Mounted Eagles Board Meeting

August 12, 2013

Super 8 Hotel, Baxter, MN

Present: Jan Moran, Sandy Strom-Gieseke, Cheryl Triplett, Mel Salzl, Lynn Fairbanks, Aggie Stroot, Mary Hammer, Lise Lunde

Meeting called to order at 6:25 by Cheryl T.

**Agenda Approval:** the board reviewed the meeting agenda. Jan M made motion to accept agenda and Aggie S made a second. Motion to approve agenda was passed.

**Minutes:**  The July minutes were reviewed by the board. Aggie S. made a motion to approve the July minutes and Mel made a second. Motion to approve July minutes was passed.

**Financial Report:** Aggie provided board with updated financial report. There was a discussion and questions by board on expenses, donations and revenues. Aggie S addressed all questions.

Lynn inquired about ideas to promote sale of ME cookbooks. Discussion included promotion around the holidays.

Lise L made motion to approve financial report and Mary H made a second. The financial report was approved.

**Executive Directors Report:**  Lynn F. had no new information

**Old Business:**

Volunteer update: Volunteer training took place on July10. Cheryl T. informed board that some the recent volunteers would not be continuing due to variety of reasons including allergies and no show. There are 2 volunteers that have signed up David Patterson and Veronica. Cheryl and Lise will set up training sessions in the near future.

Logos: Board reviewed second draft of new ME logos. The board liked the horse/rider logo that was a new addition but suggested a couple of revisions. There was discussion whether the eagle should remain in the logo. Lise will bring logo drafts for Susie to review on Wednesday and send Linda Dahl a request to make some additional changes in the typing on the horse/rider logo.

There was a discussion of including hats with logo in the future.

Equine Training Assistant: the board with some suggested revisions which included deleting some of the specifications related to volunteer time reviewed the job description draft. It was decided that volunteer activities would fall outside of any hours not covered by job responsibilities. Aggie clarified that workman’s comp would cover any job related medical coverage for position.

Hours were discussed related to allocated budget funds. The board agreed that individual should be available for warming up and preparing horses for classes and could possibly leave before the end of the classes. Lise will meet with Susie to review hours needed for position. The position would also include 5 hours of horse training time each week, separate from class days

Kristina Beckman, a current volunteer was the only applicant. Lynn interviewed her today and recommended that the board consider her for the position with a 90-day probation period. Susie and Kristina have worked together since April of this year.

Lise made a motion that after hours were clarified that the position be offered to Kristina. Mel made a second to the motion. The motion was approved.

Pizza Ranch fundraiser: Lynn reported that the event resulted in $488 profit. It was agreed to repeat this event next year.

Special Olympics: Lynn gave overview of event. There were 44 riders from 3 separate programs. The coverage from Lakeland News was excellent and included interviews with 3 riders. Brianna Visser and her judging crew were really great with riders and very professional.

Horse Replacement: The board agreed to proceed with evaluating Fjord in northern Minnesota. Aggie and Lise will try to schedule a time to go to see horse and will ask Toni W to join us.

**New Business**:

Walk N Roll: The event is scheduled for Saturday Sept 7. Cheryl T is coordinating publicity. Lynn suggested that the committee schedule a separate meeting to work on event details.

Mel requested that any items for silent auction be dropped off at Spirit Horse. Lynn informed that Thrivent may not be able to donate this year. Mile markers and T-shirt sponsors are coming in.

Turtle races: Lynn requested that the turtle wranglers from the summer be given a free dinner at the Walk N Roll. The board agreed to this request.

Hoofin It: The committee members are Aggie S, Mary H and Chris Bergen. Registrations are being mailed soon with invitation to previous participants. There was a discussion of adding an obstacle course or scavenger hunt.

Lise L made a motion adjourn meeting. Mel S made a second. Motion was approved.

The next meeting will on Monday September 9.