

## Maine Mavericks Board Meeting

March 29, 2023 6pm

Board Members in attendance: Alexis Ayres, Lacey Barton, Ashley Culver, Alicia Davis, Whitney Hibler, Nicole Buckley, Lindsey Babcock. Special Guests- Rusty Hoskins & Laney and Cole.

- Meeting called to order by Alexis Ayers @ 6:07pm.
- Minutes read by Ashley Culver, Lacey made a motion to approve minutes, accepted by all.
- Treasurer's Report read by Alicia Davis. Alicia also provided a report to all board members. All accepted.

### Old Business (3/7/23)

1. **Spring Fling:** Spring Fling details were discussed. Decided on pricing for meals.
2. **Tack Sale:** Decided on an end date for registrations, 4/1/2023 and opening up to vendors as well.
3. **Show Office Renovations:** Decided on doing a few renovations this year to address safety, applying for a grant and getting a new show office.
4. **Designation of Club:** Meeting with Dianne to designate the club appropriately for the future.
5. **Lights:** Lights should be delivered soon (fair board) and Lexy's husband to install.
6. **Sponsorship & Donations:** Sponsorships and donations going well. Organize a spreadsheet to track sponsors and make sure they are getting all things promised (banners, facebook posts etc.) Friends of the Club show board for smaller donations.
7. **Awards & Ribbons:** "Star Boy" and "Star Girl" was discussed for each show. Next year order ribbons for full show season, excluding Silver Show.
8. **Banquet:** Lisle Fire station. They were discussing at their March board meeting.
9. **Hosting Clubs and Clinics:** Talked about hosting a Ranch Show separate from Club Shows. Form a Sub-Committee to plan this. Run it similar to the NBHA show.
10. **Membership Forms:** Need to have the original membership forms as they have the signed waiver.
11. **Class Lists & Triple Challenge:** All class lists read and approved by the board. Triple Challenge discussed and put on class lists.

### New Business

**Welcomed Laney and Cole to the meeting. Did a member check-in. Went around the room and checked in on where everyone was at and if they had any concerns.**

### **Spring Fling:**

1. **Tack Sale:** We have about 30 tables right now for the tack sale. (about 10 are vendors the rest are tack).

- 2. Spring Fling:** We have lots of volunteers for the “Kids Cookie Shop” at the tack sale. This will be more of a concession type sale with fresh donuts and such. Discussed ways to make it more of an event for the family to come enjoy. All voted and agreed on the following:
- a. Petting Animals-** Lacey volunteered to bring her mini horses, mini goats, and potbelly pig to have for petting animals.
  - b. Face Painting and Temporary Tattoo’s:** Gavin Ayers along with friends from the art club volunteered for Face Painting and tattoos.
  - c. Line Dancing:** Line dancing will be going on from 2pm-3pm.

**Show Office Renovations:** We will be cleaning out the show office on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Renovations will begin to make the office safe for this year. Once we apply for grant and get approval, we will vote on show office design.

**Website:** Alicia has been working to update the website. She will be working on a sponsor tab. It was also discussed to link an email and paypal account to the website to offer online membership registration and renewal. Alicia will create this email and work on linking paypal.

**Lights:** Lights have not been delivered yet. Waiting on that, and then installation will be done by Lexy’s husband.

**Sponsorships & Donations:** Sponsorships and donations are well under way! Waiting to hear back from Wegmans on some donations for the April 30<sup>th</sup> BBQ. Sams Club is donating a gift card for BBQ. Lindsey to contact CP Cash and Carry in Cortland for donation for BBQ.

**Fundraising:** Lottery fundraiser is going very well! Will be selling through April for May drawings. Discussed a popcorn truck fundraiser at Night Show in July, discussions to continue on that. Rusty Hoskins delivered the amazing news on the Dougs Fish Fry Fundraiser! We had a grand total between the bake sale and the fish fry of \$726.37!! Amazing!! All thanked Rusty and those that attended to work the bake sale! What a great turnout we had. Great to see old and new members as well!

**Ribbons:** Tri Valley Horse Association is dissolving and liquidating. They have offered us a sale of ribbons. We will be making an offer on over 600 ribbons for a very low price.

**Banquet:** We will be booking the Lisle Fire Station for the banquet this year. There is a separate room for meeting/voting. We are also looking into a DJ that was recommended by Randy Thompson. Nicole Buckley also recommends. \$100 donation to the station for deposit. Alicia wrote the check.

**Purchases: Members voted on and approved all purchases as follows:**

Wheelbarrow: Purchasing a wheelbarrow from True Value for \$50.

Walkie Talkies: Ordering 6 Walkie Talkies from Amazon for \$70.

Gate: Alicia wrote the check for this purchase, just needs to connect with David to pick up.

Teeth for Tractor: Need to connect with Ryan to pay for teeth for tractor.

**Branding and Sign:** Shirts have started to come in with logo and branding. All in attendance of the meeting voted on the MM sign for the show office. It was a unanimous vote. Robin who created our logo, graciously released it to the club to use for branding. We are grateful.

**Silver Show:** There was a conflict with the Gymkhana Silver Show date and an NBHA show. To accommodate members who compete in both shows, all voted on changing the date to Sunday September 17. Times will stay the same.

**Gate Protocol:** Discussions started on gate protocol and having consistency. A board member will run the gate at each show. The 2-minute rule will be enforced and will be timed. In the Gymkhana events more attention will be paid to things like canter strides in walk/trot events, and not running until shoulder passes first post of entrance chute. We want to be fair to everyone and consistency is key.

**Rules:** Rules 13-21 were discussed and voted on. Lexy made a motion to accept all changes, Whitney seconded the motion. All accepted.

Meeting adjourned by Lacey Barton at 7:58pm.

Next Board Meeting TBD