be amended or abolished by any time by either club (affable notification would be preferred by both parties**)

- Accompanying this agreement for riders, MHJA and MHT have also worked out fence reciprocity. In late 2011, MHC decided to no longer maintain jumper fences. This left MHT in a corner for the usage of legal jumper fences. As much as we were able to beg borrow and steal from those willing to support the club, moving fences at a distance was not only cumbersome, but required a lot of hands and vehicles to do so.
- MJHA as well has started doing Jumper derbies to allow some of the more advanced competitors to compete in line with up and coming Jumper Derbies out of province. Thus

being, MJHA is also in requirement of some cross country/natural fences.

- The conclusion then was that the clubs would have a fence sharing reciprocity as well. MHT will leave a number of fences in place for MHJA to design courses around in the GP ring prior to the required shows (MHJA has a concern with moving the large XC fences and does not want to be responsible for them being damaged by machines, which is understandable for anyone who has had to move them). In turn, MHT now has access to use of the MHJA jumper fences when they are at the BHP facility. Bonus!
- Following the wind blowing around the MHT/MHJA reciprocity, in late June 2012 I was also approached by Dressage Winnipeg to complete a similar agreement. The arrangement fell into place late last year, just after MHT's last July Derby. However as of last week I am pleased to announce that Dressage Winnipeg and MHT have formally concluded a reciprocity arrangement for 2013 as well.

Dressage Winnipeg

Members in good standing with active competitor memberships from Manitoba Horse Council & Dressage Winnipeg are eligible for the following:

Senior Members: \$10 one time per annum Junior Members: \$0

These memberships allow exclusively to show at any of the Manitoba Horse Trials Events/Derbies, presently at no limit or restriction of how many or which ones. Members will be identified with MHT as "DW" members. These members will not be eligible for: course user schooling, support funding from MHT (for clinics, out of province travel, or athlete development), points collection, year-end awards or voting rights.

DW in return has offered \$10 memberships to senior MHT members and \$0 memberships to Junior members within good standing with active memberships from Manitoba Horse Council & Manitoba Horse Trials are eligible for 2 (choice) of the following DW Bronze Shows:

-Kendra McBain Memorial, May 11-12

-Capt. DeKenyeres Memorial, June 15-16

-Manitoba Dressage Provincial, August 31-September 1

This agreement was made official as of January 2013, it can be amended or abolished by any time by either club (affable notification would be preferred by both parties**)

- As a result of the Reciprocity Memberships, MHT has seen an incredible increase of competitors at our derby shows. We are up 50% in numbers based on the reciprocity alone. This is VERY exciting!
- In late August, we had several requests for a 3rd derby. However, with the stack of weekends and time, unfortunately the MHC board could not foresee being able to get a last minute/unscheduled derby together in a short amount of time. However, as a result, we are returning to the 3 competition format again this year and will be hosting a derby again in September.
- So, what does this mean to MHT members? Essentially, your MHT membership now gets you eligibility at 3 MHT competitions, 2 MHJA competitions where jumper derbies are held and 2 DW competitions. Even though the amount of eventing competitions in Manitoba is currently limited, the reciprocity agreements allow local eventing competitors to still practice the all

around disciplines in a competition format.

- Other highlights of 2012 include a fantastic Chelan Kozak Clinic, who we will be bringing back again this year.
- Lezah Williamson is a clinician who Pony Club had brought in and then graciously opened their door for Horse Trials members to also join.
- The July derby that followed the weekend Lezah attended was well received. Horse Trials were able to secure Shelmerdine Garden Centre as a sponsor for this show for floral décor around the cross country fences. We are going to be working towards getting a sponsorship from them again this year, and hopefully some others.

Manitoba Equestrian Challenge (East/West Championship)

- The MECs this year proved to be an interesting combination. With MHJA's divisions at the MECs being removed on short notice, MHT offered any MHJA members who were interested in still competing to compete in the Combined Trial at the MECs, as long as they held a reciprocity membership. Ironically enough, the MHJA R competitors made up for the majority of the MHT portion at the MECs! This proved to be a fun and exciting challenge for a number of these members who have expressed interest in MHT competitions in the future.
- For 2013, MHC is having the MEC competition on the weekend of September 6, 7 & 8.
- Horse Trials will be looking for a coordinator for this show as I will be unable to do so as I will be back in classes. Unfortunately the 2012 MECs were not as smooth as I would have liked for competitors based on my personal schedule with my education, lack of knowledge and communication issues. I will be in full support for any individuals interested in coordinating this show so that it will run well for competitors and those who support our discipline.

MHT Show Dates & Clinics for 2013

-April 27-28 MHT Chelan Clinic

-May 10-11 MHT Derby in the Grand Prix ring at the MHC grounds (should MHT look at using dressage scores as a combined trial)

-May 10-11 DW Kendra McBain Memorial

-May 17-20 MHJA Victoria Day Show

-June 15-16 Capt. DeKenyeres Memorial

-June 28-July 1 MHT Combined Event

-August 22-25 MHJA Fall Harvest

-August 31-September 1 DW Mb Provincial Championships

-September 6-8 MHC MECs

-September 13-15 MHT Fall Derby

-Going forward into 2013 & 2014

-It takes many, many hours and time to get ready for a show, never mind to operate and run one.

Instead of calling and putting out requests for volunteers, we are going to try a new approach. Lists of requirements, dates and timeframes will be posted/mailed for sign up. This will give members time to strategize their own lives as to when they can commit their time well in advance. In the case this does not assist in numbers, we will follow up with calling.

Also, I want to further discuss storage of our fences, as a preventative measure of unsolicited usage. We cannot put up any formal signage, and we cannot enforce people to not use our fences in a public area. However, we can make it as impossible for them to use as we can.

July Combined Event Derby:

-I want to be able to allow competitors to compete. In the case an eventing competitor is eliminated in one phase, they will be allowed to continue (as long as there are no safety concerns from the ground jury) onto the next phase (but removed from the current phase as per eventing rules) to allow them to potentially place in the "open" classes independently from the eventing competition

-awards for all disciplines of event

-3 full days of competition

-2 days of dressage?

-day 2 will be XC/combined day

-day 3 will be jumper day

-ergo, all eventing & Combined Trial phases will also be open "classes", except xc

-depending on numbers, I would like to see if 2 days of dressage can be possible (perhaps some interest from DW?) – day 1 & day 2 will see dressage for riders not wishing to compete in combined trial or event

-day 2 will have combined tests in the GP ring & XC at MHT XC field

-this event will then require all competitors to pre-register. It is not to be treated as a "schooling" show. I want the eventing competitors to be able to get their points, as well as attempt a revenue bump by making the show as efficient as possible. I feel that by also running the phases as classes individually of the event, and inviting the reciprocity members to come and see what's going on we may be able to achieve this.

-to continue to keep eventing safety standards in mind, horses competing in the event will only be eligible to the event phases

-xc will not be eligible as an independent class (the time constrains and "try it" risk associated does not fly for me)...

-CT jumping will be independent classes, and will just be then considered XC derby classes if not being taken in conjunction with a dressage test

-horses coming in taking phases as classes can register as many classes as they wish

-competitors competing in the combined trial can do +2 as the physical demand is not as intense as an event; however they must commit to one CT division, and no competitor is allowed to compete at a derby or dressage class lower than they have entered for if they wish to also compete in these open classes.

-the return of awesome MB competitors parties --- I will have you know The Nancy (more commonly known as my mom) said she missed them, and said she would be happy to host them again....

-Volunteer Hours

I am wanting to put forward that any board member who donates an excess of X (?) hours of time a year be eligible for their MHT membership at a discounted rate. Supporter or Competitor. Please discuss.

Immediate positions to fill within the board:

-social media liaison

-volunteer / bingo coordinator (could be 2 jobs)

-Other Nuggets

- FANCY signage – too many people have NO IDEA where the XC grounds are. OR where to park. This makes me crazy.

-more sponsorship?

-purchase of sun/rain tents for xc grounds for officials, competitors and spectators

-that mess at the north west corner of panam fences either refurbished or taken to the dump; but cleaned up and the gravel piles fixed/moved/distributed

-do we want to rebrand the year end awards (again)?