**Manitoba Horse Council Liaison Report**

As the MHJA liaison to Manitoba Horse Council, my role is to be the bridge between MHJA and MHC, to bring forward concerns, feedback etc. and to share what is happening at MHC.

I attended MHC’s Annual General Meeting on April 17, 2022. The meeting was well attended by Club representatives, Board members and general Members. Discussions focused on the operations of MHC, looking back at 2021 activities and plans for 2022. One main topic to be expanded following the AGM which impacts all clubs and all members was the topic of Safe Sport. MHC has been tasked with ensuring all sports people can participate in their sport in a comfortable and non-threatening environment. MHC has signed the Responsible Coaching Movement pledge and have encouraged all member clubs to do the same. MHC‘s funding is more and more dependent on coaches and officials taking professional courses and awareness of how to avert breach of Safe sport guidelines and provide a safe and welcoming atmosphere for the equestrian community. This is a priority for MHC.

MHC has developed a member survey. If you have not filled it all ready the deadline is January 31. MHC is wanting to hear from their members as to how they can improve their membership experience and benefits. Looking for everyone’s feedback, fostering conversations and building community with Clubs and members is a priority. MHC will be providing a calendar of all events across disciplines free of charge to all MHC members as of March 1st. MHJA has submitted all of MHJA Show dates also and they will be included on the calendar.

On Nov 24, 2022 I attended the Council of Clubs meeting. Areas that were identified for continuing discussion was: attracting volunteers for shows and activities, Incentives for officials and travel grants.

On Jan 26, 2023 I attended a Club representative meeting to further discuss some of the issues brought at the Council of Clubs. Topics included: Officials- finding and booking for Shows, volunteer recruitment, Provincial Competition Series, opportunities for collaboration among clubs (equipment sharing, reciprocity between clubs, Show Organization etc.) More information from this meeting will follow.

Manitoba Horse Council has moved offices and is now located on the main floor of Sport Manitoba Building, Room 103. Diane David, Executive Director of MHC and Kylee Tonita , Administrator can both be found here. Manitoba Horse Council’s Annual General Meeting will be April 20, 2023

Respectfully Submitted

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