

# Minutes of the NSC Meeting, April 2nd, 2014

## Hudson Bay Lodge, Smithers

Present: : Geri + John Brown, Erin Rowsell, Gina DeHoog, Ron Brown, Gail Pasaluko, Leah Germain, Reka Schippers, Terry Dancey, Anika Gattiker

Called to order: 7.10pm

Additions to Agenda: Bingo @ BVX, question from Erin

Approval of minutes: Minutes of last meeting were read. Gail motioned to approve, Gina 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, AIF.

Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was presented. Gina motioned to accept the report, Gail 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF

Correspondence:

- Geri wrote letter to BVAIA and FFMC regarding request for votes for NSC on this committee. No reply.
- NSC sent letter to FFMC regarding grant amounts NSC had received which the BVAIA had wrongly included in their contributions to the fairgrounds in the past. BVAIA sent a letter in reply apologizing for this error.
- Letter from BVCU re dividend
- Letter from Midsummer Festival with dates June 28<sup>th</sup> - July 8<sup>th</sup> (incl. clean up) but exclusive use only July 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, still subject to approval from 4H and NSC.
- Info from Jumpstart re grants available for kids for Kid's Camp.
- Mining Exhibition dates June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, only Fri/Sat. exclusive
- All clinic dates were approved at the FFMC
- Letter from Kim Hunter re BodyTalk Access Clinic May 3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Cheque from Kim Hunter for \$30 for shavings

New Dates:

- Doug Mills clinic back to June 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Indoor and round pen.
- Spring schooling show, June 14<sup>th</sup> + 15<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Show Sep. 27<sup>th</sup> + 28<sup>th</sup>

- Old Business:
  - Kid's camp: So far 4 - 6 horses have been promised. Roxy and Ronja Schippers still thinking about if they would be willing to coach. Send letter to Andrew (TOS) to put on website. Leah is working on registration forms.
  - NSC Website: Domain name paid for 9 years. Motion made by Erin to spend up to \$300 for hosting (3 yrs). Gina 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF.
  - Sign in book: Is getting some use but not everybody is signing in yet.
  - BV Foundation grant for \$1,800 for the purchase of harrows. Geri has an offer for harrows (can be pulled by ATV) for a total of US\$3,485 + shipping and taxes. This works out to be roughly Can \$ 4,290, incl. taxes and shipping to Washington. Motion was made last month to spend \$3,100 to purchase the harrows and was tabled because of amount. Motion was discussed again tonight. AIF, motion carried.
  - Round pen in the indoor arena: RP is now down, if the outdoor rp is not usable by April 15<sup>th</sup>, it can be put up again in the inside arena. AIF
  - Bingo: Did very well until dates got changed. Cleared \$ 2,462.43, concession cleared \$ 477. Next year we will start earlier (mid. Oct.) and keep dates every other week. Geri motions to spend \$50 for ad in Interior News to thank Bingo sponsors, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF.
  - Covered round pen: Several grants available now, Geri is asking Wetzinkwa grant for \$10,000, NDI for \$10,000 and since we did Bingo, we can apply at the lottery grant commission. Equine Concepts sells 60' portable covers for round pens for \$25,000 US. There are shipping, taxes and set up costs on top of that. Our part could maybe be "in kind". Letter should be written to FFMC to inform them of our plan. We shouldn't need approval from them.
  - 50 Years NSC:
    - 50<sup>th</sup> year jump for jumping arena
    - 50<sup>th</sup> year teeter totter for trail class
    - Special poker ride Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> (Leah and Gina), place TBA
    - Trade show booth (probably too late)
    - Float at BVX parade
    - Fun shows could be special for 50<sup>th</sup>. Dates for fun shows: June 14<sup>th</sup> + 15<sup>th</sup> (spring schooling show), Sep. 27<sup>th</sup> + 28<sup>th</sup> (Fall Show).
    - Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, dinner and dance (find out when rodeo dance is), place TBA
    - Overnight trail ride, July 4/5/6. Maybe Silverking.

#### New Business:

- Anika to send out another newsletter with all the info and dates in these minutes.

- Indoor arena: was watered and harrowed (Downie). A load of sand would be nice. Reka to ask Downie how much topdressing would be (22mx40m).
- Spring workbee: Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2pm pizza provided. Geri to make up to do list and pass on to Anika for newsletter/Leah for website
- Transferable membership: Angelika Langen asked if there would be a possibility for a transferable membership for her volunteer workers who change every 8 weeks. There is nothing like this in the bylaws and it wouldn't work since hcbc membership is a must as well.
- Bingo @ BVX: Cindy Savage approached Geri if NSC wants to run Bingo for several hours during the fair. Tent would be supplied. Would be good money maker. Afternoons would be good or before rodeo. Percentage to BVX should be negotiated.
- Donation to BVX: NSC donates \$200 to Light Horse Show at BVX but there is so much in kind donation (barns, trail and jump equipment, stalls, etc.) We should be in a higher category of sponsors (platinum). Geri to talk to Cindy Savage.
- Mowing: Should Mike Moore do the mowing again? Erin motions to spend up to \$1,500 for mowing this summer. Reka 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF. Gail to contact Mike.
- FFMC Update:
  - Gina is no longer on the FFMC (as a BVAIA member).
  - Jan McClary sent a letter to the BVAIA as a member of the BVAIA to request a general meeting for the membership regarding the BVAIA proposal for the Business Land Use Plan, to discuss who should be on the FFMC with voting power, to discuss requests of NSC, SRC, BV Bowmen and 4H to be represented there, to discuss user members of each group to be on the FFMC board.
  - NSC will write a similar letter to the BVAIA, cc TOS.
  - NSC (Erin) will also write a letter to TOS, cc BVAIA/FMCC addressing our concerns about the BVAIA/FFMC managing the grounds since we have our own lease. NSC wants voting power whatever board is in charge.

Meeting adjourned: 9.30pm

Next meeting: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.