

Northern Saddle Club – General Meeting - April 1, 2015

Attendance: Downey Phillips, Tina Hackle, Ron Brown, Gina DeHoog, Erin Rowsell, Leah Germain , Lillian Kooij, Reka Schippers, Leslie Flint, Kim Hunter, Terry Dancey - Minutes taken by Leah Germain/Gina DeHoog

Brief talk and show by Kim Hunter for the upcoming Body Talk sessions. – Thank you Kim!

Call to Order: 7:10

Chair - Motion by Downy to have Gina DeHoog chair and Leah Germain take minutes, Second by Tina. AIF - carried

- **Agenda** – Motion by Tina to accept the agenda, seconded by Downy. AIF – carried Additions: BVX and Trail Challenge competition/obstacles, Thank yous
- **Previous Minutes** – Motion to accept March 4/15 minutes by Tina, seconded by Ron. AIF – carried
- **Appointment of Directors** – President – Leah Germain, Treasurer – Erin Rowsell, Events – Gina Dehoog. Motion by Tina to appoint the listed people for the open positions, seconded by Reka. AIF – carried
- Chair handed over to new President, Leah Germain. Gina Dehoog to continue minutes.
- **Treasures Report** by Erin Rowsell – Motion by Leslie Flint to accept, Seconded by Reka. AIF – Carried
- **Correspondence** – Documents received from 3 in 1, BVX invoice for sponsorship, letter from BVCU, resignation letters accepted from Geri Brown and Gail Pasaluko.
- **Dates:** New Date – Jonathan Cooper Extreme Trail and Obstacle Clinic – June 26-28. Erin to contact Capri to check insurance coverage.
- **Old Business:**

Lottery money from Last season – Erin paid Vihar and used the bingo money from last year. Had to be used by March 31/15. Leah will ask Kathy Dohler if we can use the dirt outside the warm up ring as it is depreciating and growing weeds. Gina motioned that Downy remove grass brims on rings and add footing. If money left over move to the Jump warm up ring. Seconded by Ron, AIF – carried.

BVX highpoints – The two NSC bursaries have been moved to the BVX highpoints: The Northern Saddle Club Betty Thibeault Jr English Rider and The Northern Saddle Club Jr Western Rider

Bingo – Last Bingo is Thursday April 2/15. Erin to run door/entries. Ron, Tammy, Reka and Leah to help. Motion by Erin to spend \$100 for the NSC to sponsor the last Bingo. Seconded by Reka, AIF – carried.

Trade Show – May 1-2/15. BVX and NSC will share a booth. Backcountry horseman may have posters and info along with Horse council. (Kim to find out about backcountry and Leslie to find out about HC).

License Renewal – Erin to write Jan at town to get a written confirmation that they received our letter of intent for renewing our 25 year license as is.

Summer Rentals – 3 in 1 fees and forms complete. Leah to write letter to midsummer and 4H as we have not received damage deposit/fees/forms.

- **New Business:**

FFMC Meeting – March 19/15 – town has a business plan but not sure what it is. Would be a good idea to investigate further what works for NSC and to have a land use plan. We are resigning license as is and my

consider negotiating after. FFMC next meeting is May 14 at 6:00 in the Town Hall to go over the license and lease requests from the users. Issue with the way the 4H town form was passed without signatures.

Shavings – Can no longer offer shavings for payment. Signage needed to deter theft. Leah to up a sign. Reka motions we spend up to \$50 on a shavings sign. Ron seconded. AIF – carried.

Renting Washrooms – Leah requested town washrooms for use during summer events such as kids camp. Town has said they are \$83 plus tax a day. Leah looking to pursue other options, either the 4H or the Rotary washroom.

New Washrooms/4H Washrooms - Town has allocated \$150000 to new washrooms without showers. 4H just spent lots of money rebuilding underneath their washrooms and now are in need of resurfacing the facility. Discussion on where the NSC would like to pursue helping. Do we donate money to the town one to help put showers in (but then do we have to pay to use them). Or, do we give money to the 4H washrooms in order to be able to use those ones? Need more information on both projects. Erin to write letter to the 4H to show interest in the project (payment towards washroom renovations for an insurance that nsc can use them for a period of term.

Grounds improvements – outdoor pens, arena roof, barns (repair or new, panels in pole barn, etc), arena expansion, enclose main ring, indoor lights (gail), gate repairs, dressage booth repair, footing, jump ring railing repair, etc. Discussion that the Rodeo club is considering doing an indoor, NSC would be open to discussing options. Workbee is set for April 26th/15 10:00am. Will send out reminder to all.

Electrical Locks – Leah to look at the breakers in the show office and what they control. Will get price for reciprocal locks for buildings such as concession, etc.

Trail Challenge—BVX has new classes – The BVX Wild Trail Challenge, and is wondering if NSC is interested in building the obstacles. Leah, Gina and Erin to do up designs and budget. Any profit from the Cooper clinic would go towards this.

Thank yous – Gina motioned to spend \$200 on flowers and cards for Geri and Gail to thank them for their years of hard work. Downy seconded, AIF – carried. Will also send a get well card to Mike O’Neil (Tina to do).

Next Meeting - May 6, 2015 @ HBL

Meeting Adjourned - 9:09pm