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# Maine Mavericks Board Meeting

Monday, 1/5/26

Lisle, NY

Called to Order 5:35pm

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## Attendees

David McGowan, First Foreman

Lacey Barton, Second Foreman

Mark Billings, Third Foreman

Nicole Buckley, Treasurer

Teresa Shattuck, Show Secretary

Whitney Hibler, Recording Secretary

2 Year Directors: Carol Bridges, Alex Harmon, Theresa Yale

1 Year Directors: Gavin Ayers, Jodi Brayman, Brian Franklin

## Agenda

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Meeting minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted with no corrections.
2. The Treasury report was accepted and noted for record.
  - a. Beginning and ending balances are not matching but the monthlies and bank statements do.
  - b. Nicole is looking into ways to organize better.
  - c. Pop up barrels were ordered and so were all the office supplies for the year.

### New Business

1. Welcome everyone and introductions
  2. Rule discussions and changes
  3. Points and worker hours
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4. Show dates
5. Judges
6. Fundraising
7. Open discussions

## Notes

1. Rule discussions and changes. Everything passed with everyone in favor.
  - a. Under #5 new rule that the same horse can not be ridden by more than three riders per day.
  - b. Change that the gymkhana tie will be broken by the 50 yard dash and not the figure 8.
  - c. Add that the performance ties will be broken by the scores of equitation.
  - d. Change the wording in #7 to You must show in your division or open for 3 shows to be eligible for year end awards.
    - i. There was conversation around what it would look like if we required 3 shows for year end awards eligibility. It was brought up that weather can knock out a day. But then what about counting the silver show as a pointed show if that were to happen.
  - e. Add that the horse needs to leave the fairgrounds if proper coggins, rabies or health certificate is not provided.
  - f. We talked about really enforcing the 2 minute gate call. Even if they are there trying to work through it. They have their time and then we have to move on.
  - g. Removing meetings from worker hour options. We would rather have them attend an event where they are doing something productive.
  - h. Take out that handlers have to wear a shirt with a sleeve.
2. Points and worker hours will be combined this year. There was too much confusion and members started to really overwhelm board members with trying to get information. After each show weekend they will be handed to Carol to go on the pdf. That will be posted on the website.
3. Show Dates
  - a. Performance 5/16, 6/14, 7/11, 8/22, Silver Show 9/12
    - i. It was proposed in addition to Mini Halter we add In-hand Mini Jumping and Mini horse obstacle classes to the club show bills, at the silver show last year it brought in some new entries and the members/spectators loved it. It could help grow our performance days if we offer it more than once a year, all were in favor

- b. Gymkhana 5/17, 6/13, 7/11, 8/22, Silver Show 9/26
- c. NBHA weekend 9/19-20 would like more participation from board and members to help run this weekend. It is kinda like a fundraiser for the club. Members can ride with the NBHA non-member fee waived.
- d. Night Show 8/8
  - i. Maybe a Neon Night theme
  - ii. Open 3D dash, barrels and poles
  - iii. Day end awards
- e. Halloween FUN Show 10/24

#### 4. Judges

- a. Alex and Carol are going to get a hold of judges.
- b. CC David on email for the contract

#### 5. Fundraising

- a. A super bowl board again this year. \$10 squares means its a \$500 payout. Payouts at the end of each quarter: 1st \$75, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$75, 4th \$200
- b. Bingo and Baskets

#### 6. Switching facebook from Lexi to the club. A new email address should make this easier.

7. It was suggested that we offer day end awards for our club shows to try to spark excitement and attendance. If we were to provide a prize for \$8 just for high point winners we would spend \$136 a weekend and about \$550 for all 4 weekends. Performance had 1 show last year that made a profit. It takes a lot of energy to obtain and organize day end awards, board members have a lot already on their plate. It was felt that it was not a good time to try to add this yet. We will add day end awards to the Night Show and will continue to do it for the Halloween show.

8. Ribbons it was suggested we order all of our ribbons for the year now while we can use the 10%. We are in a position to do it and it would save \$400.


#### 9. Speakers

- a. We are taking responsibility for them and Mark is going to go through and see what's working and what's not.

#### 10. Silver Show


- a. Ask members how they feel about NBHA sanctioning the Gymkhana Show
- b. Silver Show sponsors should start being filled the first show weekend right in the office.

#### 11. Tack Sale

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- a. Set up by 8am this year
  - b. Parking needs to be in the infield
  - c. Mobile bbq pit we can set up in the infield? Mark has a contact.
  - d. We will need bbq buckets, mops and gloves.
  - e. Beans were very easy to cook and serve as a side.
  - f. Teresa will do the coleslaw again with the donated item Lacey can hopefully get
  - g. Beginning of March Lacey should have everything ready to roll as far as paperwork and sign ups and extras like the facepainting
12. Rent was raised \$25 a day so now its \$525/day
13. Prices
- a. Classes are going from \$5 to \$7
  - b. Pay out classes from \$10 to \$15
  - c. David makes a motion to accept these changes, all in favor
14. Venmo
- a. Can set it up as a INC
  - b. Would have the treasurer and the foremans on there to be a check and balances.
  - c. There will be a price difference to cover the venmo fee.
  - d. Nicole is going to look into it more.
15. Lexi and David are going to NBT to switch him over to the account.
16. Food
- a. The snack shack will be providing ice cream only this year
  - b. Mark is going to see if the boy scouts would be interested in cooking for us again
17. We will be adding sand to the arena this year
- a. 8 loads
  - b. Every other year
18. It was suggested that we look into redesigning the class sign-ins. Performance is not user friendly at all. Jodi, Carol and Teresa have some ideas.

## Action Items

- 1. Whitney will update rule revisions
- 2. Alex and Carol will contact judges
- 3. Whitney will look in to facebook
- 4. Lacey is looking in to mini jump standards
- 5. Gavin is getting a ribbon count
- 6. Nicole is looking in to venmo

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7. Lacey, Mark and Kristina are putting together a Super Bowl Board
  8. Whitney will be updating the website with new board

## **Next Meeting**

February 3rd, 2026

Lisle NY

**Submitted by** Whitney Hibler, Recording Secretary

**Meeting Adjourned** 8:23 pm