

President Report – Oct.

I want to congratulate everyone on a show season where we ran every event. I know it was challenging but this is an accomplishment that has been almost impossible since pre-covid. Our members have begun to trust that when we say we are holding an event it happens.

Ruth Allum has confirmed that she will be coming back next year in June sometime. She will not know the official dates until closer to the new year.

In my travels through Canada and the States I have discovered that in other places one show committee does not run all shows or clinics. Typically, one committee would run one or two shows, and another would run clinics.

This will be something for the board to consider going forward:

May – Show

June – Clinic

July – Show

August – Clinic/Fundraiser

September – Show – potentially sanctioned?

This would prevent our organizing committees from being incredibly stressed but also lessen the urgency of clean up days that we struggle to get volunteers for. A big thank you to Deb for purchasing the lawn mower and weedwhacker as that has been a barrier in the past. It could be good if we look at adding a few more tools potentially: Branch Snips, Spray Paint for Rocks, Drill and Drill bits for flag fixing.

We noted the death star does have some damage to the door. I have begun to contact a few welders to see if they will have the time/ability to repair it. If it is approved by the board, ideally it would be stored at my place for the winter to be able to take it for repairs and such as needed. This way it will be cleared out and easily accessible, when it is at the MHC grounds it typically gets buried in snow. It would also allow me to coordinate with Kyla to replace the tires.

I would also then go through our numbers and work on ordering ones that require replacing.

Final Course Clean Up:

We need to organize a day to do a final course clean up for the year. This would include:

- Tearing down jumps

- Moving logs/hauling away logs
- Filling ditches
- Repairing the bank combo correctly
- Leveling and repairing the main banks

I would suggest we finish repairing the standards we purchased. We should also consider changing our flags, for easier storage, but it would also prevent the issue of them spinning. The idea is to remove the flags from the sticks, and paint half of them red. This is common elsewhere as many places are removing the flag portion and just having posts.

I think it would be beneficial to talk with MHC about negotiating with the park for a permanent shed on our course. Our trailer is getting rather full, and many items could easily be stored in a permanent shed structure over the trailer.

Fundraising Chances:

Our canteens were incredibly successful. I believe we should capitalize on these in the future more. Especially when we consider how expensive our sport is to organize things at. Holding just one with hot-dogs at the show was a large success. The western show was also wildly successful for us and brought us a lot of visibility to a group that had previously not know us much.

If we do want to continue to hold canteens at our shows, however I recommend we purchase a BBQ.

AGM:

We do require a person to handle the nominations at the AGM. Karen has done them in the past, and has offered to do so again but if someone else would like to we can arrange that. The role would be to ask the current board if they plan to stay on the board. They would then compile a list of positions and send to the membership to ask for nominations. Then on the day of the AGM they would do the process of calling for nominations from the floor if needed.

Reminder that all standing board members will have to stay after the AGM is finished with their calendars to plan for the first board meeting date.

Year-end awards:

We have only been able to find 1 of the existing large year end plaques. We have priced out new ones for each division. We are hoping to find past winners to add to them, at least as many as we can.

We have also priced out small plaques for the winners to keep, champion and reserve champion ribbons, and have sorted the prizes as well.

From this point on I will be discussing the events of our September show. If there are any questions, please direct them to me in an e-mail. We will **not** be discussing this at the meeting.

I spoke with both MHC and our insurance in regard to the events in September. The important things we need to take away from those discussions:

- The on-call vet should have been the one to see the horse regardless of the condition, as well be the one to sign off on any documentation required.
- Witness statements should be gathered at the time.
- Secondary Medic on call/available should we have run the show further and the hired medic was not in a mentally safe place to continue.
- Print the entry forms so show secretary have all the contact information available to them.
- Print the emergency action plan.
 - o Assign people on the day of the show to roles on the action plan.

Many of these things were suggestions, and we did everything we needed to do.

The big thing I can say from being in the moment, is that there was a lack of communication from the lower section to the upper section. Those in/by the show office did not know what was happening in the lower section of the course. I believe we need to invest in radios that have the ability to change channels. That way there could have been communication happening that not everyone with a radio is privy to.

I learnt in Alberta that their action plan goes to all the officials and has a clearly defined radio channel written in the report for those moments. Beyond that their jump judges were told to announce things like "horse down" on a different channel. I do not recommend we do that given the lack of experience of most of our jump judges, but I wanted to inform people what other provinces do.

Finally, despite it not being discussed with MHC, I believe we need to add into our action plan a way of ensuring the horses can be transported off the field. We do have the flat deck on course, but it is loaded with jumps. It is something that can be unloaded in a rush, but then there is a risk of the jumps being damaged. Beyond that, we do not have a way to load the horse onto the flat deck, nor store it. I think this is a grander discussion that needs to be had with MHC as technically our rental agreement is with them. I am prepared to facilitate this discussion but if there is someone else that would like to sit in on it please let me know.

If there are any questions, concerns, or assistance people need please contact me and I will ensure privacy is there as needed, or that the board is informed of other things.