

Merced Horseman's Association
Board of Directors Meeting & General Meeting
Thursday, May 12, 2011 Minutes, Final approved 6/16/11

Call to Order: by President, J.A. Thomas at approximately 6:45pm

In attendance: Vice President: Tony Aragon; Secretary: Carol Suggs; Treasurer: Bill Suggs; Directors: Karen Camp, Michael Conley, Arnie Kiil, Lisa Krogh, and Jennifer McCulloch; (Excused: Brett Weaver). Members: Kathy Amos; Dawn Reinhart. Caretaker: Dennis Friesen

Adoption of Minutes of April 14, 2011 Motion made by Conley, seconded by McCulloch. Motion accepted and moved. Thomas abstained.

Correspondence: None as mail is at accountant's to be picked up.

Financial Report: Per B. Suggs: checking account balance is currently around \$120.00, we have a gymkhana deposit to make from last week of about \$975 including memberships and food sales, however we have bills to pay for trash, cleaning of the porta potties, CPA fee, D & O insurance, mobile home insurance, reimbursements for supplies, food and filter and we also have a tax prep fee from the CPA as well as our \$800 California Corp Fee for 2011. Discussion amongst board with consensus to pay all bills that we can and table the paying of the \$800 corp fees until next month's meeting so we can see where we are at with funds.

Insurance Report: It was noted that Thomas can not received emails with "forwards" therefore some of the emails that Conley has been sending him have not been received. Conley stated that he did check on event insurance and that can be made in installments, however it was noted that the CPA paid the full bill already as it couldn't wait any longer. Conley checked on boarding insurance and stated that it would be \$200-\$300 for 3-4 horses for the year. Then later quoted a number of \$500 for the year. Discussion about boarding to be tabled until later in the agenda. It was agreed to have Conley take the insurance book home to make copies and do research regarding getting additional quotes on our policies to insure we are getting the best possible deals. Reiterated that we have 4 policies: Event Coverage, Liability on the property, Mobile Home, and D & O.

Caretaker Report: Friesen reported that the part for the **mower** is still on back order and he has been push mowing **Keys box:** Conley will bring. Friesen got the **\$100 Lowes card** for repair and parts as needed. Neighbor repaired the **fence.** Friesen has tried to pull the **front side gate** and is worried that any more stress will break it. **Porta Potty's** were serviced and it was agreed that they need to be serviced before Nor Cal and also have two more dropped and have the 4 serviced between 12-2 on the day of the Nor Cal event. Conley concurred that the fee that the service company charged for servicing was reasonable. Kiil requested **bleachers** on the hill for sorting and it was agreed that we would try to get away with putting a couple of picnic tables there instead as they are easier to move. **Air conditioners:** Friesen has put off because of our financial situation as both need repairs and parts. **Mobile Home Skirting, Tractor and Water Truck maintenance** has also been put off because of financial situation. **Nor Cal Jr Rodeo Prep:** Needs 2 x 8 and 2 x 12 wood for repairs.

Committee Reports:

Gymkhana: McCulloch needs help, had no help last time except for her husband, Friesen and Harry Kiil. Had good turn out for last event, 17! New member Melissa did food, it was good but only made a little money. Everyone had a great day. Moving May 21 event to 530pm because she has a work scheduling conflict. **Sorting:** discussion about not setting up pens until after the EXCA race as the cutting/sorting pen is needed for warm up. Thomas suggested perhaps putting on the cattle numbers on Friday, then we can set up pens after the race on Saturday. **EXCA Race:** Thomas reported that Amos is handling the course design as he will be competing, discussion of several EXCA members coming to participate, discussion of workers needed and cost changes to the event if we have it again. B.Suggs and T. Aragon will also be there and can help. **Tack Sale:** C. Suggs is advertising as is Melony Reed, but no reservations for venders yet. Thomas stated that Jamba Juice is coming. Conley to put on Craigs List.

Old Business: At Risk Kids Day: Amos stated date to be determined, need to speak with Wendy Wedemeyer.
Parsons Cattle Contract: Contract is at CPAs, Thomas to pick up, along with **Nor Cal** contract. **Property Damage from January:** Aragon reported that we will need to make repairs and retain receipts and attempt to go after violator for restitution. **Boarding:** Discussion was continued regarding Kiil's request to board his daughter's horse at the grounds for 2 months. It was the general consensus of the board that this is a unique situation, they don't want to turn into a boarding facility, Friesen remarked that the club helped to support his daughter when she was running for queen contest and said that we should be here to help members when we can. Conley makes a motion to allow Kiil's daughter Lexi, to keep her horse at the MHA facility, \$100 deposit, she will be responsible for the feeding, watering and pen

cleaning of the horse, McCulloch seconded but added to the motion that the horse be removed from the facility during the Nor Cal rodeo, prior to the vote Aragon added to the motion that a hold harmless release be signed to release MHA from any liability of the horse or damages. Motion accepted with changes, motion moved, with Kiil abstaining. **Radio Merced:** McCulloch gave Thomas, Matt Cone's business card. Thomas already set up on 5/18 at 2pm to do a few radio spots at 1480 KYOS to discuss the club history and upcoming events. **PR:** Conley suggested PR at Merced County Times via John Derby and perhaps Paul's Place. McCulloch to put calendar at West Coast Horsemen's. **Scholarships:** Camp concerned about financial situation and sought direction from board regarding the specific amount to give out this year for scholarships. She reported that we have two applications that they would like to give to. After discussion, Kiil motioned to allow the nomination committee \$100 per applicant (2) for this year, Aragon added to the motion that a letter be sent to the recipients explaining why the amount was low because of economic times. **Nor Cal:** Banducci not here to report. Friesen mentioned concern with lights. Needs help. **Caretaker's agreement:** Same as last year, Friesen signed, majority of Board signed. Copy to Friesen.

Sharing and Open Discussion: McCulloch suggested putting up **advertising** signs for MHA on her property. Kiil requested to borrow the **Flag Boot** that is in storage for his daughter to use for queen run. Agreed. McCulloch requested to take home **MMR timer** to test it prior to her next event, commented that cord is too short and may have to get longer cord or put several together to make it work. Agreed.

There being no further discussion, meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm motion by Conley, seconded by Krogh, motion accepted and moved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Suggs
Secretary