**Minutes: Membership Meeting of the WMVSC: January 5, 2015**

**Attendance: 31**

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by J.D. Teague, President.

**Focus for 2015—Grant Writing**

Annie Kerns has worked very hard to obtain grants for WMVSC. Many grants have been allocated and some are still pending. Annie will keep the club posted as the grants come in. Thank you Annie for your dedication.

**Speaker:**

Chris Maquin, Precision Horseshoeing (719-485-4663)

Horse Ferrier since 1987 and self taught

Importance of balanced shoeing

Importance of working with the client, horse and him doing what’s good for the horse

**Secretary Report:**

Time to get serious!! Stampede coming up fast. Repairs needed to the Grand Stand, foundation needs to be re-done. Clean up, mowing, weed removal, painting and other items to be performed as weather permits. Get on board and sign up for work week-ends.

Main arena need to be re-worked, panels pulled, sand pulled back into arena and crowned. If word gets around that our arena is in bad shape we will not get cowboys/cowgirls to sign up for the events.

**Budget:**

2015 Budget reviewed and accepted by members attending the meeting.

**County Fair Issue:**

Removal and re-constructing donated building appears to be time consuming and difficult. Bids are being requested for the construction of a new building of similar size so that a comparison can be made.

The building would be located on land where the archery field is located. The WMVSC would lease this land to the County Fair and they will assume liability for this building.

The building would not interfere with the stock pens or restrict trucks from turning around during the Stampede. Temporary fencing will be installed with permanent fencing to follow.

A vote on this project was tabled at this meeting. An e-mail will go out to members for a vote on this project. Members will be brought up-to-date as information becomes available.

**Tractor:**

Club tractor was in the shop for repair the cost was $1400. An anonymous donor gave $700 toward the cost of repairs. A member vote was taken and approved to pay the $700 balance. We would like to thank this donor for the generous gift. The tractor was picked up and is at the WMVSC.

**Dressage:**

Meeting held on January 4, 2015. Discussed sand vs. crusher finds for the dressage arena. We have been given the sand from the donated building going to the County Fair we just need a dump truck to hull the sand. Anyone out there with such a truck and would be willing to make it available? Call

Grand opening for the dressage arena will be June 13 and 14, 2015. Focus will be on lessons, Western dressage, English dressage, and events. Please plan on attending this event.

Thanks to George Koons and Steve Case for their work with the American Legion on a joint venture with the WMVSC. This joint venture will split expenses on improvements and utilities that benefit both organizations such as LP gas, electric, new heating system, coating floor and building storage units at the club. We look forward to being involved with the American Legion.

JD informed the Board that each board member will head-up a committee and have an assistant to work with.

We are asking YOU to step forward and VOLUNTEER your time. It is with your help this club will grow. We all want to preserve our Western Life Style and the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club. Please contact: Tiffani at [wmvsaddleclub@gmail.com](mailto:wmvsaddleclub@gmail.com) or 719-371-5313.

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm.

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