

I hope everyone has had a lovely holiday season and thank you all for your dedication and hard work during this time of year.

To update everyone, we have gotten all necessary items transferred from the previous executive. I want to thank them for being accommodating with their schedules to ease this new board through the transition. We have also received the AGM minutes to upload onto the site.

This meeting I am hoping we all bring some ideas and actionable items to the table so that our committees can move forward with planning of the show season, sponsorship, fundraising and so on.

Reminder to everyone, those on the board require a membership to participate on the board. It is a condition of our insurance but also sets a great example to our members.

One thing I would like to address is that a member of our club has lost someone very dear to them. I am proposing that a member of the board approaches them at a later date and express our interest to honor their loved one in a way they deem fit. This could include a moment of silence at an event of ours, our running a fundraiser on their behalf. These are both things we have done in the past to honor loved ones at our shows.

It will be time to renew our reciprocities soon, and I wanted to discuss what everyone's thoughts were about the shows/events/clinics that they should be allowed to attend with that reciprocity. We hold reciprocity with Manitoba hunter jumper, Manitoba pony club, dressage Winnipeg, and Westman dressage. I have also gotten interest from Manitoba distance riders to join with them for a reciprocity, with access to their birds hill park rides. Once these dates have been agreed upon, I will submit them to prospective clubs. I highly encourage our event committee look at ways we can capitalize on our reciprocity: example do we return to flat fee for 3 classes so someone can come and just do dressage or just do show jumping rounds?

I have included two offers to the MHT board that should be reviewed. These were completed by Danae Martin, they include the potential rent of a mower and the other is in speaking about jumps. I recommend that everyone look into alternative options for mowing or jumps to ensure we have back up plans. In the proposal there is not a price of the jumps at this time, but I do believe us owning a set of warm up fences is preferred. This will avoid us relying on members to provide and worry about.

I have spoken to Ruth Allum and she confirmed that she has reserved June 24th/25th for us. I confirmed with our events chair her contact information. We do need to decide if these dates will be for the ladies retreat that is normally hosted by Dianna, or a separate clinic held at the MHC grounds.

I confirmed with a local artist that she is willing to do a paint night for us as a fundraiser. She is open to traveling to Headingley but would prefer to stay in the Winnipeg area. I know the West has their own talented artist that has also offered paint nights in the past. I am hoping we can find a way to bring the two sides together and bring in some added funds to use to improve the course.

On January 10th I will be attending the Equestrian Canada eventing committee meeting. I will provide my feedback at a later date.