

DRAW awards 2/23/13

Present:

Bill Suskey, Ainsley Suskey, Pam Cotton, Jill Feller and hubby, Nancy Leonard, Jon and Boots Wagner, Tracy Johnson and hubby, Jackie Olhoff, Pamela Fullerton, Jessie Zirbel, Kathy Schauer, Barb Gardner, Katie Bachhuber, Mike Bachhuber, Ralph Schauer, Linda Jacobsen, Max Bernsdorf, Linda and Mo Miller, Lisa Koenig, Elizibeth Koenig, Jos Seefeldt, Amber Erickson and hubby , Leah Savatski, Noelle Reinke, Stephanie Crispin, Brenna Baemmert, Ryan Baemmert, Stacy Eide and family, Brenna Starch and hubby

Pam to send notes to Boots to put on Draw website. Max motioned to accept notes when posted on website, Boots second.

Bill's treasurer report, spend all of 2012 earnings money, \$11, 927.65 is what is currently in the account. Pamela motioned to accept and Max seconded.

Bill provided an update on Square...linked to Draw bank account, ready to go. Way to accept credit cards at rides with a small surcharge. It can be used like a cash register as well, can give a report on what is earned at each ride.

Update on rides

Jill is using Howard and Cindy as vets, have someone to house Cindy but not Howard yet. Could put them up at B and B for \$70 a night, \$280 for the weekend. Bill motions that we OK paying for vets this year and see how it goes. Second by Jessi. Trail changed by Jill to keep costs down, no need for a second vet. Breakfast will be started by Boots.

Colorama - no updates. Need to sanction with AERC.

Drawarama - Bill is going to book the group site.

Northern Highlands - need to sanction with AERC. Found new location, but need vets. Jos suggested contacting MNDA folks. Pamela suggested her vet, who went to central MN last year. Pamela will get name and address to Bill. Please send other ideas for vets to Bill. Mary Lambert mentioned. Will also need a way to move water to this ride, will be primitive camping in an old privately owned hay field. Very close to Spooner WI, trails cross HWY 70. There is a spot to fill water tanks at the trail heads. Jos suggested

contacting the local fire department to see about getting a tank. Jon will be making another trip up there to see about water. Dugan horse trails is the name if anyone would like to look up on a map.

#### Convention 2014

Katie B: Convention we need volunteers to set up and organize Saturday night entertainment : something similar to comedy sports out of Milwaukee suggested. Jill asked if DRAW going to make a donation to the UMECRA, perhaps up to \$500? We could sponsor the entertainment on Saturday night. Motion by Kathy to sponsor Sat night entertainment, up to 500. Bill seconded. Jos suggested doing something other than a band, because it is hard to talk and socialize. Beer and karaoke suggested, or a comedian and karaoke. Fish Sticks is a Milwaukee based improv comedy show, they also do team building events. Ainsley has a karaoke machine, Bill can get a PA system for free.

#### Break for lunch

Back to convention...will be held in Madison at the Crowne Plaza. Katie most concerned about entertainment and speakers. Bill offered to handle the entertainment, Kathy is working with Wes on Saturday speakers.

Donations - got nice thank you from NKMHTA. Suggestion made to post on website.

#### New business

Awards committee. Max now has a sponsor for UmeCra adult high point senior rider, looking for sponsor for junior high point for \$75. Request for Draw to sponsor that. Minnesota sponsors the senior award. Jos motioned we sponsor it for one year, seconded by Katie. Will be announced who sponsored it.

By laws - few years ago it was discussed that bylaws should be reviewed. Looking for small committee. Katie asked Jill if she has PDF on bylaws changes, should have been sent to Bill. He will look for it. Can email PDF to all members. Jill remembers a change about 45 day notice, quorum for meetings, what constitutes a member. Jos offered to be on the committee, and Jon Wagner. People can look at bylaws on the website and if they have concerns, talk to Jos or Jon.

Awards presentation for 2012 - wagons and stethoscopes

Proposal of new awards - one of the rules is tht you need to have three rides to be eligible for awards. A few years ago we had a

junior not get an award because she only did two rides, but one of those was a 100. We also have 50 mile comp rides. Katie moves for three rides or equal distance for that division. For comp and LD, would have to have 75 miles. Endurance would need to be 150 miles. Won't happen too often. Would require a bylaw change. Change would need to be presented at fall meeting and voted on.

Second issue: juniors get more points in versatility than competing adults. Barb suggested having a senior and adult award in versatility. Do we need to define what a junior rider is? Would require a change in bylaws. Max makes motion to add an award for versatility for juniors and seniors specifically for next year to try it, while bylaws are updated. Seconded by Pamela Fullerton.

New awards - Katie discussed that SERA gives an award for consistent condition, five open distance top five completions, then using BC scores to average top 3 BC scores. Katie proposes trying this award at our four rides, with an award at each ride. Katie willing to sponsor award up to \$20 for each award. Concern raised for vets being able and willing to do BC exams of 10 horses at each ride. Could limit to top 10 or within hour of winner. Suggested to bring up with the vets first. Would be for DRAW members only, so not overwhelming to vets. Pamela raised a concern about BC having changed some given the larger side of a lot of horses these days, not the same test as when everyone rode smaller horses. Would only be for endurance, and would encourage people to take better care of their horses. Will get feedback from the vets and table this award for now.

Two other awards to hand out from Jon Wagner. Jon offered to thank members of DRAW for their efforts towards the organization. Plaques given to Jos and Jill for their work in the past.

Motion to adjourn by Jos and seconded by Jon.