

Equine Committee

04/15/2025

Members present: Lynn Horton, Katie Plude, Lexus Reynolds, Scott Keyes, Janet Brown, Joan Harris, Lorraine Forcier, and Mary Grace Parker.

Gymkhana Under the Lights:

The committee discussed the next steps to move forward with the events. To properly manage our events, we will need at least 6 volunteers. Here are some of the duties that we would love to have volunteers: check health papers upon horse's arrival, announcer, keeper of time and placings, gate person, and arena judge. If any of these duties interest you, please reach out to someone on the Equine Committee. We would love to have you. Jill has put together a sign-up sheet for us.

We decided to cancel the May event. We felt it best to cancel to give us more time to reach out to the board, association, and public to see if we could find volunteers.

Youth Clinic

We would like to ask the Board for approval to host an Equine Clinic the weekend of June 21 and 22, 2025. This would be an overnight clinic with kids and horses arriving Friday June 20th to get settled. Everyone would be on their own for dinner Friday night.

We would need tables, picnic tables, stalls, and dorms if possible. If people wanted to stay in their campers, there would be a hookup fee. They could have water and electric, just no pump outs.

Our clinic will be open to all youth in all counties.

We are actively reaching out to presenters and coaches for the following:

Showmanship/horsemanship

Trail

Dressage

Gymkhana

Extension has graciously offered to help cover the cost of presenters and coaches.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided on Saturday, only breakfast and lunch will be provided on Sunday. The plan is to have everyone off the grounds by 2:00pm on Sunday.

More of the finer details to come.

Fair Week Follow-up

We discussed the need for shade for spectators. The committee would love to have a few picnic tables and a tent at the far end of the arena. Lynn will follow up with Chris.

Draft Tent

A discussion was held on the arena schedule for the draft horses.

Open Horse Show

A brief discussion was held on the Entry Fees vs Payout. We decided to table this discussion for now.

Arena maintenance

Our arena needs some maintenance. The footing needs to be pulled in from the edge and reworked. We may need to add another load of footing, but the plan is to rework the arena first. Committee members are reaching out to people in the equestrian community to ask for help with reworking the arena. Names that were mentioned: Billy Kennedy, Stan Horton, and Mike Bentzen may know someone.

Arena maintenance would come out of our Equine Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Horton