

December 15, 2015
Equestrian Board Meeting

In attendance: Doug Vawdrey, Julie Openshaw, Katie Smith, Janice Klein, Alan Kirton, Maureen McDonald, Julie Stephenson, David Wilks

October minutes read and approved. November meeting summary was read.

Next meeting will be held: January 27 at 6:00

It was presented to the Board to run an Enduro Race that hooked into Draper Days. There would be a week long worth of races that would consist of endurance and obstacles. It would use trails, city facilities, and the arena for ceremonies. A few of the races would be for bikes, skateboards, stunt bikes, side-by-sides, etc.

David Wilks suggested it would be hard to use the city staff during this time since it is already stretched thin during that time.

The Board discussed the pros and cons. They decided, at this time, it would not be feasible to do such a race.

The tunnel access was brought up and discussed. Horses do not want to go through the tunnel. David Wilks will present the Board's concerns to the Parks and Trails Committee.

Maureen McDonald presented the proposal from Godfrey Entertainment. There is a \$79,000 fee. The proposal outlined how the show would begin with a touching story of how he over came paralysis. It would continue on to the races and wrap up with fireworks. It would be an exciting evening for everyone!

It was discussed that tickets would have to sell for \$40 a piece just to break even with the \$79,000. But there are additional costs to putting on the show, so the tickets would have to sell for even more than that. The Board voted to not do the show this year, but re-visit it another year when the arena has more seating. Doug Vawdry will let the Council know we have had to turn down this proposal because of the lack of seating.

Doug Vawdry explained there was a proposal of additional seating and parking presented to the city. Before the City will invest into this proposal there needs to be plans drawn up. Because the City doesn't have the resources to do this, we would need to hire an outside consultant. It would cost approx. \$20,000.

Alan Kirton will talk with Wadsworth to see if they may be able to help with drawing up plans. He will see if Todd is able to come to the January meeting to give any details on how this can be accomplished.

Circle J Rodeo

This is scheduled for September 10th. There is an \$8,000 fee. We can charge approx. \$10 a ticket.

Mascaros will pay for clown, prize money, bulls, announcer, and secretary. Draper City will pay for \$2,000 prize money, announcements, ambulances, concessions, etc.

Before the Board would vote on the Rodeo, they want to wait and see how and what the Mayor and City Council will do with the proposal of the additional seating and parking needs.

Julie Openshaw
Secretary