

MVHC Meeting Minutes
2/9/23

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

In attendance: Jen Rand, Julie Flanders, Vickie Thurber, Jill Lane, Nina McMann, Laura Plunkett, Clare Harrington, Vici Surr, Sofia Campos, Lisa Scannell. Porter Fraser

Old Business:

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the meeting of January 12 were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Operating account: \$2,789.37

Junior account: \$6,889.28

CD: \$17,279.21

Scholarship: \$9,618.47

Lisa reported that the CD matures in March and that we can look around for the best interest rates. A new Lenovo laptop was purchased so that Clare (or whoever may come after her in the future) can take over the books. The cost was \$1,510.19. Insurance will be due in April. Lisa needs the dates and locations of this year's events.

Committee Updates:

Dressage:

Clinics: Sheila McLevedge - April 23 & 23, provided the MVAS is available

Lucile Bump - Centered Riding clinic on May 20 & 21.

Shows: Jen reported that she is hoping to organize two shows this year. She has contacted a possible judge for June and is waiting for confirmation. The September show will probably be held on the 10th or the 17th.

Hunter: Samantha is hoping to offer 3 shows, including the Fall Fuzzy on October 1. She will need lots of volunteers for set up and other jobs to make this possible.

Trail/Pace Rides: Stephanie and Tara are again planning on 3 events this year, 1 in mid-May, 1 mid to late June, and the annual Fall Pace Ride (date to be determined).

Education: Julie reported that the First Aid clinic was well attended and very successful. The planning committee is continuing to meet to do follow-up with those who attended, including getting participants a copy of the power point presentation. Plans are also being made for the next logical steps in addressing the current veterinary situation here on the island (shortage of vets for the number of animals, how to handle emergencies, euthanasia, etc.).

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Vickie T. reported that a Working Equitation clinic is being planned for the weekend of July 29 - 30. We would need a commitment from 12 riders to make it work.

Scholarship: Applications are due by March 15th. Jill will put out an email reminder with the date and requirements for applicants.

New Business:

Samantha raised the question of sending a letter to the Land Bank from the Horse Council regarding the plan that Arrowhead Farm would no longer be used as a horse facility once the Douglasses are gone. Everyone agreed, and Julie said that she would look into the best possible wording of such a letter.

It was announced that Featherstone in Oak Bluffs may be interested in hosting some kind of event celebrating horses and the history of Featherstone Farm. Plans are still being clarified.

Vici wondered if our annual Horse Council meeting could be listed on MVAS emails. Jen will look into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.