

Minutes of MEA Committee Meeting 3rd December 2010.

Held at Berridale Pub, 7pm

Present: Tim Dreverman (Chair), Jane Scheer, Jeannine Stockl, Bridget McCosker, Ana Barry, Sue West(minutes)

Apologies: Sally Weston, Kim Kleven, Belinda MacIntosh, Tanya Pointer,

Minutes from the last meeting not presented.

Treasurers Report

As at the end of November :

Working Account: \$375.38

Investment Account: \$9161.63

All expenses relating to the trailer have been taken out.

Reports:

1. Dressage Competition 21.11

Very few scratching's and good entries combined with good weather made it a very successful day. Anna Keppal was the judge and she had a great time and is keen to return for a protocol day (Kim Kleven is going to follow this up). Possible date would be 30th January 2011 held in conjunction with the Versatile Horse Day planned.

2. Twilight Showjumping Competition 25.11.10

29 riders and about 34 horses enjoyed an evening of jumping at JER and all voted the idea a great success. Helga Frolich judged and students from SMGS pencilled for the event which raised \$720 for the club. 10 new members also joined MEA on the evening. The course was designed by Brad Longhurst from Murrumbateman, who kindly sent the plan via Tim Dreverman on this occasion. Brad will come to the next competition (his fee is \$200 plus fuel) and then he will also leave a course plan for the following competition. The night did go a bit late and if numbers increase at future competitions then a couple of options may need to be considered:

- a) change the classes so that they are one round events eg top score or 2-phase
- b) run the competition over 2 evenings – 40,60 80 on the first evening and then 80.95,1.05 + on the second

Next competition to be held on 15th December where the first option will be trialled.

3. Trailer

The trailer has been purchased and registered and is currently loaded and being stored at Bridget's place. There is a possibility that it may be able to be kept in the Cattle Shed at the Showground. This would be ideal. Back stands and cups are still in the showground shed, all other equipment is in the trailer. Longer term Jeannine suggested looking into applying for a grant to build an MEA shed at the showground with drive-in, drive-out access – contact to get some ideas may be new member Liz Heath.

MEA Snowy Mountains Showjumping Festival 4th – 9th January

Program for Thursday has been distributed incorporating a Hunter Hack Show, Dressage and sporting events. Dressage classes were posted on Global Entries and filled within 4 hours! There is a dressage waiting list and anyone who has missed out should contact Tim Dreverman via email (tdreverman@hotmail.com) to be placed on a waiting list. Entries in the showjumping are going very well and numbers are up on the same time last year.

- Sue Grant (Bega) has offered to help full time in the office – she is very experienced in this type of event and will be very useful. We will need a couple of other people to help in the office from time to time – they will need to come and learn how to use Global Entries (not very hard). Sue West will also be in the office but would like to ride in two classes each day so will be out for a period of time.
- Tim and Sue will put together a helper's calendar and get it to Bridget to distribute to members so people can volunteer for jobs on the days they are available.
- Negotiations with council are still underway re the showers – new amenities block will not be ready so it does not seem reasonable for council to still charge the same high rates for camping when they are unable to offer proper facilities to campers and MEA will be forced to hire a shower block. Bridget to work with Tim on this one.
- Proposed to have a bar on Saturday night – contact Fred Nicholls (Rugby Club) or Tony Kaltoum (Lions Club) re this one (Tim to do)
- Alkira motel has been booked for judges – 3 rooms for the duration
- Monaro Post and Echo have run articles, Tim is speaking with local ABC radio and hopefully Express will also run an article for us. Banner is to have date altered and spot has been booked with the Visitors Centre.

- Sponsorship is coming in slowly. Letter to all local business houses is to be sent out asap (Ana). Discussion followed as to who else to contact. Currently have: 2020 Financial Solutions, Horseland, Cosmorex Coffee, FP Riding School, Michael Lees, Premier Floats. Need also to chase sponsors from last year – Sue and Tim to assist Ana with this job.
- Live Radio Broadcast has been booked for the Saturday and the evening entertainment has been arranged, including a display by the Australian Champion Trick Riders (free of charge)
- Ribbons have been ordered. SMPH to sell leftover ribbons from last year to MEA. Bridget will fix invoice when it arrives
- Dressage judge – Kim to arrange? (Tim has contacted Jan Smith but she is not available.) Janine will organise Maryanne Mould to score. She will also do catering for Thursday (other days to be arranged through Sue West but members to be asked to cook slices, make sandwiches etc for judges lunches) and arrange penciller etc. We will also need help for sporting – Penny Cassilles suggested as person to run these events using gear borrowed from Cooma PC

Committee to correspond via email and the next meeting will be held after the Festival for a wrap-up and to organise the events at the end of January.

Meeting closed 9.30pm