

Manitoba Horse Trials

Event Report May 2023



May was a very busy month and especially the week leading up to the Derby.

As this was the first time, I have been involved in moving all the jumps it was quite an eye opener. There are many things I would do differently next year if we are to have new courses made up again.

I would like to thank everyone who came out the week before to help get things set up.

May Derby

As stated in some other reports I feel that it went off well. We had lots of volunteers for the XC jump judges but require more for the dressage and show jumping portion.

We require more assistance and coordination of volunteers to be assigned to do pre and post duties such as flagging, decorating, putting up and tearing down of dressage ring and show jumps and tearing down cross country.

As I was still doing paperwork the night before I was not as organized as I would have liked. Some changes would be for the volunteers, send out a welcome letter, have score sheets filled out with level and jump number they are judging, circle on map as to where they are to go. I would like their welcome bags to be made up ahead of time, so we hand it to them at sign in time.

The competitors bags were well received. Thank you to Katlyn for arranging these.

We had problems with the radios as a few of them won't keep their charge or didn't work. If we could I would like to **suggest that we purchase a 4 new radios** each year until they are all upgraded.

I spent \$233.07 on snacks which should be enough for the May & June derbies except for another box of chips and maybe if it is hot a piece of fruit could be added. I will get these supplies over to Krista so that she can make the bags up ready for the June derby.

I also have a receipt for \$32.03 for diesel for our tractor, \$116.88 for 4 bags of ice (\$18.76) and **gas (\$98.12) which I would ask the board to vote on** to reimburse me for all the travel back and forth with the tractor and prep of the course. This is by no means what Karla and I spent but is a small token that I am asking for.

I am not sure what is required to record the volunteer time and if they were doing it for someone else, but we do have the list of who came out. I would like to keep a list of this and ensure that we do a volunteer of the year at our banquet.

We had a good turnout for the Course Walk Clinic and from the people I talked with they really enjoyed it. Thanks to Lesa Cafferty for doing this.

June's Derby

Saturday is Intro to Eventing

I would like to have a few people speak in the morning. I have Caslin and myself but I am hoping Deb and anyone else who would volunteer to take a subject, as Karla won't be available

- 1) What is eventing?
- 2) Rules you need to know
- 3) Turn out. - Caslin
- 4) How does the scoring work? - Karen
- 5) How to remember a course
- 6) What to pack - Caslin

In the afternoon I would like for anyone who wants to bring their horse (coggins not required) to go around the starter cross country working on their pace. If they have a certified vest they could jump the starter class or have a member (Shelagh had volunteered a while back) to guide them through the course, like follow the leader.

At the March meeting we passed that a fee of \$10.00 if participating only in the unmounted and \$20.00 for participating in the mounted portion. We indicated that those who are mounted require MHC memberships but those unmounted do not.

It is quite expensive for all the equipment required for our sport, I would like to propose that any person new to competitive showing (SJ, Dressage or XC) that we waive the show jacket requirement as part of the turn out requirement for June and July. This would help families with young riders who would like to try the sports not put out quite as much money.

Ruth Allum

We need to promote this more and see if other clubs would put it on their website as well. The closing date and payment was set in the minutes for June 1, 2023. Maybe we could promote to the pony clubs as she is very good with beginners to advance riders. I

would like to extend it to June 12th, so that it is after our intro clinic, where we can promote it further and to those that attend.

We really require 20 riders to make this profitable.

I purchased 5 large and 5 smaller totes to use as prizes from the States for \$347.90.

We will also have to order ribbons this month.

For our next shows of which we have 5 to go we will require the following prizes

| | First | Second | Third |
|--------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Starter | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Pre-Entry | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Entry | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Pre Training | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Training | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Hi Junior | 5 | | |

Shows June, July back to back, Sept back to back. I see on the web site we are also doing an Aug back to back, and if that is correct then we will require more prizes.

Any suggestions on how to make the shows run more efficiently are appreciated. While we tried to make May welcoming by allowing multiple refusals if the numbers increase we will not be able to do so with the format.