

COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

PROS: Staff does not see any pros to the waiver of these fees.

CONS:

1) A vote to approve the waiver of these fees would send a message to other event promoters wanting to use this facility that they can petition the Council to have their fees waived.

2) Maintenance on the Town's equipment and facility for these events is costly and the Town relies on these fees to repair and maintain the facility so that all who want to use it can.

PUBLIC INPUT (if any): None

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes):

FUNDING:

Acct:	Budget:	Available:	Expense:	Remaining:
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BA: _____ Date: _____

January 28, 2011

To: Mayor and Council

From: Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director

Re: Fee waiver

Staff received the attached letter from Margaret Parker on January 27th in reference to fee waivers. Staff is treating this as a request for fee waiver under 93.47(C), as such it will be placed on the February 17th Council meeting agenda.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cameron Davis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the main body of text.

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From: Mogollon Montoneras

This contains information about this riding group that was formed in Payson over forty(40) years ago. We hope you will read this information and give the group serious consideration on waiving the fees. We are hoping to meet with you at your next meeting, Thursday February 3.

Thank You for your time.

Margaret Parker
Mogollon Montoneras

MOGOLLON MONTONERAS

Originally formed in 1966, the Mogollon Montoneras, a ladies riding group, has been active for 45 years. Riding activities included monthly trail rides, monthly timed events and any horse related activity. The Montoneras sponsored the first Jr, Rodeo in 1969 and the first High School Rodeo in 1995. Today, we have families that started the club who are still participating in the gymkhanas. Those include, Haughts, Randalls, Parkers and Hunsakers.

The club supports the youth. We feel that it is important to provide youth equestrian activities.

Every year from April through September the Mogollon Montoneras have sponsored a Jackpot Gymkhana Series, one gymkhana each month. The contestants accumulate points, from an All-Around award in each age group to tack awards in each age group from 2nd through 6th place. There are six (6) age groups, starting with 6 & Under, 7 - 9, 10 - 13, 14 - 17, 18 - 30, and 31 and Over.

We also have a Leadline group with usually consists of our youngest contestants. Parents will lead the horse with their child sitting on it during the event. The Leadline event is not run for placing, but for the children to experience riding a horse and being part of the gymkhana series. At the end of the series each of the Leadline participants receive an award. Usually a piece of tack or occasionally they have received a small buckle.

Each individual gymkhana is a Jackpot and the contestants receive a money pay back from the entries depending on how many are in each age group. The events include barrel racing, pole bending and one other event, changing from gymkhana to gymkhana.

Membership fees consist of either a \$15.00 individual member or \$25.00 per family. There are lots of families that participate, and there are adults that bring children who do not have the opportunity or are not able to afford the costs involved with owning a horse. This fee has always gone towards our insurance coverage for the year. The insurance currently cost us \$500.00.

Entry fees to participate in the gymkhana are \$5.00 per event. If a contestant wishes to run in all three (3) events, their total cost would be \$15.00 at each gymkhana. The Mogollon Montoneras use this money, less the pay-back from the day's earnings, to purchase year-end awards. In the past we have asked for sponsors, but in the past few years we have not.

The Mogollon Montoneras are a non-profit organization. We feel that maintaining our \$5.00 entry fee is helping to bring children and families who are not always able to afford an entry fee to the larger gymkhana.

We have also been putting on a Memorial Gymkhana for Lacey Balmer-Oldland. Lacey was tragically killed in a horse accident in 2007. Lacey was raised in Pine and was a very large participant in 4-H, FFA and all the Agriculture she could get her hands on. She influenced many young students and was a great mentor. We remind our participants that no matter how much of an experienced rider they are, that they always need to be aware of the possible dangers.

We have held the gymkhanas at the Payson Event Center since it moved from Rumsey Park. Meeting with Parks & Recs. this year, we are now having to pay to use the Arena. We are afraid that if we raise our prices we will not be able to continue the Gymkhana Series in order to come up with \$2,930.00. We are requesting that the Counsel waive the Mogollon Montoneras fees. We simply cannot afford the fees and are sure that if we raise entry fees, we will not have the participants.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
The Mogollon Montoneras
Margaret Parker, Megan Ward, and Marla Milam