

The Heart Mountain Dressage Club Newsletter

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Next Membership Meeting:

2:00pm, Sunday, March 3,
Park County Weed & Pest

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Minutes of the February 4, 2024 Meeting

Members present were — Austen, Lou, Betsy, and Randi. The meeting started at about 6:40 pm at Weed & Pest.

Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$4003.92
CD1: \$2932.12
CD2: \$1536.60
CD Total: \$4468.72

Dividends for the past month: \$7.98

Budget Report

Betsy and Randi put together a preliminary budget for 2024, using the 2023 figures to see where more or less needed to be allocated. This preliminary budget was not yet in balance, showing around \$1000 more in expense than in income.

Members present looked at where changes could be made. There was a new Expense category called Scholarship with \$500 that could be eliminated. It also looked like the arena rental projected expense of \$700 is too high. The Fairground will be free as long as we involve 4H in clinics there. Other arenas are free too, but the budget figure does include Porta-Potty rental (another \$149) which we need to have at some of the free arena sites.

Shows & Clinics

We then got into a discussion about the **Working Equitation** clinic with Teresa Bain proposed for July. Betsy had talked with Vicky Snider about using the Boot & Bottle arena. That arena rental would be \$150, but to use the Club House would be another \$150. Betsy proposed that Heart Mountain and Boot & Bottle make this a combined event. Boot & Bottle would host the event, meaning free use of the facilities, and we would pay the clinician. Member prices would apply for both club memberships. Boot & Bottle is going to meet next week to discuss this and then get back to us.

Other possibilities for the Working Equitation clinic would be the Fairgrounds and we would encourage Youth participation with lower fees; or possibly Chris Pogue's new arena. Lou will contact Chris to discuss this. Austen suggested that using the small Cody Rodeo arena, which might have restroom facilities, would be another possibility. She will contact them to find out.



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tree adjustments and
replacements, tack
repair, boot fitting, and
zippers.

If we do a combined group we might want to make it a two-day event, with a derby for the second day. This would be an opportunity for a fun run-through of the course to practice what was learned the first day. We do not have to do both though.

Betsy talked to Emmanuelle about the **Pamfou** clinic. Emmanuelle has contacted them and they will definitely be here in September, but we still need a firm date. Tundra Construction is paying for one airfare. Emmanuelle has another donor who will give \$3000. We would like to offer at least 1 scholarship for youth. The fee from them is \$175, and it was suggested we charge \$200. We are hoping to have this run for 4 days. We would limit entrants to 2 rides.

Betsy also checked with Bill Oliver about a clinic, but has no update. This would be a horse assessment clinic for pre-purchase. It would not be a medical evaluation, but Bill looks for physical indications that would make the horse less than ideal for the intended use. He evaluates the temperament – willingness to submit, ability to do the job, and so forth, both from the ground and mounted. A spring date is a possibility. It would mostly be ground stuff—sending, backing, lowering head, going over a bridge and walking through a tire.

Betsy talked with Farrah Green too, but felt like participants would have buy-in to the Parelli method, perhaps more than most people would be willing to do.

Austen put together a flyer, “Saving the Dates,” for our three shows, and posted it on Facebook. Lou will put it on the website. Lou can put together an ad too. Betsy will talk to Cody Enterprise and Austen will talk to Powell Tribune about advertising costs and sizes.

Trailer decals —

It would be nice, and good advertising, to have our name on the side of the trailer. Betsy has a friend that might give us a deal. Color would be teal and black like our logo. We want to have the type large enough to see. We would base it on our logo. It could also be all one color if that makes the price significantly lower. The text would be ‘Heart Mountain Dressage Club’ and then include the website and ‘check us out on Facebook’ in smaller type. Lou will measure the trailer side length and Betsy will get a price.

Logo clothing — Austen suggested a jacket that’s lightweight, a kind of wind breaker. We would buy it plain (about \$20 each), then add embroidery. Austen will find out the cost of sweatshirts and t-shirts. If it sounds good, we will send out order sheets to get an idea of the right number to order.

Ribbons and awards — We need about 15 blues per show and 15 reds per show. Lou

will check on the ribbon count. We also need 3 reserve and 3 champion ribbons for each show.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 3 at 2:00pm at Park Country Weed and Pest Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Randi Slaughter, Secretary





Words from our Editor...

Dear HMDC Members,

Well, the weather this month has been unseasonable GOOD! That's not a phrase you hear very often, but these warmer winter temperatures are making winter riding a lot more palatable. Don't know about you, but getting older does not lend itself to riding in frigid temps. I used to ride down to about 20F, but in the past few years it's gone up to around 30F. Lately, I'm getting really picky...I totally appreciate when it's 40 and above. Then in the summer I used to ride at 95F, but lately, if it's in that range I usually poop out. So my narrowing temperature range is totally the fault of the aging process — which I think is NOT FAIR!

I'm hoping that most of you have enjoyed these winter temperatures with your ponies, and are getting them fit and ready for our show and clinic season. We finally have the tentative calendar put together and you'll find it in this issue — so many exciting possibilities for us and our horses! We're offering 3 shows again, with Amy Larson, Marina Davis, and Chrissy Robinson judging one each. And of course, there will be a clinic with

the judge following each show.

We'll have a Ride-a-Test clinic before the first show to help you prepare.

We have another possibility coming up, maybe in conjunction with the Boot & Bottle Cody club to offer a Working Equitation clinic with local expert Teresa Bain. We're still working that out, but it's tentatively scheduled for July 20-21.

Even more exciting, we now have a relatively firm date for Pamfou Dressage to travel here from France to give a clinic for our local dressage riders. The riders from this institution, are competing in the upcoming Olympic games for France, and that tells you what knowledge they will be bringing with them to SHARE WITH US! We will probably know more about the structure and number of slots available soon, but know that the venue will in all probability be Emmanuelle McCarty's Cody arena on Sunset Rim. We are very excited to be able to offer such a once in a lifetime opportunity to our local dressage riders. It will be a little more expensive than our local clinicians, but Emmanuelle and the club have worked hard to cover many of the up front costs and keep the price in the reasonable range. "Sign me up no matter the temp!!"

Happy Riding!
Lou Kennedy
HMDC Member-at-Large



Quick and easy ways to enter our events DIGITALLY!

1. **ENTRY FORM:** Print out the entry form, fill it in and sign it.

Instead of snail mailing it, a faster and cheaper method is to take a GOOD cell phone photo of the completed/signed form and email or text it to the event manager.

2. **PAYMENT:** To avoid having to snail mail your check, another possibility is to pay using Paypal. If you don't already have a Paypal account, you can easily go to Paypal.com and set one up using your credit card. Then you can send your payment directly to HeartMountainDressageClub@gmail.com.

Always be sure to enter in the comments box that the payment is for "X" event.

Make sure your payment is designated "for family/friends."

You can do that on the last box before clicking OK. (Otherwise Paypal will deduct a small commission from your payment and the club loses that money.)

2024 Horse Event Calendar

Show/Clinic dates

DATE	TIME	WHAT	WHERE
MARCH			
March 11		HMDC Horsemanship Clinic with Ron Ostrom	Ron Ostrom's heated Arena, Garland, WY
APRIL			
April 1-2		HMDC Cavaletti Clinic with Barbara Bell	Crooked Creek Eq. Ctr, Lovell, WY
MAY			
May 18-19		HMDC Ride-a-Test Clinic with Emmalie Kruegar-Hatch	Mary Baumann's Arena, Powell, WY
JUNE			
June 1		HMDC Spring Dressage Show, Judge: Amy Larson	Crooked Creek Eq. Ctr, Lovell, WY
June 12		HMDC Dressage Clinic with Amy Larson	Crooked Creek Eq. Ctr, Lovell, WY
June 15-16		HMDC "Introduction to Dressage" Clinic Day 1 & 2 with Emmalie Krueger	Park County Fairgrounds, Powell, WY
JULY			
July 20-21		HMDC & Boot & Bottle Working Equitation Clinic with Teresa Bain	The Boot & Bottle Club Arena, Cody WY
AUGUST			
August 24		HMDC Summer Dressage Show Judge: Marina Davis, USDF Instructor to 2nd level	Park County Fairgrounds, Powell, WY
August 25		HMDC Dressage Clinic with Marina Davis	Park County Fairgrounds, Powell, WY
SEPTEMBER			
September 14-17		HMDC Clinic with French Olympic rider/trainers from Pamfou Dressage	Emmanuelle's Arena, Cody, WY
OCTOBER			
October 12		HMDC Fall Dressage Show Judge: Chrissy Robinson "L" Program Graduate	Crooked Creek Eq. Ctr, Lovell, WY
October 13		HMDC Dressage Clinic with Chrissy Robinson	Crooked Creek Eq. Ctr, Lovell, WY

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