

MADRAS SADDLE AND GAMING CLUB

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes– December 2021

Meeting was called to order at approximately 2:00 pm immediately following Decembers playday

2022 Playday Season Officer Elections

- President
 - Current president Stephanie Kaseberg was nominated to remain in office. She accepted the nomination. She was unanimously voted in as president.
- Vice President
 - Current vice president Hollee Kaseberg was nominated to remain in office. She accepted the nomination. She was unanimously voted in as vice president.
- Secretary/Treasurer
 - Current secretary/treasurer Kaylee Hofman stated she would like to step down for 2022. Amy Smith was nominated for the position of secretary/treasurer. She was unanimously voted in as secretary/treasurer.
- Award Committee
 - Current award committee Michaela Johnson and Denali Hart was nominated to remain the award committee. A third person of Kiauna Johnson was also nominated. The three were unanimously voted in as 2022 award committee.

Meeting Agenda

- **Raker / 4-Wheeler** – Discussion regarding the future of MSGC raker position. Any volunteers? Any suggestions?
 - The 2021 board approached the membership about the difficulties of finding rakers for each rake. Asked the members if they had any suggestions or knew of someone who would be willing to step up and be the four-wheeler raker for the year. As the MSGC raker you would be required to attend all 2022 races which includes the fair playday on Wednesday night of fair. This position is paid. Stephanie discussed Dennis Fisher would be willing to help pending his access to a 4-wheeler. No other discussion from the membership was had. 4-wheeler position is still open if anyone hears of someone who maybe interested.
- **Fair OBRA Jackpot** – Fair jackpot was a successful fundraiser for the club. We will continue with hosting an OBRA Jackpot for the fair event. Discussion about the operational changes to allow it to run more efficiently. July will have a playday as well for membership points.
 - The 2021 board discussed the success of the OBRA Fair Jackpot. As a board the decision was made that we will continue with the fair event being OBRA jackpot. July will still have a playday for members to receive points. Discussion was had about the operational changes the board will enforce to increase the efficiency of the event.
- **Membership Fees** – Currently MSGC family membership is \$20 for individuals who live in the same household. Discussion about increasing the family membership to \$25. Individual membership will remain at \$15.
 - Board opens the discussion of increasing the family membership from \$20 to \$25. Currently the family membership can have up to 6 same household members on one

membership. \$20 dollars is a significant price break for 6 members especially when individual membership is only paying \$5 less. A motion was made to increase family membership to \$25 to help with membership awards. The motion was seconded. Membership voted on the motion and it passed.

- **Pre-Entries** – Pre-entries have significantly help with efficiency in the office. Pre-entries will continue to be required. Discussion about applying a \$15 late fee to participates that do not pre-enter. This would be for both OBRA morning race and MSGC playday.
 - Board discussed the benefit of pre-entries that were a result of COVID-19 restrictions. It has made the office check in a lot smoother and quicker for participates. Discussion was had about other race producers' practices of applying a late fee for individuals who do not pre-enter. The board proposed to the membership to continue with the pre-entry practices but implementing a late fee. A motion was made that MSGC requires pre-entries to be completed by 7:00 pm on Saturday prior to the playday/morning race, if not a \$15 late fee will be imposed on the individual. A second was made. Motion passed.
- **Time Onlies** – Time onlies will be required to be entered during pre-entries. There will no longer be allowed to add time onlies the day of the event. Time onlies for barrels will ONLY be offered prior to the playday. Time onlies will immediately follow the completion of OBRA morning race. Days that do not have a morning race time onlies will start at 10:00 am.
 - Floor was open for membership to discuss current time only schedule. Board proposed to the membership that time onlies will ONLY be accepted during pre-entries. There will no longer be allowed to add time onlies the day of the event. Time onlies are what currently make the day longer. And often the office has to track down payments for add ons. It was also discussed barrel time onlies will be completed prior to MSGC start time of 11:00 am. If you want a barrel time only it would need to be completed between 10 – 10:45 am. A motion to only allow time onlies that were pre-entered was made. A second was made. Motion passed.
- **Membership Award** – To receive a membership year end award members must attend 7 races by October playday. Allows award committee more time to purchase the correct amount of membership awards.
 - Board discussion that due to COVID-19 and race cancelations during 2020 we changed the requirement to membership awards to 5 races. We kept this through 2021. Current rule states members need to attend 5 races by November for membership awards. Board would like to propose increasing the requirement to 7 races by October playday to receive the membership participation award. This would allow members to still miss 3 races from January – October and receive their membership award. Members would still be able to make the minimum 7 races to get year-end points after October just not membership. The membership discussed their disagreement due to other commitments that they already know will conflict with playdays. The board discussed their reason for proposing to move the required month to October. This helps reduce the stress of our businesses and award committee. They can spend more time customizing membership awards and ensure all members get appropriate sizes, etc.. Members were not in favor of 7 race requirement. A motion was made to increase the required race attendance to 6 races by October. A second was made. Motion passed.

- **Changing the age divisions:**
 - A member suggested moving the open class from 19 – 45 and jack benny from 45 and over. Currently the open class is the largest division at MSGC and has the largest age gap. A discussion was had about the change which included the benefits and cons. A motion was had to keep the class age as it currently stands. A second was made. Motion did not pass. Further discussion was had with the membership. A suggestion was had to divide the open class into two classes and leave jack benny age as is. The suggested would have open be 19-34 and a second class called the inbetweeners 35 – 49. Jack benny would remain 50 and over. A motion was made to create a second division for the inbetweeners division which would separate the open class. A motion was seconded. Motion passed.
- **Volunteer proposal** – MSGC is a volunteer ran association. We have not had the volunteers we need to run smoothly and efficiently. Often the same individuals volunteer every race. Discussion about volunteer proposal.
 - The board read/reviewed the volunteer proposal to the membership that was made by a current member. It was discussed that most series and organizations require some sort of volunteer hours to receive year end awards. Currently this proposal is for each individual member. It is not based on family memberships. Each member will be required to complete the minimum requirement of volunteer hours. A minimum number of hours would be required based on membership numbers per that year. The volunteer hours would be required to be completed prior to a member receiving a year end award. Members will sign up for a volunteer position the day of the race, if the member does not show up for assigned duty there will be a \$15 fine. With this a new board position would be established, the volunteer coordinator. The volunteer coordinator will be responsible for tracking volunteers' hours and the positions needed. A motion was made to accept the volunteer proposal with the exception that the minimum volunteer hours may change due to membership numbers given the year. A second was made. Members voted in favor of the volunteer proposal.
 - Due to the approval of the volunteer proposal a volunteer coordinator was created. A motion was made for Penny Martson to be the volunteer coordinator. She accepted. Penny was voted into the volunteer coordinator position.
- **Arena Judge** – Previous years MSGC board has had an assigned arena judge to address unsafe situations or pattern questions. Arena judge will be assigned in the 2022 season by MSGC board.
 - A vote was not required by the membership for an arena judge. This was discussed for the membership to be aware.

Meeting was adjourned and awards followed immediately