

Mounted Eagles Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, Sept 9, 2013
Super 8 Hotel, Baxter, Mn

Present: Mary Hammer, Cheryl Triplett, Lynn Fairbanks, Mel Salzl, Aggie Stroot, and Lise Lunde

Cheryl T. called the meeting to order at 6:20. Meeting agenda was reviewed by the board. Lise L made a motion to approve minutes. Mel S. made a second to motion. Meeting agenda was approved.

Review of Minutes: There were no changes or suggestions made to August 2013 minutes. Mel S. made a motion to approve minutes. Aggie S. made second to motion. The August minutes were approved.

Financial Report: The board reviewed the financial report presented by Aggie S. There was a discussion about revenues from Special Olympics event, payroll expenses and insurance costs. The events remaining for the 2013 year in the budget include Hoofin It, Fall Cookie sales and ME cookbook sales. Aggie reported that ME is \$1500 in the black at the present time.

Lise L made a motion to approve the financial report. Mel S made a second to the motion. The motion was approved.

Executive Directors Report: Lynn did not have additional information to report.

Old Business:

Volunteer Update: Volunteer training is scheduled for 9/11 with two new volunteers scheduled to attend. Sue Brenanan is unable to attend. It was noted that the attendance to the summer Volunteer training was not high and that the same people attend most of the volunteer training sessions. Lise L. shared that Susie B. is anticipating a need for additional volunteers on Tuesdays with the end of the summer and school starting this month. The board discussed possible resources for volunteer recruitment including the Crow Wing County Volunteer Coordinators office.

Updated ME logo: Lise distributed the revisions made by Linda Dahl for ME logo. The board agreed that the logo with the smaller, less abstract printing was preferred. Lise shared that Susie felt that Eagle should be part of new logo. She had a discussion with Susie who also felt that she would like some representation of rider with wheelchair or crutch. It was decided that Lise will meet with Linda to discuss further revisions and that Susie would be invited to the next meeting to discuss update on logo with the board.

2013 Walk N Roll: Mel shared info from silent auction. The Vikings photo received the most bids. All of the items donated from professional sport teams received bids at the auction. Lynn sent letters to the Vikings, Twins, Timber wolves and the Wild.

Lynn reported that there were 40 walkers that participated in the event. The money raised by pledges was similar to last year. The revenue goal of \$15,000 was not achieved but the expenses for the event were less than projected. The final revenues will be reported at the next meeting.

The spaghetti dinner raised \$533. There were 87 meals served and 70 meals paid for. Some meals were donated to the volunteers from the Turtle races. Food donations were made from ROMA and Mary Hammer.

Turtle Races: Lynn F. gave an update on Turtle Races. After Labor Day the turtles were returned to vendor. Next year, minnows as food for turtles will be donated. The volunteers were a great asset to the success of the program. ME received \$5,800 from the Niswaga Chamber of Commerce. Expenses were \$450.

Horses: The ME Horse show is scheduled for Sunday November 20. The event will start at 12 noons. There will be a potluck for food that day. Susie has made the decision to retire and will now be available for the Horse Show.

Aggie S., Susie B. and Lise L. made a trip to evaluate Pooh Bear, a 17-year-old Fjord mare as a therapy horse. She was ridden and worked in the arena. All 3 agreed that she might be a good addition to the program. Lise L made a motion that Pooh Bear is accepted for further evaluation for a 2 month probation period a potential ME therapeutic riding horse. Mel S made a second to the motion. The motion was approved. Aggie S will contact the owners to make arrangements. Lynn F will be meeting with Staci and Susie tomorrow to update them on the plan.

New Business:

Lead instructor role: The board had a general discussion regarding being aware of communications with ME staff and others about board discussions. It was agreed that at times it might be challenging to know what information can be shared. Mel S and Lise L shared some challenges that they have experienced in this area.

Susie B. will be invited to the October meeting to review and discuss the updated ME logo and to participate in other discussion related to the day-to-day operations.

2014 Planning Session: Lynn F proposed that the board meet at a separate time for a 2014 Strategic Planning Session for Mounted Eagles. The board agreed to consider meeting the second Monday in January for this purpose.

Lynn suggested development of a Fund Raising Handbook for Mounted Eagles, which would include an outline of each fundraiser. This would include organizational timeline,

checklist for planning, and description of responsibilities to be assigned. The chairperson for each fundraiser would draft an outline.

Lynn F also recommended that a meeting to be scheduled in January to review PATH Standards. The 2014 Budget will be presented to board before January 2014.

Hoofin It: Aggie S reviewed schedule for Hoofin It on October 5. She does need volunteers for the day. She presented schedule of events including trail riding times and meal times and menu selections.

Cheryl T made a motion to adjourn meeting. Mel S. made a second to adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 14,2013