

Draw meeting notes 11/5/2011 at Bublitz's

Present: Bill Suskey, Pam Cotton, Ainsley Suskey, Bettina Koehn, Katie Bachhuber, Mike Bachhuber, Kathy Schauer, Linda Jacobsen, Max Bernsdorf, Shirley May, Jen Prouty, Jill Feller, Jim Feller, Jos Seefeldt, Barb Gardner, Bonnie Mielke, Nancy Leonard, Boots and Jon Wagner, Bonnie Jost, Jenny Nielsen-last, Niccole Hermann, Hattie Hermann, Amber Erickson, husband and kiddo, Jacque Diewese,

Treasures report presented by Bill - free completions from Alterra meant good money made on rides. Ride fees for aerc missing from Colorama spreadsheet. Donation made to Northern Highland for rifle club. Motion to accept report by Barb Gardner, 2nd by Kathy Schauer

Pam lost the notes from spring meeting - apologies to all. Notes will be taken on computer now and in future meetings to prevent lost papers.

Bounced checks - send letter, charge fee, private matter if paid but publicized if not paid. This is what Jill did in the past. Paid within 30 days or points pulled. Or could not allow people to ride.

Proxies for meeting: NH: Katie and Kathy
Colorama: Pam and Bettina
Drawarama: Barb, Bill, John and Boots

Rides 2012: Northern Highlands: Kristen Mikula and Katie Bachhuber

Colorama: Pam Cotton and Bettina Koehn. Discussion about moving to Wade house, using large field to camp. Can use shelter for food and meetings. Would have to pay maintenance fee if field is messed up. Can overcharge a bit on camping to have fund available for fixing field if necessary. Can use controlled start to manage road exit and entry. Sunday there is a vintage ball game and the road cannot be used. Can do contract not to exceed for the possible field damage. Hope for better attendance and not managing the pen nightmare. May consider going to three days in the future.

Drawarama: Jos contacted by Brighton, date will be open on the schedule for Oct 5-7. If Gldra doesn't take weekend, we can move ride. Still needs to be approved at annual meeting. Back up plan: EV or Big Valley. Leaning towards EV based on fees, more willing to work with us, though space is tight. Will explore if EV will allow Draw riders to pay one trail fee for EV and Drawarama. If we move the date, we can stay at Southern Kettles. Mgrs will be Barb, Bill, Boots and Jon. Vote held on back up plan: motion supporting EV supported by group.

Meals for vets 2012: Kathy and Bonnie willing to cover Friday night meals.

Memberships: nhtkma \$25 motion by Kathy Schauer, Nic second Wis state horse council \$100 motion by Barb, second Max.

Donation to skmhta \$. Motion to send \$250 to each ride location by Kathy Schauer, second by Nicole.
Rifle club \$250
Donation to nkmhta \$250 trail riding clubs

Awards 2011: bail bag, or fleece lined zipper sweatshirt with embroidery, or gift cert if you get two awards, or rain jackets. Concensus for wearable awards.

Volunteer discussion: should members have to volunteer at rides? One option is to offer less hand holding, have forms available to riders to fill out. Jon suggested looking for new members to assist with volunteering. Kathy suggested that people notify ride management when exactly they are able to assist. Talked about doing LD in the afternoon to alleviate busy times for helpers and vets. Ride managers should ask for help at the rides, during meetings, pre-plan for positions if possible. Katie suggested forming committees to address needs at rides like meals, PRs, etc. Katie and Jos will work on volunteer sign up sheet.

Donation of two novice entries at nkmhta annual dinner. Motion to donate two tickets by Bill, second by Jon.

Draw novice clinic: Jill going to see if Mike and June would be interested in hosting to hit another part of state. Shirley volunteered the Farm, Barb her place as well. MDDA would like to co-host. To be in Feb or March. March 3 looks like date. Plenty of volunteers offered assistance

Unwanted horse resolution: Draw needs a group stance on slaughter. WSHC working to establish a hay bank and assistance for owners. Katie abstained from voting with no clear direction from group. PETA protesting us at a ride is a real possibility if group takes a stance towards supporting slaughter. Vote: does Draw want to put their name on unwanted horse resolution? Max made a motion not to put draw on list, Jon seconded. Katie motioned to put name on list. Opposed. Kate motion to put draw on, Jos second. Motion passed.

Booth at Midwest Horse Fair: could do shared booth with Umeera. April 20-22. MDDA has participated in conjunction with a driving club, and Jack's experience is that no one approaches the booth, recommends putting as many clubs as possible in one booth. Will have Umeera slide show from convention available.

4-H lady contacted Katie about kids interested in distance riding. Can we give 4-h kids discounts to the novice clinic? Or give them coupon for 10 off at a novice ride.

Completion awards: Mike offered opinion on completion awards, something that would have some meaning afterwards. Proposed a plaque with logo, can list major rides we sponsor, have plaques for sale to riders. After the ride, get a metalized sticker with completion information on it, like LD and year of the ride. Standardized award, saves ride managers the hassle of dealing with individual awards. Mike to investigate further.

Nic brought up awards purchased by ride managers as extra items at rides. We have no by laws offering guidelines about how much to spend. Jos suggested having a list of expected ride expenses and anything extra should be approved by the board.

Committee to look at by laws? Suggested changes were not adopted in the past.

Election of officers:

President: Motion to nominate Jos by Katie, second by Barb

Vice President: Motion to nominate Barb by Katie, second by Jos

Secretary/treasurer: Bill nominated by the group

Points keeper: Pam nominated by the group

Website: taken over by Boots, hooray! Updates to points after each Wisconsin ride suggested for next year. Newsletter author to be added to volunteer list. Trying to revive Meet the Rider article. Can submit it to Wis Horsemans News.

Bonnie encouraged folks to come to Umeera convention early this year because there should be lots of veteran riders there for 40th anniversary celebration. At Clock Tower in Rockford, IL. Olivia Rudolphi putting together a slide show.

February meeting: hoping to return to Bublitz's for meeting, buffet suggested. Date will be Feb 18 at 11am at Bublitz's.

Ride managers who had driving events will be invited to MDDA's annual banquet as a thank you on Dec 4th, 11am in McFarland at the community center.

Shirley motions to end meeting, Jos seconded it.