

Maine Mavericks Board Meeting

April 18, 2023

Board Members in Attendance: Alexis Ayres, Lacey Barton, Alicia Davis, Lyndsie Babcock, Nicole Buckley, Teresa Shattuck, David. Virtual attendance: Aric Ryan, Randy Thompson

- Meeting called to order by Alexis Ayres at 6:08.
- Meeting Minutes read by Lyndsie Babcock. Lacey made a motion to approve minutes, accepted by all.
- Treasurer's Report read by Alicia Davis. All accepted!

Old News 3/29/23

Spring Fling

1. **Tack Sale:** We have 30 tables for the tack sale
2. **Petting Zoo:** Lacey is bringing various mini animals
3. **Facepainting:** Gavin and his friends may do this
4. **Line Dancing-**
5. **Show office renovations-** Printed the grant info to make it safe. It will be cleaned out on the 30th.
6. **Banquet-** A deposit was made for the lisle fire department. We are looking for a DJ. They have a conference room for the open board meeting
7. **Fundraising-** We discussed other options for fundraising and discussed the results of the Doug's Fish Fry fundraiser.
8. **Branding and Sign-** Shirts are in. We voted unanimously on a MM sign and our logo was released for branding.
9. **Ribbons-** Tri valley Horse Assoc. Offered to sell ribbons at a discounted cost. We came up with what we thought was a fair price to purchase ribbons from them.
10. **Sliver show-** There was a conflict with our date and NBHA show. We were able to change the silver Show to a different day.
11. **Gate Protocol-** We would like a fair and consistent gate keeping policy, while maintaining the 2-minute gate call and paying attention to horses' strides during gymkhana and horse and rider teams as they enter the arena.
12. **Website-** Alicia has been updating the website and working on creating a new email address that we will be able to connect with PayPal.
13. **Lights-** We are still waiting for them to be delivered.
14. **Rules-** discussed 13-21 were discussed, voted on, and accepted.

New News

1. **Treasurers report:** Alicia was excited to announce that we are approximately \$1600 dollars ahead of previous years at this point in the season with checks written and cleared to various entities
2. **Spring Fling**
 - a. **Money** – We discussed needing multiple cash boxes. Lacey had one. There is one missing from the show office and Alicia put an order in for 2 additional cashboxes. We also discussed we would need \$150-200 per box for startup cash
 - b. **Tack Sale-** 25 tack tables/ 10 vender tables. The goal was 30-35 tables, which was reached
 - c. **BBQ-** CP cash and carry donated most of the containers, silverware, salt and pepper, and napkins. We purchased additional containers and pre-cut foil from them for the BBQ. The sides for the dinners will be coleslaw and potato salad. We will not have rolls to keep the meals sensitive for individuals with gluten allergies. We are projecting to have enough

food to serve 175 individuals. Teresa has volunteered to donate the coleslaw for the dinners. Wegmans has donated \$100 gift card (we will possibly use for the other side). We may need to come up with a backup location in case the pit is not finished. However, they have stated it will be finished by this date.

d. **Bake sale**- There will be two bake sales, one at the tack sale and the other at the BBQ. Donations will be divided between the two. There have been people donating baked goods for the sale. The kids are excited and getting ready to have goodies at their stand. We also need a table for the bake sales. Lacey has found a couple of grandmas to oversee the kids bake sale. We are looking for gluten free options for both bake sales.

e. **Scoop**- They will be debuting their ice cream truck at the tack sale. They will also be doing a coloring contest. They have also donated 5, \$5 gift cards to be given out.

f. **Music**- We will use a speaker with a phone or radio.

g. **Face Painting**- We have decided to go with Sandra Steinbrecher with Silly Face Facepainting. Troy Donnolly through T&C has donated money to sponsor the face painting. We can also put out a donation bucket for the face painting. We will determine if we will have a designated amount for the donation or allow individuals to make the choice in the amount of their donation.

3. **Show office**

a. Linnea would like the freezer

b. The fridge and big locker can be ditched. Lacey said she can take it up to Lantz at some point.

c. We need to decide what we are going to fix and/or tear down. Originally we were going to have the side porch/ window/ roof fixed but there was discussion that traffic on that side of the building might be a distraction to some horses. Lacey was going to ask Matt what he thought might be best. He had previously stated that the outside of the building was in rough shape but the studs/bones of the building are in good shape.

d. We also discussed the benefits of keeping the new show office two stories.

e. Need to look at ink cartridges for this show season. Sara said they previously used a cartridge every weekend.

4. **Tractor/ Arena-**

a. Ryan and David have been working on replacing the teeth on the tractor. They have most of it done. We may need to look into replacing other parts of it at some point.

b. The Tractor will be down to the fairground by the 30th. If need be it can be locked in the horse barn during the auction the following weekend.

c. We need to make sure the arena is watered before dragging to make sure we don't ruin the new teeth.

d. We don't think there will be a need for sand this year, but we will judge that a little more as the show season continues

5. **Ticket fundraiser**- All tickets need to be to Rusty by 4/25. If you have unsold tickets, he will take those as well. He has had a high demand for them. Depending on the amount raised we may be able to use this for the grant.

6. **Grant**- The grant has not yet been filled out but it could potentially put \$25000 towards the new show office. Dave knows someone who might be able to help right the grant as well as Matt is willing to help. The grant is the community improvement grant. We may be required to contribute 10% of this. This 10% can be in a monetary form or in acts of service.

7. **Merch table**

a. Need to decide who is going to man it

b. We now have sweatpants as an option

- c. We also discussed where we might want to put the merch during shows.
- 8. **Wish list**- we discussed creating a wish list of things that we might need/ want for the future (chairs, new measuring tape, desks)
- 9. **Poulin Grain**- We had \$250 worth of certificates donated from Poulin grain. The thought was to use this toward the triple challenge.
- 10. **Banners**- We have multiple banners ordered. Poulin Grain opted to send their own banner.
- 11. **Unveiling**- discussed when the best time to do the unveiling. It is thought that the workday is already full. It might be best to wait until the first show.
- 12. **Camping**
 - a. Campers may not show up before 4
 - b. The area will not be dragged until after 7
 - c. Camping can be done in the field, but campers may only plug into the electrical boxes on the barn side of the arena.
 - d. Camping stalls are a \$10 deposit that will be returned when their stall is clean.
- 13. **Stand out Star**- This will be awarded to any child that is spotted doing above the norm on a show day. They will be given a gift certificate to purchase something at the food shack.
- 14. **Brenda**- We are still waiting for a menu for the shows. Brenda is still waiting on her food permit. She is hoping that prices will stay the same as last year.
- 15. **Banquet**
 - a. We put a deposit down on the facility
 - b. Philly C is going to DJ. We would like to get a contract out to him.
 - c. Dish to pass
 - d. Discussed ideas for MM portion to be catered
- 16. **Points**- There needs to be two people to count and record points.
- 17. **Division Awards**- We discussed the best way to document the changes in year end division awards.
- 18. **Exhibition**
 - a. Limit 50 riders
 - b. Need to make sign up lists
- 19. **Office Coverage**- We will be making a sign up sheet for tasks in the office.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:52

Next meeting May 10 6-8