

## Maine Mavericks Board Meeting

July 17, 2023 6:30pm

Board Members in attendance: Alexis Ayres, Lacey Barton, Ashley Culver, Alicia Davis, Dave McGowan, Teresa Shattuck, Whitney Hibler, Lyndsie Babcock. Special Guests- Hilary Sevey, Jodi Brayman, Katie Hotchkin, Kendra Parkes

- Meeting called to order by Alexis Ayers @ 6:35pm.
- Minutes read by Ashley Culver
- Treasurers report read by Alicia Davis

### Old Business (6/26/23)

- **Lottery:** Lottery fundraiser went well but on the administrative side it was a lot of work. Talked about if we do it again, sending out all winners at the completion of the month.
- **Grant:** The grant has been submitted for consideration.
- **Flags:** It came to the attention of the board that a prior board member owned the flags that were used by the club. After further communication the rest of the flags after the purchase of the American Flag and NYS Flag have been graciously donated to MM to have a proper grand entry.
- **Silver Shows:** Need to start contacting sponsors for the Silver Show.
- **Foldable Bucket Caddies/Wheelbarrows:** Club decided it might be more cost effective to get a few more wheel barrows instead because the caddies are expensive. Lyndsie Babcock said she would be willing to donate a wheel barrow to the club as well.
- **July 15 BBQ:** Discussed some details for the upcoming BBQ.
- **Upcoming Shows:** Discussed night show plans, and overview of classes for Performance.
- **Merch:** Keeping individual unique items, but implementing a pre order system for next year with standard items.
- **Insurance Policy:** Lexy did get a copy of the insurance policy. We want to make sure any "extra" events we are doing our policy covers.
- **Open Arena:** Discussed open arena and starting to organize that.
- **Boy/Girl Awards:** These awards will stay the same as they have been.

### New Business

1. **Forms:** Teresa added in **RED** that all class numbers need to be circled when signing up for classes, not just the monetary amount in the last column. When putting rider into classes, we look for classes circled. Discussed making sure forms are filled out correctly when handed in at registration.
2. **August Show Campout:** Since there has not been many members to take advantage of the camp out/dinner, we talked about ideas to do something during the day. An

icecream truck/free hot dog where each member who is competing will receive a ticket to cash in for either day. Discussion to continue.

3. **Silver Show Gymkhana:** Reviewed Gymkhana class lists (29 classes) and changed the time. Exhibition starting at 7am, with sign ups due by 6:45am. Grand entry starting at 8am.
4. **Silver Show Performance:** Reviewed class lists. Made some changes. 55 classes.
  - Removed Bosal/Snaffle and JR horse 5 and under. Replaced with JR horse under 5.
  - Reduced the amount of Halter classes, and designated them as own awards.
  - Showmanship W/T- Youth and adult will ride together, but be judged on separate cards.
  - Trail- Need to find a judge. Alicia to contact Rhonda. Need to complete all 3 patterns, discussed extending hours to 10-5?
  - Ranch- Discussed Ranch at length. Jodi gave a name of a woman that competes in Ranch Riding and is also a judge. Lexy to get into contact with her. She said she is willing to teach us about the rules of Ranch Riding and help with a trail pattern. Nicky Kurty also volunteered some patterns and information. Will allow riders to cross enter events. All Ranch Classes to be together at end of show.
5. **Silver Show Sponsors:** We discussed and decided to up the sponsorship amounts. With inflation, harder to find prizes within those sponsorship limits. New Pricing will be \$30 for a class, \$45 for reserve, and \$60 for Grand Champion. Need to start reaching out to new sponsors as well as the past sponsors.
6. **Silver Show Awards:**
  - Open Showmanship classes will have a \$200 added Jackpot
  - Added money for Poles (\$200)
  - Talked about prizes that we can still incorporate silver, but also be functional. Alicia has a shopping list of ideas. Also talked about big trophies for kids, ribbon holders, silver magnetic number holders. Silver picture frame and pair with Gift Certificate for Photographer that was at the show.
  - Needed awards: 14 chairs, 14 Reserve (duffle)
7. **Prize box:** The lead liners prize box is getting low. Putting out a post on FB to members for donations, if we do not get enough donations we can take some money and buy prizes to fill. Lacey offered to take Paypal for online donations for this one instance.

- 8. Computer:** The computer program has been fixed. It is ready to go for upcoming shows. It was discovered that the payout formulas for classes were not correct. These formulas are now fixed, and all payout classes are being recalculated. These new amounts will be paid out to members at the August show. We will have envelopes at the show office. Anyone not at the show to collect them will be notified.
- 9. Photographers:** It was brought up to thank the photographers for coming to our shows, get them a MM shirt. It was also talked about to work with them for some of the prizes for the silver show. Getting gift certificates for members to buy photos things like that.
- 10. Practitioners:** Jodi discussed allowing practitioners (massage therapists etc) to come to shows. We all agreed that would be a great thing to offer to members. We would just need to approve the practitioners and have proof of insurance and certifications. We can also advertise that on facebook that they will be on the grounds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Next Board Meeting 7/31/23 6:00pm. Fairgrounds weather permitting.