

Maine Mavericks Board Meeting

February 20, 2023 6pm

Board Members in attendance: Alexis Ayres, Lacy Barton, Ashley Culver, Teresa Shattuck, Alicia Davis, Whitney Hibler, Sara Rummel, David McGowan, Randy Thompson, Lindsey Babcock.

- Meeting called to order by Alexis Ayers @ 6:00pm.
- Minutes read by Ashley Culver and accepted by all.
- Treasurer's Report read by Alicia Davis. Alicia also provided a report to all board members. Alexis Ayers made motion to accept, all accepted.

Old Business (2/6/23)

1. **Forms:** Last meeting we discussed forms, and made changes. All board members in attendance voted on the changes proposed.
2. **Fundraisers:** Discussed fundraiser ideas.
3. **Spring Fling:** Talked about the forming of committees (8-9), and schedule of events for the day. BBQ, Worker Bee and Tack Sale.
4. **Class List for Shows:** Discussed performance class list. Discussed changes, all voted and accepted. Details to come. Talked about the Triple Challenge. Have not solidified details on that yet. Gymkhana classes to be discussed at next meeting.
5. **Judges:** Confirmed judges for all show dates.

New Business

Spring Fling: Spring Fling was discussed briefly. Ryan Scanlon is willing to teach anyone 18 & over fire pit duties. It was decided there would be no public meeting at the Spring Fling. We want to have a dedicated time for the public meeting, it is going to be a busy day with other activities.

Tack sale: Registration for the tack sale will end April 1. That will give us time to source the tables and figure out how much space is needed.

Public Board Meeting: Goal for this year is to have 2 public meetings, one at end of year awards like usual, and one other meeting. Discussed having members submit questions ahead of time so we can have an agenda for the meeting, time limits for speaking to facilitate a timely meeting. Will discuss further at next meeting, set a date and talk about how this meeting will run.

Fundraising: Randy Thompson recruited Rusty to head up some Fund Raising events.

- Doug's Fish Fry- 3/28/23 11am-6pm. We can have a table to sell drinks, merch, or other things. We are checking on location for the truck, it was going to be at the fairgrounds

near the arena, but looking into seeing if we can find a more visible spot to have more traffic.

- Lottery fundraiser organized by Randy, Rusty and Whitney. Sell tickets throughout April and lottery will run from May 1-May 31. Tickets are \$5. Prize discussion to come.

Gate: A new gate was needed for the arena. Total cost for the gate was \$289.99 from R&M. David McGowan was able to get \$189.99 as a donation from them so the club will be responsible for \$100. Lacy made a motion to buy the gate, all board members accepted. David will place the order.

Show Secretary: Teresa has been working with the computer she was given and get familiar with the programs she will need. It was discussed to discontinue preregistration because there were issues with it last year and not many people used it. All agreed. We are looking into purchasing software instead of using excel to track everything. Randy found Funware horseshow program and Sara suggested Saddlebook. Alicia also suggested Sport Data, and also suggested forming a committee to demo these software programs to see if any would fit for us. Review these programs against the cost and make a decision. Discussions will continue on this.

Ribbons: Lexy with the help of Roxann have been going through the ribbons and salvaging what we could use from previous years. We will continue to do that one more year but will be coming up with an inventory and organizational system as to only purchase what we need. Also to note, we need to order back number tags.

Price Increases: It was discussed that the reality is costs have been climbing to run the shows and price increases are inevitable. Lacy went through all of our suggestions and tried to make a more even suggestion that wouldn't raise prices too much for any one group of people. What was voted on and agreed upon by all was raising the office fee by \$2, which would bring the office fee to \$7, leadline would still be exempt from this fee. The other price increase would be class fee for leadline increasing to \$3. It was discussed that we want to keep prices as low as we can to make it an accessible family oriented club, but making sure we cover our expenses to continue to run as well.

Class Lists: Class lists will be posted as soon as they are revised with all changes made that were voted on and approved by the board.

Gymkhana Classes: Fun patterns were chosen for all Gymkhana shows. 3 out of 4 are new patterns to try this year! It was also decided and voted on with approval to add exhibition runs from 8am-9am for all shows (except for the night show which will run 5pm-6pm). For W/T classes age group of 16 and under, and W/T Adult were proposed and accepted.

Show Times: Show times are as follows: Performance and Gymkhana starting at 9am. Gymkhana exhibitions from 8am-9am. Friday night show schedule was decided on as well to accommodate young riders. It is as follows:

5pm-6pm: Exhibition Barrels

6pm: Show Start

Bow Tie 16 & under W/T, Leadline

Barrels 16 & under W/T, Leadline

Poles 16 & under W/T, Leadline

Poles (Beginner, Adult W/T, 13 & under, 14-18, 19 & Over, Open)

Bow Tie (Beginner, Adult W/T, 13 & under, 14-18, 19 & Over, Open)

Barrels (Beginner, Adult W/T, 13 & under, 14-18, 19 & Over, Open)

This should make it so our youngest riders will be finishing early.

Rules: Rules 11 and 12 were discussed and voted on. All changes were made and approved by the board. Revised rules will be posted prior to the first show.

Meeting adjourned by Lacy Barton at 8:00pm.

Next Board Meeting March 7, 2023 at 6pm.