

President Report

I have contacted Danae to formally accept their mowing offer for our cross-country course and requested a logo for our sponsorship promotion.

I contacted Dione to accept her offer in regard to hydro poles. Karen and I have access to a flat deck trailer and are willing to collect if need be.

I have updated and submitted all reciprocities. Dressage Winnipeg, MHJA, and Manitoba Pony Club have all accepted (acceptances have been added to the drive). At present we are awaiting dates for the dressage shows. MHJA has stated they will not be hosting Victoria Day but have offered another schooling show at BHP instead. I accepted and they will be letting us know the date once planned. They have confirmed that we will have Summer Smiles and Fall Harvest reciprocity. The Distance riders of Manitoba do not meet until February, they will get back to us on the status of their reciprocity. I am awaiting a reply from Westman Dressage, but have submitted it to them.

The policy and procedure team met for the first time and went over the by-law and minutes portion of what was needing to be created. We also cultivated a further list of others we felt needed to be created on past experiences. If there are any people can think of we are happy to add to the list if it is not on already. We should have the first batch ready to present at our March meeting for review. We have set February 13th at my home as the next meeting, again those that would like to assist are welcome to join us.

On January 26th I attended the MHC Council of Clubs. Here are the take aways:

- All dates required to MHC by February 1st – they plan to release a calendar as of March 1st with all Manitoba dates that are given for all disciplines.
- They are offering a page in the calendar for \$100 where we get our logo and potential photo on that page of the calendar
- Newsletter will feature a club of the month to assist in promotions
- There is talking about bringing in a provincial competition series – where clubs offer a “provincial” class built within their existing shows – we can also offer our entire show as a “provincial” show. This is a work in progress and they are looking for people to assist them in building this. If you are interested please let me know so that I may pass your contact information on.
 - There is a draft rulebook in the process right now for these provincial shows.
 - Insurance is a discussion they are looking at. They are unsure what the procedure would be, but it appears the insurance will be expected for the organizer alone to carry with no assistance from MHC.

- Memberships – they are looking at someone just having an MHC membership to join this circuit. It was brought up that this needs to be looked into further. At present they are looking at leaving it up to each club to decide.
- MHC is looking for provincial officials, there is an application form that will be circulated. If you know of anyone wanting to assist with PTSO shows please let me know and I will get in touch and distribute the form.
 - A list will be circulated to each club for those that are certified officials for PTSO.
- Fair – Education series – this will be open to any club to do some promotion. It begins at 3pm and would last either 30 min to an hour. There can be demonstrations, discussion, etc. They would like to know as soon as possible if we would be interested.
- Volunteers – each club has identified that they are struggling with gaining, training and maintaining volunteers. They are looking to compile a list of volunteers that are willing to be known to shared within clubs. Many identify they do tie volunteer to memberships (like us).
 - Clubs have stated they pay volunteers for the day (per show), especially vital members (show sec, timers, judges)
 - Gifts, snacks, drinks and other items have been known to assist in gaining traction
 - Additional things mentioned was a communal bug spray/sunscreen option
 - Suggestion was brought up to offer a show discount if you provide a volunteer at the show
- Fundraising – MHC is looking to hold regular (during April-June) 50/50 to help distribute amongst the clubs based on their ticket sales or some other formula
 - They did indicate it was very successful.
 - They use Rafflebox.ca to host theirs

I have also set aside some time in February to further discuss the Tik Maynard clinic that MHC is hosting. We will be discussing course, plans, as well as jumps. If there is anything further anyone would like me to bring up please let me know so I can bring it forward at that time.

On January 30th I attended the Eventing round table hosted by Equestrian Canada. Here are the take aways:

- Provincial Horse Trials registration form: this is when a new provincial horse trials would like to be recognized by EC
 - This includes running shows and sharing those dates with EC
 - Outlines we have a policy and procedures, code of conducts, and financial statements
- Annual report will need to be created for EC – it is an annual activity report – it is being created and still in the works but this is something we will need to keep an eye on for future boards.
- Strategic Plan – they are releasing the new Strategic plan
 - They create new ones each time changes are planned
 - Three headers
 - Building a strong foundation
 - Investing in future

- Serving the Community
 - They have identified they want more provincial sanctioned competitions to encourage grassroots.
 - They are wanting to build a better pathway from provincial to EC sanctioned
 - New website is incoming as well to assist in making the website easier to navigate and find information easier.
- 2023 dressage tests have been written. They will be available soon to us.
- They are wanting to host a west championship. They require a facility and an organization to run it. They want to ensure that those in the east potentially can join as well if needed. Alberta is looking at potentially hosting something.
- Next meeting is March 27th