

Manitoba Horse Council 2021 Council of Clubs meeting

Thursday November 18, 2021

Registration: 6:00 p.m.

By Zoom

Representing a full complement of 23 member clubs

Laurel Meisner	Ashern Horse Association
Erin Anderson	Brandon Light Horse & Pony Society
Linda Park	Canadian Western Horse Association
Bonna Jean Bateman	Central Canada Reining Horse Association
Chas Lambert	Crocus Cow Horse Association
Shannon McKenzie	Crocus Cow Horse Association
Carrie Wilson	Distance Riders of Manitoba
Susan Matthews	Dressage Winnipeg
Garry Gerbrandt	Manitoba Cutting Horse Association
Doug G Collins	Manitoba Driving Society
Tauni Jensen	Manitoba Driving Society
Danae Martin	Manitoba Horse Trials
Jennifer Peron	Manitoba Hunter Jumper Association
Shawn Parsons	Manitoba Mounted Shooting Association
Val Crowe	Manitoba Pony Club
Wanda McFadyen	Manitoba Quarter Horse Association
Kristy McFee	Manitoba Riding for the Disabled
Rick Andrews	Manitoba Team Penning Association
Iris Oleksuk	Manitoba Trail Riding Club
Joanne Armstrong	Manitoba Welsh Pony & Cob Association
Kayla Currie	Southern Manitoba Western Style Dressage
Amanda Earl	Southern Manitoba Working Equitation
Carol Stansfield	Southern Manitoba Working Equitation
Bruce King	Springfield Polo Club
Carla Bergen	Urban Stable
Kerry Mckenzie	Westman Dressage

Present:

Board of Directors:
President: John Biron
Treasurer: Hugh Crawley
Vice President/HR: Lana Stevenson
Past President: Geri Sweet
Committee Chairs:
Facility: Eryn Butterfield
Officials: Susan Adey
Director at Large: Jack Boughen

Staff:

Executive Director: Diane David
Business Manager: Linda Hazelwood

Regrets:

Chair, Coaching: Chris Dolinski
Chair, Marketing: Kiirsten May
Chair, Competitions: Sarah Read
Chair, Recreation: Tamara Hupalo
Director at Large: Angela Janz
Director at Large: Tanis Jones

Item	Discussion
Welcome and introduction	Meeting started at 6:36pm John Biron welcomed everyone and reviewed explanation of Zoom processes, chats, mute, video, etc
Proposed Agenda	The agenda was approved as presented.
Approval of AGM April 15, 2021 Minutes	The minutes of the April 15, 2021, Annual General meeting were reviewed; there were no corrections. M/S: Bruce King/Chas Lambert
President's Report	John Biron thanked everyone for attending and reviewed his first 6 months as president. He thanked outgoing Executive Director John Savard and welcomed new Executive Director Diane David. He also thanked VP Lana Stevenson for guiding MHC through the job search. Did you want to mention EC and the MOA, MHC revisiting all policies which will be available to clubs to adopt if they wish. No motion was required.
Financial Update	<p>Treasurer Hugh Crawley reviewed highlights for 2021 to date including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHC benefited from the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) funding (\$43,510) as well as Sport Emergency Funding (\$29,000) from the federal government's COVID response grants. • Facility rentals rebounded to \$40,577 from \$3,247 in 2020 • Sponsorships also increased: \$5,900 in 2021 compared to \$1500 in 2020 • Improvements to the Equestrian Facility • Distributed \$20,994 in Community Emergency Support Grants which included \$10,000 to Clubs for their insurance premiums and \$10,000 to working horses (our thanks to Sarah Biron for her work in identifying barns and criteria for distributing funds). A second allocation of \$10,000 is available for working horses in December • \$7,000 distributed to Clubs in Program Support Grants in the areas of Sport Initiation and Train to Train <p>A comparison of 2021 to 2020 balances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General account \$69,016 vs \$55,809 • Medications Account balance is \$12,549 • Facility (Restricted) account has \$41,228 in reserve for upgrading the facility. <p>MHC is in a relatively good financial position primarily due to financial support from the government and the opening of outdoor pandemic restrictions which allowed for shows at the equestrian facility. No motion was required.</p>
Executive Director's Report	<p>Diane David reviewed her first month in the position of Executive Director including compiling a six-month review of emergency COVID funding for Sport Manitoba, demographics, insurance and finances. She explained that her approach to ensuring that MHC structure, policies and actions are coherent and cohesive includes paying attention to three trends identified in the 2010 Canadian Horse Industry Profile written for Equine Canada which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduced infrastructure to introduce new customers to entry-level horse experiences; • reduced capacity in the industry to provide first-time horse owners with boarding and supports they need to become good horsewomen/men; and, • decreased numbers of children and youth participating in the Invisible Sector (those riding horses that belong to others). <p>These trends need to be addressed in a meaningful way to ensure growth and sustainability of the horse industry. MHC Demographic information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowest annual membership was 1,513 in 2020.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership for 2021 is 1,647 compared to 1,693 in 2019. • Membership levels rebounded in 2021 to pre-COVID #s in the East and Winnipeg zones. • 2021 membership in the South zone is 3% under 2019 levels. • Greatest net loss is 11% in the West zone from 2019 to 2021. • Average annual membership over 7-year period is 1,680. <p>She concluded by saying she was looking forward to learning about the activities and work of the clubs and encouraged them to complete their reconciliation forms for their July-December project grants.</p>
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Committee Reports	<p>Officials Update – Susan Adey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provincial Stewards Clinic held October 23 ● EC Hunter Jumper Course Design clinic held October 24. ● Heritage Series officials – Hunter Jumper ● There are Powerpoints on the MHC website for anyone interested in becoming an official. ● Eryn Butterfield reported that there will be a General Performance virtual clinic in February with Tracy Dopko from Darwell, Alberta. <p>Marketing – Kiirsten May (via video)</p> <p>Competitions – Sarah Read (not in attendance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Multi Discipline Team Challenge was not held in 2021 but is planned for 2022. ● Focusing on launching the Heritage framework for provincial sanctioning. <p>Equestrian Facility – Eryn Butterfield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reorganization of the North Parking Lot and new build of an 80'X120' warm up ring adjacent to Ring 5 ● Purchased an arena groomer which will help to maintain proper footing in sand rings. ● Installed a canteen window with support from Above Par Renovations ● Built gravel foundations and installed the bleachers purchased from Pine Ridge Equestrian Centre ● Goal for 2022: Increase bookings and usage of the facility to pre-pandemic levels <p>Coaching – Linda Hazelwood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coach Licensing – working with people to get their portfolios updated ● Three free information sessions on English Rider Levels, English & Western certification ● Mini Master Class series – online teaching helping people with the Stable Management basics ● Coach Appreciation Night November 29 will be a virtual event with a larger event planned for the spring <p>By-Law review – Eryn Butterfield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The bylaws of MHC are under review and will be circulated in time for voting at the 2022 AGM.
Recreation Grant 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2021 grants awarded to Manitoba Horse Trials and Manitoba Driving Society ● Remember to nominate a project for 2022 ● Forms will be in the post-meeting package, with a submission deadline of January 31 ● The total Recreation Grant available is \$2,500

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applications should be aimed at projects which support the largest number of recreational riders, anywhere in the province
Annual Awards nominations	<p>Geri Sweet.</p> <p>The committee will be updating the awards for 2022 to include one specific to recreational riders. Nomination forms will be out early in January so that people have lots of time to make nominations.</p>
Club reports	<p>Ashern Horse Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laurel Meisner. Ran a horse show in August and looking forward to having more events in 2022 including a spring clinic. <p>Brandon light Horse & Pony Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erin Anderson. Holding a clinic with Dayton Gorsline at the end of November. Spring shows in 2021 were rescheduled to August. <p>Canadian Western Horse Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Linda Park. The club did not have any shows this year. Looking forward to 2022. <p>Central Canada Reining Horse Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bonna Jean Bateman. Had big plans for 2020, some shows are earlier, postponed June show to August, but had to close at 5 days notice. Hopes up for 2021. <p>Crocus Cow Horse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chas Lambert and Shannon McKenzie. Gained four new members in 2021 and offering them free membership for 2022 due to cancellation of shows and clinics in 2021. <p>Distance Riders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carrie Wilson. Were able to hold 3 rides at the end of August. Eager to work with MHC re the trail systems in Manitoba. Planned Clinic with Dr. Glen Sinclair on horse vital signs. Want to be proactive and science-based regarding Coggins testing during 2022 with regard to the end of active fly season. <p>Dressage Winnipeg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Susan Mathews. Held shows in July and September with lower numbers than normal. Canceled the provincial Gold championship. 3 shows are booked at BHP for 2022. <p>Manitoba Cutting Horse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Garry Gerbrandt. 2021 started with lots of optimism – new members, 12 shows but ran into problems getting any judges across the border. Can't get cattle to practice which is very difficult. ● Ran a successful event for high school rodeo teaching 5 teens turned into an event with families and friends attending. ● Judging clinic for local people <p>Manitoba Driving Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sheila McClarty. Started the season late. Learn to Drive and Bridge Navigating clinics. Canceled events due to rain and smoke. ● Recreation grant was used to build the footing around the bridge and clean up entrances to pond. ● Started a reward program for members to encourage participation <p>Manitoba Horse Trials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Danae Martin. 2021 was an up and down year. ● Used recreation grant to update the water jump in BHP to bring it up to safety standards. ● Working with Parks and MB Driving Society to update other PanAm jumps in the park to meet current safety standards. ● Thank you to MHC for use of the Zoom for meeting. <p>Manitoba Hunter Jumpers Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 130 members. Ran 4 horse shows with COVID protocols, largest had 100 competitors.

- Diamond jubilee in 2022. There will be special events and logo to mark.
- Concerns provided re new warm up ring size and footing
- Working on building new jumps

Manitoba Mounted Shooters

- Shawn Parsons. At the Canadian Finals in Sask. Members were in the top 10 and 2 are going to Texas to compete in the World Championships.
- Looking forward to clinics in spring 2022.

Manitoba Pony Club

- Val Crowe – More lessons and mini camps are running in 2021 compared to 2020.
- Banquet in November cancelled due to health restrictions
- Ran Dressage and Show Jumping championships
- Canadian Pony Club is discussing with EC issues around officials

Manitoba Quarter Horse Association

- Wanda McFadyen. 2021 was a successful year. Held virtual clinic with Ben....
- Fell in love with BHP facility – had a great show, relaxed.
- Improve Your Score clinic with Lyle Johnson
- Ranch Horse Clinic in Brandon
- 6 AQHA judges in Canada were very busy as US judges couldn't cross border.
- Feb 8 AGM and March the Canadian Summit will be held in Brandon. EC has been invited to talk about chip ID programs.
- World Champion – Sharon Forbes-Hanks

Manitoba Riding for the Disabled

- Kristy McFee. Reopened program with smaller numbers because of COVID.
- There is still a waiting list for spots. Need double-vaxxed volunteers with horse experience!
- Olympic themed online courses included a tour of West Wind.
- Online fundraisers are working well.
- Excited to reveal new name at the end of 2021.

Manitoba Team Cattle Penning Association

- Rick Andrews. Still trying to navigate COVID. Clinic for beginners in early May.
- Throughout summer a number of barns had practices outside.
- New board focus on grassroots. Need to rebuild
- Three members competed in Calgary Stampede and won in the Open Class. And then placed at the World Championships in the US.
- Interested to hear about the cattle pen at BHP – will mention that to his board.
- He will make sure to add events to the MHC calendar.
- Anyone who wants to try the sport please contact Rick.

Manitoba Trail Riding Club

- Iris Oleksuk. Thanks to MHC for work and support. Hosted 3 rides July, August and September that were well-attended and lots of fun.
- Working with Manitoba Mountain Biking Association to film a video on Trail Safety.
- Mini ride clinic to bring in new members
- 4 rides planned for 2022

Manitoba Welsh Pony and Cob Club

- Joanne Armstrong. Small but passionate group.
- Held 45th annual All Welsh Show in September. 22 ponies. Judge from Ontario
- Planning for 2022 September 27 & 28 in Verdon.

Southern Manitoba Western Style Dressage

- Kayla Currie. 3 new board members. 3 virtual shows in 2021 with lots of interest from Alberta and Sask.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2022 – expand virtual shows and hope to have some live shows. <p>Southern Manitoba Working Equitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carol Stansfield. Managed one schooling event and a clinic with clinician Jill Barron from Alberta. Thanks to MHC for Return to Play and Return to Competition. Jill came back for 2 days in October for individual lessons. Built new obstacles in their down time, bridge, stalls, gate etc. Some COVID compliant practices. Fundraisers cancelled, but now have a licence for a virtual 50-50 draw, advertised on their Facebook page. <p>Springfield Polo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bruce King. Not able to host tournaments in 2021 due to COVID. Most other western tournaments were also canceled. ● Did send a team to one Alberta tournament and placed 2nd. Members of our team won both best playing horse and most valuable player. <p>Urban Stables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carla Bergen. Started classes in October great to connect in person with kids. ● 20th year of programming. ● Executive Director retired after 20 years. ● In process of looking for a new home for program. ● Holiday campaign kicks off November 30 <p>Westman Dressage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shannon McKenzie. Membership is steady. Looking forward to 2022
Questions and Suggestions	<p>Garry Gerbrandt mentioned that he uses a heavy metal gate to drag his arena and it works well to pack and even out footing</p> <p>Forms to be distributed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Club membership forms ● Capri insurance application ● Recreation Grant applications <p>Links mentioned in tonight’s meeting as well as to Respect in Sport and Ethical Decision-Making courses will be sent out with the minutes of the meeting</p>
Adjournment	John Biron thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 8:53p.m.