

DRAW Meeting – 2/27/16

Attendance: Pam Cotton, Bill Suskey, Ainsley Suskey, Melissa and Casey Coolich, Ana Holder and family, Boots and Jon Wagner, Stephanie Crispin, Jill Feller, Katie and Mike Bachhuber, Barb Gardner, Kathy Schauer, Tim and Ruth Casserly, Linda Jacobson, Max Bernsdorf, Melinda and Doug Stewart, Laurie Henschel, Lisa Docter, Ray and Alice Hubert, Art Anderson, Amber and Michael Erickson and family, Wes Elford, Laura and Leah Savatski, Cathy Jo Schriber, Lorelai Haase and her father.

Secretary's report - minutes posted on website. No corrections offered. Motion to accept by Jill, seconded by Ruth. Passed.

Treasurer's report – Dec. 31 - \$10k approx. in bank. Now \$8700 after alcohol paid for at convention, plus awards and ribbons. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Bill, seconded by Boots. Passed.

Old business:

Clinic – April 2nd, volunteers, sign-up sheet. Will pass around sign-up sheet. Wes is confident there will be a horse available for the clinic. Amber is willing to haul in horses if need be. Will offer a free novice entry to those who attend. Motion by Cathy Jo to offer free novice entry to participants, seconded by Laura S. Passed.

Midwest Horse Fair booth

Schedule of people working – sign up sheet will be passed around. Ruth asked that people with more flexibility for scheduling sign up last, after those whose availability is more limited sign up. It was suggested that people wear endurance clothes or award jackets. Discussion about what we need to take along for the event, ie. Chairs, table. Katie ordered AERC awards, Jon has tri-fold brochures ready to be printed. Katie will get some from Jen for AHDR. Umecra raised the contribution for MHF so less \$ for DRAW. Mentor list could be updated for distribution. Anyone who joined DRAW at convention was given a free novice ride entry. How can we better engage people so they will stop to talk? Laurie offered to put together a map of where all of the Wisconsin rides occur.

Tri fold flyers – updating for this year. Jon suggested ordering 500.

Updates on DRAW and other Wisconsin rides:

- FYI: Endless Valley still on, same location – less paddocks available. Not a DRAW sponsored ride.
- Kettles and Bits needs an ambulance – Alice offered hers, Boots said they should have one as well.
- Northern Highlands – have to buy a Vilas trail pass. Camping in a field. Located in Eagle River this year (Conover). Managed by Jackie Olhoff and Taryn Detinger and Mary (land owner).

- Colorama – Bill exploring belt buckles for the longer distance riders. Casey offered to write an article about the 50th running for AERC magazine. Laura suggested offering belt buckles to riders who have done it for ____ many years. Katie suggested offering for half price, or selling. Don't put a year on them. OD belt buckles come with pin, and the pin has the year on them. Could also pre-sell on Facebook and see how many to order. Mike stated that the belt buckle should be special, only to those who complete the 100, could use then in future years. "50 on the 50th". Bill will email group with pricing information on belt buckles.
- DRAW-a-rama: changed location to the northern Kettles, and shortened to three days.
- Iron Oak announcement – get reservations for the campground in early. Not a DRAW sponsored ride.

Completion awards – Laurie checking on calcium glutonate, Farm and Fleet was the cheapest found so far. Hot pad with DRAW logo on it are another option. Buckets, syringes. Laura suggested that vendors on Sunday at MHF give away or discount on items, could try to get things then. Laura will lead the completion award brigade at MHF.

NKMTA/SKMTA – motion by Jon to join NKMTA, Wes seconded. Cannot join SKMTA as an organization, they only accept individual memberships. Passed.

New business:

Mike – discussion about MN convention.

Junior high point – sponsored by DRAW. Charlie Koester sent a thank you that was read.

Also got a thank you from Shirley May – for the donations to help cover her costs related to her house fire. This was read out loud later in the meeting.

Awards committee for this season's awards – Jon nominated Lisa, seconded by Wes, while Lisa was in the bathroom. Stephanie Crispin volunteered to help. Katie shared that we use to spend award money based on the rides, now we spend about \$55 per award.

Laura shared a thank you for everyone who volunteers for this organization – about ¾ of the room here today have helped out in one way or another at rides, at the clinic, or behind the scenes.

Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tim.

Presentation of awards.

**After adjournment, Friday night meals for rides was discussed and Laura Savatski volunteered for Kettles N Bits, Kathy Schauer volunteered for Drawarama, Stephanie Crispin for Colorama...can't recall who did for Northern Highlands?