

February 17th meeting & awards presentation
Norske Nook 100 E Holum St, DeForest, WI 53532

Meeting called to order at 11:09 a.m. by Tracy

Members present: Katie Bachhuber, Mike Bachhuber, Nikki Boesch, Jim Carter, Ann Delang, Amber Erickson, Kim Fosler, Beth Frieders, Barb Gardner, Roberta Harms, Alice Hubert, Ray Hubert, Linda Jacobson, Tracy Johnson, Scott Johnson, Jane Kirkeide, Debby Weisbecker, Jen Wise, Mary Otto, Ellie Otto, Sherry Aune, Wes Elford, Leah Leighty, Grace Carter, Alice Erickson, Gracyn Schneider. **Guests:** Leslie and Alexandra Taylor

Secretary's report- Katie pointed out in the November minutes that she is listed as a liaison. That should be corrected to a Director of the Wisconsin Horse Council. Also need to add the word "get" in the Clinic/Mock Ride section. Kim will make those corrections.

Nikki made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Beth 2nd. The motion was passed.

Treasury report- Ann had a small correction to the year on the net profit. She has corrected it from 2022 to 2023. She also explained that she separated out donations and that those are from people that have canceled going to a ride or over paid and donated those funds to DRAW.

Mike asked if the balance is in a checking or savings account. It was suggested putting some funds into a savings account to accrue interest. Ann will look into that.

Roberta made a motion to accept the treasurer report and Alice Hubert 2nd. The motion was passed.

Old business

- **Mock ride weekend-** Linda has scouted Black Hawk Ridge by Prairie du Sac. They have some nice easy trails with a pavilion, water and day parking only. The only issue is that the driveway is narrow which could pose to be challenging for larger trailers. Looking at the weekend of June 1st and the permit would cost \$50. Linda asked if it would help DRAW if they were the sponsor? Linda also needs help with advertising and putting it on. Jane suggested DRAW help sponsor to see if we can help

membership numbers. Katie mentioned because we are Horse Council Members we can post this event on the Horse Council page. Beth suggested having a mini clinic before the mock ride then it would be posted on AERC and get insurance through them. Roberta made a motion to sponsor the mock ride & clinic and Barb 2nd. Motion was passed. Sign up for help was passed around during the meeting.

- **Zoom meeting option-** Melissa is not here to report her information. Discussion- The meeting location has to be set up for Zoom to make it work. Zoom meetings are more challenging to hold with not everyone having an internet capable of holding video calls. It was decided to take this subject off the table for later meetings. It was asked what day works better for the November meeting Saturday or Sunday. Keeping in mind we do need to hold it before the fall Umecria meeting. Mixed feedback was received for either day.
- **Associate membership-** There are 7 new members taking advantage of this membership, so it seems to have interest. Jane explained there are some members from Fox Valley that expressed that they do not want awards so the Associate Membership will help gain more members.
- **Central coggins location-** Laurie was not here to discuss this. Jane looked into the legality of paper coggins in the ride manager's possession vs an electronic folder containing all the rides' coggins. From what she has found it is ok to have electronic copies at the ride. Kim stated Minnesota has something similar. It was decided DRAW is not at a point to start it this year. Jane, Beth and Laurie want to test this at their rides and will give feedback at the fall meeting.
- **Completion awards 2024-** Barb reported that DRAW has 33 document bags, 8 fanny packs and 4 rain ponchos left. Do we want to provide completions for the rides or have RMs go on their own? When Draw purchases the awards we buy in bulk. It was decided that each ride would provide their own awards and leftover stock would be used for 2nd day riders.
- **Awards committee-** Wes has volunteered and Debby has agreed to help with year end awards for the 2024 ride season.

New business:

- **Treasurer position-** Shannon moved after elections which put us in need for a treasurer again, so Ann agreed to continue the position for 1 more year
- **DRAW Finale-** Jane reported that another large group already had their permit in at the Northern Kettles before us. There seemed to be no way to make it work for both groups to use the Northern Kettles Trails, so we had to move locations for 2024 only. Jane did not know if they would provide their own completion awards at this time or not.
- **Prairie River Ride-** Jen and Binky are taking over Prairie River Ride from Brandon and Shanon in August. They have a friend that lives close that will allow them to use their atv for marking trails. They have water figured out, trails & marking. Ann will be emailing Jen and Binky with a list of stuff that needs to be done yet. Jen and Binky need to contact Brandon for awards for what they have left. They will be getting their own completion awards for the ride.
- Jane showed concern about the alcohol staying out of the ride manager areas at rides and reminded everyone that they are representatives of not only DRAW but Umeccra.
- **Horse Council-** Katie reported that there are new programs coming out from the Horse Council. They have reached out to business, vets, & farriers. They have a youth free membership program if they are in 4-h & FFA or any Equine Club with Youth memberships. The Horse Council has a sponsorship program, we could apply for a sponsorship.
- **NKMTA-** They have received complaints about the size of corrals. They are going to be adding some 12x12 pens. New fire rings have been ordered for all of the family sites and they are adding a horse shower area. They are in the process of putting a new loop to the south of camp. We received a trail grant request for \$500 from NKMTA. Barb said we have donated \$250 before. Now that they have asked for it do we give them \$\$\$\$. Ann says the group could afford to do a small donation, but we have not given any money to either group for quite some time. She is suggesting we wait 1 year until DRAW Finale is moved back to Northern Kettles. Barb has suggested donating a smaller amount than \$500 and

specifying what it should be used for. Wes moved to turn down the request for the \$500 grant. Barb 2nd the motion. The motion was passed. Barb motioned to make a \$250 donation to the NKMTA. Beth 2nd. The motion passed. Wes reminded us about the funds that Julie Jacksons estate donated to AERC for trail grants in the Upper Midwest. The can be used for any horse clubs, not just Umeera.

- **Accepting online funds-** Ann has not set this up yet. Paypal has started turning in money collected through paypal so Ann does not want that tied to her SS. She has talked to the bank and looked into Zelle (free) and CC (square) \$60/year. This would be used for ride registration only. If we use Zelle, ride fees will be paid the day of the ride because there is no way to reimburse or pay ahead. Everyone must pay with the understanding there is no reimbursement and it is a donation if they are not able to make it. Amber made the motion to set up a zelle account. Jen 2nd. There was more discussion on the subject. The motion was passed.
- **Bonecrusher-** Amber asked if there was any interest for a 100 mile ride at Bonecrusher. We need more 100 mile rides and spread out through the ride season. Grace added that when they rode in Oklahoma last fall people from Oklahoma are interested in coming up to the MW for longer/bigger rides.
- 2023 awards were handed out. Congratulations to everyone!

Sherry made the motion to adjourn. Jen 2nd. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Fosler
DRAW Secretary