

## **MHC Liaison Report**

As the MHJA liaison person to MHC, I attend a minimum of two meetings a year with MHC, which enables MHJA to maintain its membership within MHC and receive a small financial grant. These meetings include the MHC AGM and the Council of Clubs meeting. The Council of Clubs is an opportunity for clubs to share activities of their respective clubs, the challenges that they are facing, resources potentially that can be shared between clubs, availability of grants etc.

### **2024 Highlights**

A comprehensive inventory of available grants is now on the MHC website under Member Resources for Club members. The inventory gives a description of the grants, starting dates, application dates, eligibility, etc. MHJA will be looking to these grants to determine which ones the club would be eligible to apply for.

Ongoing Discussions with MHC re. Criminal Checks, Child abuse checks.

MHC Board recently reviewed their progress on the 2023-2026 Strategic plan. Sport Manitoba had identified an increase in MHC membership as an opportunity to increase MHC's base funding. Currently MHC has 1800 members and hoping to be at 2500 members by 2026. MHC continues to work on their 4 strategic themes-sustainable organization, engaged community, inspired community and community investment into Birds Hill's facility. This past year, a new theme was added: inform the community to embrace MHC's role educating horse owners in the responsible care of their animals.

Prairie Crocus Competition Series – is to provide a provincial level of competition to create a safe and standardized show environment for grass roots level participants to enter competitions and have a positive experience. In 2024, within MHJA's membership – 51 of our members had a MHJA Prairie Crocus membership. Prairie Crocus competitions were run at the Birds Hill Park in conjunction with MHJA 's competitions. – Sumer Smiles, Fall Harvest, and the schooling shows.

In 2024, the base of Ring 5 at Birds Hill Facility was regraded and new sand added to the footing. MHJA contributed half of the cost of making this happen.

MHC is offering 6 clinics in 2025:

March 29 – Hunter Jumper Steward clinic at Keystone clinic in Brandon

April 12 – Rookie Rider II certification

May 2 to 4 Dressage Judge and Scribe Clinic

May 3, 10EC NCCP Coach Certification

July 12,13 – Western Riding Clinic

Nov 1,2 Coach/Trainer Symposium

Respectfully Submitted

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