
Maine Mavericks Board Meeting

Monday, 1.13.2025

Lisle, Ny at Laceys Arbnb

Called to order 6:11pm

Attendees

Alexis Ayers, First Foreman

Lacey Barton, Second Foreman

David McGowan, Third Foreman

Teresa Shattuck, Show Secretary

Whitney Hibler, Recording Secretary

2 Year Directors: Nicole Buckley (call in), Kristina Decker, Jodi Brayman

1 Year Directors: April Howe, Aubrey Peister, Gavin Ayers, Mark Billings

Guest: Carol Bridges

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Read minutes
2. Lacey would like to propose to plan on having the Holiday Dinner at Lippys again next year. Everyone was in favor. She will book it.

New Business

1. Welcome new and old members
 2. Read minutes from last meeting Read treasury report
 - A. Go over numbers over all (Make it so all checks go to Kristen treasurer)
 - B. Streamline money
 3. Dates
 4. Ranch Riding
-

5. Fundraisers
6. Sponsors
7. Arena Maintenance
8. Keys

Notes

- I. Welcome!
- II. Lexi would like to see more protocol on deposits. For example things going to one location and streamline it right to Kristin. Her living 2 hours away makes handoffs complicated so if they go to her it eliminates that. She would like a full detailed and current financial report so we can budget for this year's spending.
 - A. Lexi would like the next step of the deposits to be timely. So she will talk to Krisitn and find out a reasonable time frame to get those in after shows and fundraisers.
 - B. Lacey is worried about losing sight of who has paid and who hasn't when she's heading on specific events
 1. Everyone agreed that if you're heading on an event or committee you are responsible to collect the payment checklist and a lump sum of paperwork goes to Kristin at the end.
 2. Checked in with Teresa about memberships going to her. Its easy enough for her to do and get to Kristin.
 - C. What does treasury support look like to meet these goals?
 - D. Venmo - everyone agrees that it's another thing to track. So it does not seem to fit our needs/goals at this time.
- III. Dates
 - A. Proposed 2025 dates will be taken to Gerry and Rita at the fair board for approval
 1. May 17 (P) & 18 (G)
 2. June 7 (P) & 8 (G)
 3. June 28 (G) & 29 (P)
 4. July 5th - open/night gymkhana show
 5. August 9 (P) & 10 (G)
 6. Silver Show
 - a. August 30 (G) September 20 (P)
 - b. September 20 (P) September 27 (G)
 7. April 12 or 26 (preferably) for BBQ and Tack Sale Fundraiser

B. Lacey would like to implement a more structured open arena and include exhibitions. What it would look like is one hour open arena as normal. The second hour would be open to \$5 expo runs and dragging every 10. Everyone liked the idea.

IV. Ranch

- A. Lacey has been in contact with Chad Mosher at ECRRA and as well as with Nickie Kurty and Dianne Lindborn about all the information on how to introduce it to our hometown horse show arena.
- B. Carol talked about what it would require for us to be an ECRRA affiliated club. There are lots of rules and regulations that come with it. Some important ones to consider
 - 1. You need approval for dates and cannot have one on the same day as another place within a 100 mile radius.
 - 2. You need approval for what four classes you choose.
 - 3. There are separate ECRRA membership fees that would have to be added on top of ours to be covered under insurance.
 - a. How would this work with our member only insurance? Would it need to be changed or to have our membership fee waived?.
 - b. Then there is the thought that we are bringing this in to grow Maine Mavericks, if we are affiliated we would only be helping ECRRA grow their club with hosting their rules, classes and memberships.
 - 4. You can also have no cross entering. So if you showed in any other classes on our performance day you would not be able to try out a ranch class.
 - 5. Some good classes to add would be halter, trail, discipline and or pleasure.
 - 6. Make sure you put it on your paperwork that they can cross enter.
 - 7. We will offer open, 19 and under walk trot and 19+ walk trot. If theres not a lot of attendance maybe go back to open only.
- C. Teresa suggests we try it for a year as ECRRA as guidelines
- D. Lacey suggests we take out the Triple Challenge and add a Buckle Series with the Ranch
- E. Lexi proposes to continue to grow Ranch by adding to our roster. Not affiliate with ECRRA and allowing cross entering. Adding a buckle series and taking out the Triple challenge.
 - 1. Lacey seconds, Jodi third, all in favor is unanimous
- F. Ranch committee will be Carol Bridges, Whitney Hibler, Aubrie Preister. They will get together this month and work out details.

V. Performance Proposal are we going to have the 4 shows this year

- A. David proposes 4 shows this year with the understanding that each class has to

have at least 4 riders to earn both Grand and Reserve year end awards. If you have 4 or less you will be granted only one high point award.

1. Teresa second, Jodi third, all in favor unanimous
- B. David are we doing silver show the same weekend? Everyone said no.
- C. Jodi brought up the changes in NYS laws coming into effect Feb 1, 2025. David is going to comb through them and see if it will pertain to us. She will share the article in the group chat.

VI. Fundraising - Lexi would like to see 3 medium duty fundraisers to help out with our big BBQ Tack Sale

- A. Teresa was approached by someone who does a calendar fundraiser and she would like to head it on in September for next year.
- B. Kristina brought up doing SuperBowl Squares instead of the lottery.
- C. Dougs fish fry and bake sale
- D. Breakfast at applebees or Glen Aubrey Fire Station
- E. Membership raffles on fb
- F. Barrel Covers
- G. Bucket Raffle things donated from Lillies Tack
 1. Teresa and Krisitna on the SuperBowl Squares
 2. Lacey will contact the Glen Aubrey fire station to do breakfast
 3. Rusty will do Dougs Fish Fry and Bake sale
 4. Bucket Raffle
- H. Lacey asked if we knew what the donated cooler for the PA system raised.
- I. Would like bigger sizes in merch.

VII. Sponsors

- A. Keep the tiered sponsor options.
- B. Show sponsors will go to Kristin.
- C. Lacey will be contacting the sponsors she has already been in contact with.
- D. Everyone needs to feather out and grab at least one big sponsor as well.

VIII. Arena Maintenance purchasing drag from fair board?

- A. Tint the windows in the office. April will send lexie a link.
- B. timer, the cord battle vs cordless options to get the display upstairs.

IX. Ribbons

- A. As soon as there is a financial report we can see how many ribbons we want to purchase.
- B. Usually the sales of the memberships at the banquet pays for the first order
- C. Would need them purchased before the sale ends in feb to get a good deal on our bulk order.
- D. Dave asked if we want to buy them all for the year now with this sale. It would depend on our budget.
- E. April suggests a budget meeting asap to get on track

X. New memebbers will get keys to the dumpster, office and bathrooms

XII. Facebook

- A. Lexi has been flooding facebook for a while and has created a standard that is difficult to meet these days. Would anyone like to take over or hire a social media director.
 - 1. Start pushing members checking the website instead
 - 2. Try a text messaging service for "live" updates

XIII. Bi-Laws would really like to have a committee go through these a few at a time and Bring them back to be voted on. Last revision 2005.

XIV. Theresa needs fun runs for Gymkhana

- A. Texas t, flying M, 50yd w a jump were tossed around

Action Items

1. Lacey will contact Lippys for next years Holiday Dinner
2. Lexi will ask Kristin for a full treasury report
3. Budget Meeting
4. Lexi and Lacey will meet with Gerry about show dates
5. Ranch Committee will meet
6. Teresa and Kristina will get the SuperBowl Squares going
7. Team shirts, navy and white
8. Everyone will work on a sponsor or 2

Next Meeting

February 10, 2025

Dunkin Donuts Whitney Point, NY

6:00pm

Adjourned 8:55pm