

Merced Horseman's Association  
Board of Directors Meeting & General Meeting  
Thursday, September 8, 2011 Final Approved October 13, 2011

**Call to Order:** by President, J.A. Thomas at approximately 6:47 pm

**In attendance:** Vice President: Tony Aragon; Secretary: Carol Suggs; Treasurer: Bill Suggs; Directors: Karen Camp, Karen Kiil, Lisa Krogh (arrived late) and Jennifer McCulloch. Caretaker: Dennis Friesen. Directors: Michael Conley and Brett Weaver, Excused.

**Adoption of Minutes of August 11, 2011** Motion made by McCulloch, seconded by Thomas to accept the minutes as presented. Motion accepted and Moved.

**Correspondence:** Thank you note from Sarah Friesen regarding scholarship funds. Class Schedules from Aubrey and Amanda Heffner. Check for \$28 to apply to RSNC sorting IOU.

**Insurance Report:** Conley not here to report. Suggs to send email to Conley as reminder about change of date on Sorting and Gymkhana.

**Financial Report:** B. Suggs went over the financial situation, stating that a deposit will be made for about \$1000 for Versatile Ranch and another \$200 from last sorting. We do still need to pay the \$800 corp fee and will be paying out \$300 of the scholarship fund and will have a payment on the insurance soon. Suggested that after we get funds in from this week end we pay the \$800 corp fees. It was noted that we have not received a bill from Parsons for the 10 head of cattle used at the last sorting.

**Caretaker Report:** Friesen states that he is having a friend come and check on the arena lights, further discussion on arena lights. Using push mower as still don't have magneto for mower. McCulloch suggested TBA auto parts. K.Kiil had looked on line and couldn't find the part. Water truck, tractor still needs maintenance. Not sure if Weaver set up the Kellogg's account as he is not here to report. Wasps are an issue, Friesen to call pest control and see if they can come out before this week end's events and spray.

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Membership:** Amos not here to report. Discussion on the family membership that was in question from prior month. Motion made by Camp and seconded by McCulloch that the \$55.00 membership would be accepted as followings: 1/2 price Husband and Wife : \$25, 1/2 price Jr: \$15 and 1/2 price Jr \$15, motion accepted and moved.

**Scholarship:** Camp stated that we have received all recipients proof of college classes and instructed the treasure to send out the \$100 checks to each.

**Facility Rental:** We have Mariposa-Merced Cattlemen's renting the facility for September 25<sup>th</sup>. Thomas will be the contact along with Friesen. C. Suggs to email Friesen the contact info so he can follow up. Checks, Insurance and Contracts are at the accountants. Thomas to stop by the accountants and pick up the contract and insurance for file.

**EXCA:** Thomas reported that he would like to do a playday for members only.

**Gymkhana:** McCulloch doesn't have a report at this time and will report back after the last event as to what she needs for high point awards. She will email the board and officers after the last event so a decision can be made about awards as we don't want to wait until the next meeting.

**Sorting:** Weaver not here to report. B.Suggs reported that after cattle costs and insurance we netted \$4.00. Discussion about sortings for next year, changes to be made. Discussion about setting dates and not changing them to stay consistent. Discussion about having the sorting open and paying the additional insurance has not helped in the participation and we are breaking even with expenses. No advertising was done.

**Kitchen:** Camp said she will have kitchen ready to go for this week end. Went shopping for soda and did better than our rep can get us. Have spoken to Pepsi on several occasions about taking the soda fountain machine. Rep told Camp to disconnect and toss the boxes and that they would be out to pick up, yet no one has been out to pick up. They just keep calling us for orders. Discussion of possibility charging them storage rental for our housing the soda fountain.

**Versatile Ranch:** C.Suggs frustrated as Chad (cattle guy who we had a contract for) has never called her back. She stated that she went to Dugo who is supplying cattle for our stock horse event and it was agreed to leave the 21 head

over night for our use. \$60 per head for the week end. We have to feed. Discussion of feed, Camp has 8 bales she can donate and C.Suggs to call Margie at Merced Ranch to see if she has any waste bales. Entries are down, discussed trying to solicit at the stock horse show for entries. Doing same food in the kitchen as stock horse show. Got cattle check and judge check.

**At Risk Kids Day:** Slated for October 22, Saturday. If people want to work or bring horses it was suggested that they contact Wendy Wedemeyer.

**Sanctioned Cutting/Stock Horse and Reining Show:** C.Suggs stated that we need a cattle check in person on Friday. It was determined that Thomas can be there, C.Suggs to coordinate with Dugo and Thomas. Thomas also will pick up hay at Merced Ranch if it is available. Krogh and Aragon to go to Camp's and pick up hay.

**Club Challenge:** C.Suggs, event is set for October 30<sup>th</sup>. MMR is getting geared up planning their costumes we had better be on the ball for this challenge!

**Holiday Party and Awards:** Tabled until next month.

### **Old Business**

**Solar Field:** Thomas stated that, application was sent out, waiting feed back.

**By Laws.** It was decided that ALL board members and officers would review the by laws and report suggested changes back to C. Suggs so we can meet ½ hour early at next meeting to discuss and make amendments as necessary.

### **New Business**

**Nominations:** Thomas will run again, but wants commitment from board and officers. B. Suggs said he would run again, C.Suggs said she would run again but wants to find someone to take over the newsletter. It was mentioned that Amos would like to find someone to take over membership. K. Kiil would like to run for a board position after she completes finishing this partial term. Discussion about needing a slate by the October meeting so it can be published to the membership in the November newsletter.

**Porta Potties:** Apparently got cleaned twice in one day when two different board members contacted different companies and didn't speak to each other about it. It was decided to pay both bills and that Krogh would be the porta potty contact from now on. No one is to call a service company without speaking to Krogh first. Hopefully this will solve the duplicate service call problem.

There being no further business Thomas adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Suggs  
Secretary