Mounted Eagles

Board of Directors Meeting

September 8, 2014

Super 8 Hotel

**Present:**  Aggie Stroot, Susie Bailiff, Cheryl Triplett, Sandy Strom-Gieseke, Lynn Fairbanks, Mel Salzl, Deb Griffin, Lise Lunde

Meeting was called to order by Cheryl T at 6:25 pm

Lise L. made a motion to approve agenda. Aggie S. made a second to motion. Motion was approved.

Mel S. made a motion to approve August minutes. Aggie S. made a second to motion. Motion was approved.

**Financial Report:**

Aggie S presented financial report for board to review and discuss.

The Walk N Roll profit on preliminary numbers is approximately $9700.

There was discussion and some questions regarding fundraising profits. The overall profit is $21,353. This does not include income from Walk N Roll silent auction.

Mounted Eagles currently has $12,760 in the bank and $538 in savings account

The Pay Pal account amount= $253.10

Amazon Smile income is a small % of purchases

Lise L made a motion to approve financial report. Mel S. made a second to motion. Financial Report was approved.

**Executive Directors Report**

Lynn F. informed board that the Brained Dispatch wrap for Mounted Eagles was modified and the charge for publication was $410. Due to misunderstanding with publication the Dispatch will provide free advertising for Night with The Stars.

**Volunteer Report**

There were some new inquiries about volunteer opportunities from employees of the Sound Connection and also a person who may have a horse to donate to the program.

The next volunteer training session will be held on September 10 at the barn after riding is completed.

**Horse Update**

KC is at Spirit Horse Center and has been introduced to the arena. She has been in the paddock with other Mounted Eagles mares.

KC will be the replacement horse for Pookie and Rosie. The program currently has 6 riding horses with the addition of KC. The board discuss for introduction of KC and eventual retirement of Ace due to his physical issues. Susie has proposed a 45 day trial for Ace as he has been feeling better.

The horse committee has looked at one horse since last meeting but there were some concerns regarding lameness. There are 2 horses that may be possible candidates in the Twin Cities area. The committee decided not to travel to North Dakota to see potential horse due the time required and the time of year.

Lise L made a proposal to the board: There will be a 45 day trial for Ace and also for KC. At that time the situation will be reevaluated. No further horses will be purchased during the winter months unless the horse has exceptional potential as a therapeutic riding horse.

Susie B has been making a few changes in horse/rider teams and will continue to update this list.

**Recognition of Board Members**

October 6 or 27 has been identified as potential dates to recognize past board members Jan Moran and Mary Hammer. Cheryl T will follow up with Mary about availability to attend on either day. The board plans on meet at Boomer’s Pizza.

**Facebook**

Aggie S., Lynn F and Cheryl T have ability to input onto the Mounted Eagles Facebook page. The number of likes has increased in the last month.

**Walk N Roll**

Update provided by Lynn F.

Profit from spaghetti dinner= $583.25

Expenses for spaghetti dinner= $73.10 Mary H. made a donation of much of the food

There were 40 walker/riders on the trail.

There were 71 dinners served. Some were donated to Turtle Wrangler committee

Total of 35 sponsors for the event including Mile Markers, Finish Line, t shirts etc.

Net income: $11,500 with a projection of $12,000. The expenses for event were less than expected.

Comments:

Room was too big for dinner

Band was a little disappointing

There was a need for more audience participation

Consider DJ rather than band for next year

Silent Auction:

Items with the most bids included fleece blanket, Menard’s gift card, and Elvis CD

Other items with a number of bids included bird feeder, horse purse, sweat shirt, Amazon gift card and glass bowl set

The profit from silent auction: 36% from board members, 57% from volunteers and board members.

There were 32 items with no bids and 25 items went for over the valued amount.

Suggestion: Next year include the name of donor on the silent auction items.

**Night with the Stars**

The cost for food and rental of stand for the band is approx. $2000 dollars

Food will be served by floating serving staff

The Star picture boards of Audrey Hepburn and Dean Martin have arrived

Additional star boards were donated by Party World/ Chery Geldman

Set up will start at 2 pm on the day of the event.

**Hoofin It**

Aggie S had minimal new information. She will be in touch with Mary H to organize food.

Sept 13 is the pre-registration date but many sign up later.

**Calendar**

Jan Moran will not be able to do 2015 calendar project but donated $600 to the program.

**New Business**

Deb G brought up some concerns about the current information on website and ease of contacting program staff. There was a discussion about these areas.

Lynn F will be submitting a grant to Essentia Health for 2015 as we will be eligible at that time.

The board discussed ongoing challenges of training and then loosing volunteers. Cheryl T and Deb G will work on developing a way to follow up with volunteers that leave the program.

Motion to adjourn made by Lise L. and second by Mel S.

The next meeting will be at Boomer’s Pizza on October 6. It will be an abbreviated meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lise Lunde

Secretary