

Northern Saddle Club Meeting Minutes

May 1st, 2013

Members Present: Gerri, Anika, Lesley, Gail, Gina, Reka, Anna, Chrisandra and Erin

Called to Order at 7:05 pm

Finalized Agenda, added Covered round pen and Burseries
Minutes from last meeting approved as read. Gina/Gail. Carried

Treasurers Report:

We will be keeping the savings from now on for the Lexy fund and a rainy day fund. Balance in the account without the Doug Mills and Amanda Self clinic deposits was read. Motion to accept the treasurers report at presented. Gail/Lesley. Carried

Correspondence:

Final inspection for the shavings bin was passed. It is horse week June 1-9th and if applied for, Horse Council will give you a free gift for organising something on this week. Possibly the three breed show?!

Motion to give a \$50 gift certificate for auditing. Erin/ Reka. Carried

New Dates:

In the end of May Lesley would like to bring in another driving clinic due to the popularity of the last one. Kyle Mills would like to come up either June 7-9th or June 21-23rd. Both dates would work for the grounds and should have no interference. Geri will be contacting Jill about the spring schooling show just to double check.

Old Business:

Proposal to extend the indoor- Gail had spoken to Roy about the regulations and any other steps involved, but has not received a response yet. We should make a proposal on what we would like to accomplish and send it to the town. Motion to pursue a grant for the covered round pen. Gina/ Reka. Carried.

Lease renewal letter- sent in and no response as of yet.

Mowing- Gina has brought forth quotes on bringing in someone to mow the grounds. Next question was how often should this be done. Motion to give Gina a budget of \$1500 for hiring Mike Moore to cut the grass three times. Motion amended to have Mike Moore come in the end of May for the initial mow, and then discuss what should be done again and when. Erin/ Anika. Carried

Grounds repair- This year we will be keeping on top of things. Next year we will make plans to hire someone to do the up keeping. We need to make a list of maintenance jobs and duties for the grounds keeper when we get one! We need to place boards up in one of the barns as well for anyone who notices something that needs attention. That way it can be fixed right away. This year we will use the memberships to do the up keeping. We can make a calendar with jobs needing to be done, place it on our website and/or Face book, hopefully everyone will sign up for at least one day/job such as harrowing. Geri will make up the calendar, Anika will coordinate response. Al Gauthier has been

volunteered to come fix our harrows. ☺

Workbee- It was a good turn out. A big thank you to the Evelyn 4-h. Anika and Peter came and harrowed the ring for \$63. Main ring was raked. Geri will ask Crystal and Kathy about the pile of sand by the dressage ring and if we could get John to move it to the main ring. Motion to have the sand added if its ok. Erin/Anika. Carried. After May, Tina and Downy will be moving the blocks in front of barn A for fixing the manure pit. Next workbee will be May 26th. Owen Rowsell will be doing the whipper snipping. Arenas need to be raked, around the jumping arena needs to be cleaned up etc. Gail will make a list of jobs for the workbee.

New Business:

Kids camp- Need to find an instructor and horses. Its too late this year but should be a project that someone needs to take on for next year. Work with the town and have it advertised with them. Need to look into liabilities, insurance, organising, handlers, horses, instructors etc. Whos interested?!

Saddle Club fees increasing in 2014- Last years income for memberships was around \$8,000. Next year we will be increasing the fees unless the members volunteer. In that case they can have a discounted membership. So ask for postdated cheques? It will require more organization to keep track of who volunteers. We could do some fundraising. Have a dance? Get T-shirts and hats made up?

Bursaries- We had two applicants, Cailey Stronks and Amanda Howard. Both had great write ups and pictures and both will be receiving a bursary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next meeting is June 3rd, 2013 at the Hudsons Bay Lodge