

Merced Horseman's Association
Board of Directors Meeting & General Meeting
Thursday, August 11, 2011 Minutes, Approved at September 8, 2011 Meeting

Call to Order: by President, J.A. Thomas at approximately 6:40 pm

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

Adoption of Minutes of July 14, 2011 Motion made by Conley, seconded by Weaver to accept the minutes as presented. Motion accepted and Moved with Camp abstaining.

Correspondence: Memberships received, given to C. Suggs to scan for Kathy Amos.

Resignation of Director: Thomas reported that Arnie Kiil had given his verbal resignation to him and to Brett Weaver of which he accepted. Kiil is moving out of state. Discussion about obtaining a written resignation, C. Suggs to email A. Kiil and see if she can get something in writing for our records. Discussion of filling the empty director slot, member, Karen Kiil was nominated and accepted the nomination. Motion was made by Conley for Karen Kiil to fill the director position, seconded by Camp, Motion accepted and Moved.

Insurance Report: Conley reported that he has been in contact with the insurance company and has been changing the dates as requested as events change.

Financial Report: B. Suggs went over the financial situation, stating that a deposit was made for \$ 2797 which included memberships and reported that although the Gymkhana brought in money the Sanctioned Ranch Sorting only netted us about \$108 about \$60 +/- in the kitchen. We have an IOU for \$28 from the ranch sorting. He reminded the board that we still have the \$800 State Corp bill and will have an insurance installment due. McCulloch produced the old check that we had written to Melissa Moors for food supply reimbursement in which she decided not to cash, but instead has been taking a credit at the gymkhana's. B. Suggs stated that we should have a strong reining/stock horse event in September which should catch us up on obligations.

Caretaker Report: Discussion on arena lights. McCulloch expressed concerns over safety issues when running the gymkhanas at night, they need to be able to see. Conley pressed for decision on how to rectify this issue. Weaver to work on this and speak to Dennis Friesen. It was determined that it is a priority and must be handled by the next event.

Committee Chair Reports:

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Membership: Discussion about the 1/2 price membership drive and that several memberships were picked up from the gymkhana. Also discussion about in the future if we do this that we have a stipulation that dues can not go down under \$20. Discussion about checking the by laws about what states a "family" membership and to address question raised about the Eisberg membership. Memberships were emailed from Amos to Suggs to distribute at meeting.

Scholarship: Camp stated that letters have gone out, no money paid out yet as they are awaiting for the recipients to show us their college class schedules.

Facility Rental: no report.

EXCA: Thomas reported that we were offered to hold a regional finals but that all money would go to EXCA so he didn't want to pursue that. Stated that he might pursue putting on another event, but not the regional finals as there is not any money to be made.

Gymkhana: McCulloch has some sponsors but needs more. Thanked the help that she got at the last Gymkhana and stated that she will need 4 buckles and reserve awards. She stated that last year the board gave her \$700 and she was able to award down to 5th place. Discussion about doing a 50/50 raffle, about setting a high point fee at the beginning of the year and other alternatives to get the awards sponsored. Mentioned stating something in the newsletter. Big thank you to local FFA for coming out and helping in the kitchen and in the arena. She stated that people have been asking for more open Gymkhanas of which she will think about for next year.

Sorting: Weaver gave a report on the Sanctioned Ranch Sorting, and reported that they had to pay more for the cattle than they had previously projected. Had a lot of help and he said he would send an article so people could be thanked in the newsletter. Stated that he got some food from Richwood Meats to use. On the club open Sorting he stated that he will only have access to 10 head of cattle and that the prior sponsor of ½ of the \$150 jackpot that they were advertising had pulled out. Weaver to seek additional cattle for event then discussed his desire to move the event to Sundays.

Kitchen: FFA kids did a great job in the kitchen at the Gymkhana, said they would come back for other events we just need to let them know what we are doing. We need sodas.

Versatile Ranch: C.Suggs got number from Weaver for Chad to discuss obtaining cattle for this event. Has enough funds from sponsors to cover awards. Needs more sponsors and is hopeful for a decent turnout.

At Risk Kids Day: Camp spoke to Wedemeyer, looking at October for a date for the camp.

Sanctioned Reinings: Krogh reported that she has now has two buckle sponsors and is seeking more for special award for MHA members only, would have to show in both shows.

Sanctioned Ranch Sorting: Weaver is the contact. Canada the show manager. No report.

Club Challenge: C.Suggs, Event is set for October, no report at this time.

Holiday Party and Awards: McCulloch wants to bring back Santa for the kids. Brief discussion about party.

Old Business

None reported.

New Business

Wasps: Friesen contacted the pest control people they came out today and will check back in next week. Mice, Squirrels and Wasps are the issue. **Poison:** Thomas got certified to place bait poison out for the MHA facility. Comes in 50 LB sacks of poisoned oats. McCulloch mentioned Weaver going to Kellogg's for an account. Krogh sign payment in exchange for 2010 President's award. It was mutually agreed to waive Krogh's annual sign payment as she had purchased the president's award the cost difference was nearly the same for both.

There being no further business Thomas adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Suggs
Secretary