

## Maine Mavericks Board Meeting

March 7, 2023 6pm

Board Members in attendance: Alexis Ayres, Lacey Barton, Ashley Culver, Teresa Shattuck, Alicia Davis, Whitney Hibler. Special Guest- Gavin Ayers

- Meeting called to order by Alexis Ayers @ 6:11pm.
- 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. **Spring Fling:** Spring Fling details were discussed. Decided no public meeting at Spring Fling.
2. **Tack Sale:** Decided on an end date for registrations, 4/1/2023.
3. **Public Board Meeting:** Goal to have 2 this year. One at the end of season at awards banquet for voting, and one at a different time. Will plan the details on forum and date.
4. **Fundraising:** Went over the Fundraising initiatives we have going. (Dougs fish fry, and lottery)
5. **Gate:** Ordering the gate through R&M. They will donate \$189.99 towards gate and we will only pay \$100. David put in the order.
6. **Show Secretary:** Teresa has been learning the computer and programs. We had discussed looking into software to purchase or using Excel. Discussions to continue on that.
7. **Ribbons:** Ribbons have been purchased for first 2 shows. Inventory and organizational systems in place.
8. **Price Increases:** Voted on price increases. Office fee \$7, Leadline fee \$3 (no office fee)
9. **Gymkhana Classes and Show Times:** Fun patterns were chosen for all Gymkhana shows, and it was voted on to change show start times to 9am with exhibitions 8am.
10. **Rules:** Rules 11 & 12 discussed and voted on.

### New Business

**Members for Participation:** Discussed Board Members should be reaching out to members about fundraising initiatives and how they can help. Ideas were bringing in items for bake sale at the chicken BBQ, donating items like containers or sides for the BBQ as well. Seeing if they would like to join a committee to help. Dougs Fish Fry- there will be a table, need baked goods and water for that. Some kids to help sell.

### **Spring Fling:**

1. **Chicken BBQ:** Discussed pricing. Meals (Chicken, sides and roll) \$13, just chicken \$9. Need to work on donations such as containers for chicken and sides, box of gloves,

paper towels. Also need sides and rolls. Teresa agreed to making Coleslaw as one of the sides. Nicole will be heading up the bake sale at the BBQ. Need members to either make or donate baked goods for that, as well as for the Kids Bake Sale. Lacey will get order in for Marinade 4/1/23 and will order chicken (175 Chickens). Ashley has contacted Wegmans to help with donations, and Alicia is contacting Maines.

2. **Tack Sale:** Registration will end 4/1/23 for Tack Sale tables. We will be opening this to vendors as well. Details and social media post to come explaining that to members.

**Show Office Renovations:** Lacey met with Matt Hilderbrant, a contractor to discuss the show office. A few renovations were discussed to make the office safe for this season. Matt volunteered to donate his time to the club, along with a couple of community members to keep cost low to make these repairs. Matt also offered to help the club write a grant to get a new show office. Lacey to meet with Matt and get this grant entered. If approved, we would then come up with the details and vote on a new show office.

**Designation of the Club:** While looking into grants and getting sponsors, Lexy looked into what the club designation was. Maine Mavericks is not a Non-Profit organization and right now is "Unincorporated". Discussions will continue on what the best designation might be for the club in the present time. Lexy is in contact and working with Dianne about this.

**Lights:** Lights for the arena should be delivered soon (taken care of by Fair Board). Lexy Ayers husband is volunteering his time to install these lights.

**Sponsorships and Donations:** Sponsorships and donations have started to come in. This will help with keeping costs to the club low, and doing some small renovations. Tonya Robinson has agreed to providing banners for Sponsors and discounting cost as a donation to the club. Also talked about a board at the show office for "Friends of the club" to recognize businesses and donors who have contributed in ways not necessarily as a "show sponsor". There will also be a tab on the website dedicated to our sponsors. Will be creating a spreadsheet to keep track of the things offered in the sponsorship to make sure they are getting all of the things promised.

**Awards at Shows:** Talked about awarding a "Star Boy" and "Star Girl" at each show. We have gotten donations of gift cards from Hust Roost, and will ask for a couple more to be able to give small gift certificates to kids.

**Ribbons:** Through many fundraising efforts this year, it was discussed to budget funds to be able to order ribbons for the whole year (besides silver shows) next Feb. that way we can get the discount and be stocked for the season.

**Banquet:** It was discussed to book the Lisle Fire Station for the Banquet this year. They will be discussing at their Board Meeting in March and will give us a decision.

**Hosting Clubs and Clinics:** It was discussed putting on a Ranch Show separate from the Club Shows. Without a lot of first hand knowledge on what a show like that would entail it was discussed opening it up to Maine Mavericks hosting a show. We would ask for a sub committee to run the show. We do host an NBHA show, and they donate \$200 to the club. It would be nice to support other clubs and organizations by hosting an event for them, and Ranch Riding has been brought up by members. This will be a goal for next year and will be discussed in the coming months.

**Membership Forms:** It was discussed that we need to get the hard copies of membership forms to have on hand. They have signed waivers.

**Class Lists:** Class lists are complete and proof read by the board. They will be posted for members very soon. Patterns will be provided by the judges and will be posted for members either Friday night before the show, or Saturday AM.

**Triple Challenge:** Triple Challenge will be posted and explained to members. It is indicated on the class lists as well. It was discussed to do a Buckle Series and get it sponsored by a company. Details on that to come.

Meeting adjourned by Lacey Barton at 7:50pm.

Next Board Meeting March 29, 2023 at 6pm.