

## **Draw meeting 2/16/2014**

**In attendance:** Shirley May, Sherry Aune, Kim Fosler, Jessi Zirbel, Tracy Johnson, Leah Savatski, Ainsley Suskey, Bill Suskey, Pam Cotton, Amber and Mike Erickson, Noelle Reinke, Max Bernsdorf, Linda Jacobsen, Boots and Jon Wagner, Kathi Soukup, Melinda Stewart and JJ Livingston, Lori Windows and husband, Wes Elford, Jen Allen, Jill and Jim Feller, Katie and Mike Bachhuber, Kathy and Ralph Schauer, Barb Gardner, Elizabeth and Lisa Koenig and husband.

**Corrections to last meeting's minutes:** Jill made a motion to move versatility to two comp, two LD and two endurance. It passed, needs to be added. Other correction needed regarding proposed bylaw change; put out changes to members 30 days in advance. Also passed. Drawarama managers are Barb, Boots, Kathy and Jon, not Jos. Last issue: associate memberships to the vets, were going to invite them to today's meeting and it didn't occur. Moving forward, who will handle that? Secretary will invite vets for this year to fall meeting. Motion to accept corrected meeting by Kathy S, seconded by Max.

**Treasurer's report:** Memberships to clubs done, some outstanding awards to pay for, most done. Motion to accept by Bill Suskey, seconded by Kathy S.

**Tie for placings:** Jill motions to have double awards for year end awards only, seconded by Boots. Motion carried.

**FEI:** The idea of Draw hosting an FEI ride will be tabled until fall given current controversy between AERC and FEI.

**Completion awards:** Suggested that we revisit for upcoming year. \$5 too much with our ride entries being down. It is too late to raise entry fees for this year. Suggested we aim more for \$3.50 and \$4 for awards given that account funds are down. There was further discussion about buying awards in bulk like Draw has done in the past. Motion by John

to leave choice of completion award to ride managers and stick to a dollar amount of \$4 per award, seconded by Jessi. Passed.

**Stallions at rides:** AERC requires a really good reason why this restriction must occur, or they won't sanction the ride. Group discussed that the ride manager can prevent anyone from entering due to unruly behavior.

**Insurance coverage:** Jill will be sending info to ride managers soon. Ride insurance costs will be the same as last year with UMECRA paying ½ of daily costs.

**Trails donations:** Katie gave update on NKMTA. Putting in family sites, shelter by the group sites, sponsoring Howard to come up and talk about large animal rescue. Southern Kettles have a lot going on this spring for meetings, but no decisions on trail or campground projects. Motion by Mike to do \$250 each as always. Seconded by Linda. Further discussion from the group given no one knows what Southern is doing for projects. Mike explained we use the Southern Kettles more than any other, and lots of volunteers maintain those trails. Used to be able to overflow campground but that isn't allowed anymore, many state campgrounds getting more restrictive. Vote on motion on floor: voted down. Kathy motioned giving \$250 to Northern Kettle Moraine Trail Association, seconded by Max. Passed.

**Midwest Horse Fair:** Umecra will donate \$250 for a booth at Horse Fair. Manning the booth has always been the problem. Not sure if we have to provide insurance on top of booth expense. Kathy motioned that we have a booth in 2015, seconded by Max. Passed.

**New Rider Clinic:** To be held March 29th at Barb's farm. Need volunteers to speak. Volunteers to speak include: Jill, Katie, Max. Emails will be sent with information about the event. Please distribute flyers. 9:30am to 2pm is the tentative plan.

## **New business:**

**Expenses at rides:** Discussion about setting limits on expenses at rides. Entries are down and the club didn't make much money. Kathy suggested guidelines are needed so managers know what to expect. Prior precedent discussed about paying out lodging and ride manager camping. Ride managers get a free ride entry and not free camping. Discussion about expensing out mileage at rides, and other expenses. Suggestion to set an amount related to mileage. Bill makes a motion that ride managers have the option to submit mileage to and from a ride, seconded by Mike. Further discussion. Bill withdraws old motion. Discussion about member vehicles and average miles per gallon for trucks. Bill makes new motion: ride managers can submit travel expenses as mileage at a determined rate. Seconded by Jon. Passed. Bill makes motion that we set 2014 mileage rate at .25 per mile. Seconded by Jon. Passed.

**Thank you's:** Katie was acknowledged because convention went really well. Katie stated that others also involved in the prep, thanks to them as well. Thanks to Boots for maintaining the website. Thanks to Max for securing this year's awards.

**Waiver for liability:** The question was asked could we require a waiver for someone who doesn't want to wear a helmet, given our new rule? A waiver won't hold up in a court of law. Going to leave helmet requirement as is.

**Tri fold flyer:** Jon and Boots made samples for DRAW. Has a spot for interested parties to look for a riding mentor, could have members distribute them in their communities. Some suggestions for changes to flyer, such as bolding the Draw sponsored rides. Max makes motion we do brochures and have Jon and Bill get together and find the best price. Seconded by Jen. Passed.

**Awards committee:** For this year's awards - Katie and Boots volunteered.

**Friday Night Meals at Rides:** Looking for a volunteer to help do food for Friday night meals for vets and volunteers. Melinda Stewart's daughter, JJ volunteered for Colorama and Sherry Aune for Drawarama. Kettles and Bits is covered. Northern Highlands was not mentioned – need a volunteer to take care of that.

**High Point Junior Award:** Draw sponsored junior high point last year for \$75, do we want to continue? Jill makes motion that we sponsor it, seconded by Boots. Very loudly supported by Ainsley.

**Bingo Cards:** Katie asked if DRAW was willing to donate bingo cards for next year's convention. Motion: Draw gives \$50 for entertainment at Friday night of convention by Wes, seconded by Lori. This passed.

**First Aid Kit:** Mike shared that a first aid kit that would travel from ride to ride is cost prohibitive. Recommends we have Ace bandages on hand and some items in a tub that would cost less than a fully stocked kit. Mike has secured some Army blankets. Discussion about training to apply c-collars vs. the Good Samaritan law as an untrained person. Kathy made motion to start with a basic first aid kit without C collars. Seconded by Melinda. Passed.

**Presentation of 2013 awards:** Members received either a reflective safety vest or a gift certificate.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Bill, seconded by Max.