**MPHA Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 8th, 2023**

Online (FB Group). @ 8:00 pm

Meeting call to order : 7:57

MPHA Board Members present: Robin Little-Basil, Haley Lovell, Megan Cantrell, Rebekkah Layne, Taylor Chism and Bobbie Patterson. Members present: Darren Patterson, Debbie, Dennis, and Greg Chaney.

1. Update on the database – Darren Patterson. We have a data entry volunteer, Sara Edwards (Colorado) who has spent many hours updating our info. Possibly send a Thank You card/gift??? What other info would be good on the database?
	1. When you search in the data base you can now click through the genealogy to go to that particular horse instead of having to go back to the original search engine to search each horse in the genealogy.
	2. Discussed different ways to add to the database to making searching easier for specific types of horses.
	3. Discussed sending a thank you gift to the volunteer who helped with entering data in to the database.
2. Need someone to handle the website…update…add videos, pics, etc. Anyone want to be the website guru???
	1. Discussed options for someone to be able to take over the website and update it. Darren, Bobbie & Robin to handle for now.
3. Taylor – how’s the new versatility program coming?
	1. Update on how the entries are going and participation.
4. Haley Dean – wanting to take MPH into the “Western World” with EXCA (Extreme Cowboy Racing) info??
	1. Explanation of what the program was and how MPHA horses could potentially make an impact and participate in the program. Discussed the different options for MPHA participation in the program.
5. Possible Christmas online auction again??? Ideas? Volunteers? We still have some MPHA prints available…list on website/fb for sale? Prints to be included for $100/each.
	1. Discussed some different options on fundraising and the available MPHA prints (and what they could potentially be sold for.)
6. Any ideas for Educational opportunities? We have been invited to the Equus Survival Trust Big Show for June 2024. We will take 6-10 horses for a drill team/flags/etc. demo.
	1. Discussed different opportunities on what opportunities are available to participate in.
7. Becky Beal – how’s the $$ for registrations holding out??
	1. Discussed the amount of money that is left over from the Equus Survival Trust DNA grant.

**Upcoming Events:**

Aug 12-13th  KHP Breed Demos

Aug. 26th MPHA Arena Obstacle Challenge – Rockin R Equitherapy Center

Sept 7-10th \*Campout – Elkins Creek

Sept. 16th MPHA Arena Obstacle Challenge – Rockin R Equitherapy Center

Oct. 14th MPHA Arena Obstacle Challenge – Rockin R Equitherapy Center

Oct. 19-22nd \*Campout – Elkins Creek

Nov. 16-19th \*Campout – Stampede Run

Dec. 3rd MPHA/Drill Team Christmas Party – TBA (3-5pm)

Moved to adjourn by Bobbie Patterson and second by Megan Cantrell at 8:42 p.m.

Next meeting is 10/10/2023 at 7:00 p.m.