

President Report

January 2024 Meeting

There has been a few things that have happened over the past month. I hope everyone had a good set of holidays and are excited for the new year.

I have included a list of the dates that have been released by clubs, or that MHC provided us as we requested.

Shelagh and I held a meeting with MHC to discuss the proposed ICE program from EC. Together it was agreed that MHC would follow our lead, and that it was best to allow other regions to trial the program. For 2024 we would await feedback and then meet at the end of the year again to discuss our thoughts about the feedback and trialing the program in 2025.

During this meeting we also discussed the grassroots coaching program that MHC is offering. They indicated that insurance was not required but respect in sport, first aid, criminal record, vulnerable sector, and be a member in good standing with MHC. Diane recommended if we acknowledge these coaches, it would be advised that we request proof of insurance to round this out. This is a way to allow some coaches that do not have the means to get the EC coaching steps.

We discussed how at the moment we are unable to see the EC coach status as we do not hold a sanctioned event. MHC is in the process of talking with EC to see if there is a way, they (MHC) could gain access to check the status on other clubs' behalf. This way to confirm a license or registered status, all we would have to do is reach out to MHC with the coach's name and they would confirm the status of that person.

To end our meeting, we spoke about the potential possibility of a shed on the grounds. Diane provided me with an application that would be required to be completed before we could acquire anything. MHC is more than happy to assist us in getting something to store our items. This application requires approximate dimensions, so I have asked Bri to begin the process of searching for a potential donor/partial donor and to provide me with the dimensions they are willing to provide us.

Ruth is searching her calendar to find a date that would work for all of us. Sadly, the two dates that may have worked were the SK HT which the west goes to, and the summer Otter Creek show that many of our board members and other members go to.

I have begun to work on the reciprocity agreements, and will send them out once our dates are set. I confirmed that Pony Club is unsure of their dates but told them we are excited to continue our reciprocity with them. If it is alright with everyone, I would like to encourage MPC to donate a prize to be given out at year end for the top scoring MPC member within MHT. In 2024 we did not eliminate MPC from the junior awards at each show, but they were not able to qualify for the year end award. I would like to hopefully give them something at the year end, but also am unsure if it is for MHT to give.

Finally, now that 2024 has rolled around, and Judy was able to get the 2024 membership on the website, I would like to remind everyone that the board requires MHT membership. Please have yours renewed by the February meeting, if yours is not you will not be able to partake in any votes.