

DRAW winter meeting & awards banquet
March 1st,2025
Great Outdoors Supper Club
8906 Forest View Rd, Kewaskum, Wisconsin

The meeting called to order by Amber at 1:08 pm

Members present were: Ann DeLang, Wes Elford, Amber Erickson, Mike Erickson, Kim Fosler, Beth Frieders, Barb Gardner, Roberta Harms, Alice Hubert, Ray Hubert, Linda Jacobson, Tracy Johnson, Scott Johnson, Sam Miller, Sara Watts, Debby Weisbecker, Jessica Sonnek, Jen Wise, Ann Ruesch, Andrea Pfeifer, & Ross Brown

Non Voting members present- Alice Erickson, Logan Erickson, & Astrid Erickson

Secretary report- The November meeting minutes were emailed to the membership on February 20th for review. Alice Hubert moved to approve the November meeting minutes, Beth Frieders 2nd. All approved - passed

Treasurer's report- Ann stated that there was a small loss from the 2024 ride season due to low rider numbers at the rides held by Gleason.

- All ride fees have been paid
- Wes motion to approve the report Roberta 2nd all approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Clinic and mock rides- Linda has passed around a sheet for members to sign up to help at the mock ride. All permits have been applied for.

Completion awards and ribbons- Debby has the ribbons for the ride managers today.

Overview of 2025 Rides-

- Kettle N Bits- Ann and Barb All paperwork in for the Kettles
- Colorama: Barb is adding potluck on Friday night and keeping the Sunday morning breakfast.
- Prairie river ride: Sara has added a Novice on Sunday
- Wisconsin Horse Council- They have awarded \$25,500 in trail grants for 2025 and \$9,000 in scholarships to students going into some type of equine profession. They are also a member of the American Horse Council who is actively monitoring the Horse Protection Act.

There is a Ride Wisconsin program that gives awards for different increments of hours ridden. To join you have to be a member of the WHC and then join the Ride Wisconsin program. Any questions, contact Katie Bachhuber.

Versatility award verbiage- Beth says verbiage is not clear how to score this award. Do we want to adopt what UMECRA does for points or AHDRA by chance? Beth suggested changing

the language in question “gaining the most points” to “gaining the most points from the DRAW scoring system”. Wes motioned to accept this language change. Barb 2nd all approved. Motion passed.

Novice- Kim says having the amount spent on the Novice award makes it harder for the awards committee to find awards. Most times only a few members have qualified and by the time you pay for shipping it makes it hard to find an award for them. Kim motions to change the award for novice back to equal to all the other awards. Tracy 2nd all approved. Motion passed.

Convention review- Kim stated that even with the challenges of having to find a new hotel and speaker in a short amount of time, she thinks everything went well. Also, in 4 years DRAW will be responsible for planning the convention again and she will not be planning that convention. But will be happy to guide anyone on how to find hotels, what UMECRA needs and anything else that may come up.

Awards committee 2025 ride season-

Debbie says she is willing to do awards again. Barb Gardner said she is willing to help Debby with awards.

New business-

NKHTA trail grants- We will not be doing any trail grants for the NKHTA this year.

Elections-

- President: Roberta nominated Amber Erickson for president. Barb 2nd the motion. No other nominations. All approved
- Vice president: Amber nominated Debby Weisbecker for Vice President. Tracy 2nd the motion. No other nominations. All approved
- Treasurer: Barb Gardner nominated Ann DeLang for Treasurer. Debby 2nd. No other nominations. All approved
- Secretary: Ann DeLang nominated Kim Fosler for Secretary. Tracy 2nd No other nominations. All approved
- Points Keeper: Tracy Johnson nominated Beth Frieders for Points Keeper. Kim 2nd. No other nominations. All approved

Awards were presented by Debby and Dr. Wes

Motion to adjourn was made by Binky, Roberta 2nd. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Fosler
DRAW Secretary