

## September Secretaries Report

1. A recap of votes that took place outside of Meetings
  - a. TD Sponsorship - A motion was put forward to sponsor both Karla Iverson & Sarah Read for \$1000 each to attend the TD clinic on the condition that once they are both qualified TDs they would work at x amount of shows for no charge. This motion has passed and both individuals attended the TD clinic.
  - b. Deb motioned to purchase a weed whacker & push mower to be stored in the death star for volunteers to use for course maintenance. This was voted yes by Shelagh, Katlyn, Dion, Shannon & Kyla. The tools have been purchased and are currently in the death star.
  - c. Kyla motioned to not require EC coach requirements for the September Derby. This was voted yes by Katlyn, Deb, Krista & Shannon. Voted Against by Dione & Shelagh. It was determined that this requirement will be required for next year's events.
2. Kal-tire is sponsoring MHT with the donation of 2 new tires for the death star. Once the death star is in place for the winter, I will need the 2 tires taken off the trailer so that I can bring them to Kal-tire to get them put on the rims
3. MHT ran the canteen for the AQHA show and was asked if we can run this next year as well. Thank you to all who ran the canteen! We will need to ensure we add the dates for this onto our calendar for next year.
4. I was able to set up MHT with a charitable gaming status with the LCGA, meaning we can now apply/run raffles/ fundraisers that tickets can be sold for in advance, for example a 50/50 draw. A new licence needs to be applied for for each separate event/raffle. The process to do so is a bit hectic. I have set up our first online 50/50, with the draw being October 29, 2023, we are already over \$200 in sales! MHTs profits are closer to 40% for these online raffles as there are processing fees that are paid to stripe as well as rafflebox. (rafflebox is the cheapest option that I found for processing fees)
5. Looking back on the year, we have had many ups and downs. On the up we have seen amazing numbers coming out to our events, introducing the xrail division seemed to be a good way to bring greener or curious riders or greener horses out which is fantastic. We have secured a few grants (Shout out to Katlyn for putting all those proposals together) On the down, there has been turmoil and animosity within the board, communication lines have been cut, people have not felt they are in a safe space to ask questions which has led to members of the board not engaging. I truly hope that this can be worked through and resolved so that the feeling of walking on eggshells is no longer present going forward into the next year. In order for a board to run successfully all lines of communications need to be open leading to a safe space for people to discuss their opinions, and being respectful of others when they disagree. When things are disagreed on, this is when the situation should be brought to the board for a vote.
6. Year end banquet & AGM
  - a. This has been booked at the Caboto Center for Sunday November 26, 2023 as the 25th was no longer available at ASD or the Caboto Center.
  - b. The Caboto Center is on Wilkes so it is still accessible for members attending from Western Manitoba.
  - c. Times, prices etc will need to be set.