

DRAW meeting 11/1/15 11am at Sperino's in Elkhorn

Present: Barb Gardner, Kathy Schauer, Tim and Ruth Casserly, Wes and Sherry Elford, Jill Feller, Melinda Steward, Art Anderson, Pam Cotton, Bill Suskey, Lisa Docter, Jon and Carol (Boots) Wagner, Laurie Henschel, Joslyn Seefeldt

Minutes from spring meeting – sent by email. Clarified that Boots Wagner provided a meal to Kettles N Bits (states unknown on minutes). Motion to approve by Kathy to approve the minutes with the correction stated above and seconded by Melinda. Passed.

Treasurer's Report - The treasury report was presented by Jill Feller with a standard Profit & Loss report. Currently there is \$12kK in DRAW checking account. Last page of the financial report compares the rides from 2014 – 2015 expenses and income from each ride. Motion to approve the financial report as presented made by Jos, Boots seconded. Passed.

Convention update – Wisconsin Dells January 2016. DRAW hosting.

- Proxies – Jill and Katie for KNB; Kathy and Wes for Northern Highland; Pam, Bill and Ainsley voting for Colorama; Jon, Boots, Barb and Laurie for Drawarama
- Speakers/entertainment –
 - One speaker lined up for in the morning – Kathi Soukup, will talk about saddle fit or massage for one hour.
 - There is a second hour to fill in the morning. Suggestions for how to fill the speaker time slots was shared with the group (attached, covered by Wes).
 - Could we fill some time Saturday after the meeting? Two suggestions covered were a Q and A time with a respected panel and trot out videos for instruction on what judges see.
 - Could provide a general visiting area for people to touch base instead of a loud band? People seem to retreat to rooms to talk after the party.
 - Katie suggested having Q and A in the morning with teams evaluating, and then have teams win awards related to trot out judging during the evening.
 - Evening it was suggested to put out appetizers and beer and play music through a speaker and hopefully people will hang out longer. Bill agreed to be in charge of providing background music.
 - Wes will work on getting videos for the trot out session.
 - Motion by Kathy – in lieu of hiring a band, we put out drinks and appetizers and light music for the group to have visiting time, seconded by Jon. Passed.

- Motion made by Kathy to have Kathi Soukup do a morning discussion on saddle fit followed by the trot out videos; seconded by Boots. Motion passed.
- One comment was how to get more vets to the convention – Jon suggested that DRAW extend an invitation to all vets who worked at DRAW rides this year and cover the cost of their meal. Decision on how to handle this: Wes will compose the letter and DRAW will distribute. Bill motions that Wes drafts the letter and offers a veterinarian lunch, seconded by Jos. Passed.
- More discussion on the evening drinks and snacks for people. Jill pointed out that traditionally, UMECRA covers the cost of the evening band, might not want to pay for alcohol and snacks. Jos suggested that we ask the UMECRA board if they would help cover the cost ~~Will be brought up~~ at next week's UMECRA board meeting. Jon motions that we spend up to \$600 to supplement the evening entertainment at the convention, seconded by Jos. Jon amends to \$800. Seconded by Jos. Passed. Jill shared that over \$400 was spent on beer at the last convention that DRAW hosted.

Silent auction – Jon motioned that Laurie and Lisa take charge of the silent auction, seconded by Kathy. Suggested that they see if Jessi Z. would be willing to help. Passed.

Horse Fair Booth – review of how it went and status for 2016 – The booth in 2015 was at the end of the line for booths; it was not a great location but a lot of people came by and took information, it appears to have been worth it. The booth in 2016 is in a better location. We will ask for volunteers to cover the booth at the spring meeting. April 15-17 are the dates in 2016.

Banner – Katie presented some pricing (\$185 -219) on a vertical banner as the backdrop used at MHF didn't hold all the banners. The more expensive banner would last longer and could also be displayed at the clinic, convention, individual DRAW rides. Jon motions we spent \$219 on a new retractable banner. Seconded by Bill. Passed.

Clinic – We need to set the date and location – Jon wasn't able to contact his potential location, in the SE part of the state. Wes knows of a location about 2 miles west of West Bend at a boarding facility, first weekend of April and has penciled in (April 2nd). The facility, Country View Equestrian Estates, wants \$100 to close their arena and use the room for the clinic. Jill motions we accept Wes's location and date, seconded by Jon. Passed. Wes brought up insurance covered by AERC for clinics and Jill mentioned that AERC may also supply some money and materials for the clinic and she would contact the education committee to get more information.

Kathy offered to put out DRAW brochures at Dodge County's tack sale in January to advertise. .

Banquet – DRAW needs to set the date and location. or Committees and meetings tend to be best attended in the Fond du Lac area. Jill said we could use a hall, such as a town hall, and order in

pizza/subs and drinks or other catering. Brownsville or Lomira may have good locations. Katie motions that we either to go Brownsville or Williamstown hall on Saturday, February 27th – seconded by Bill. 11am start time. Kathy and Jill will check on locations, dates and costs to rent a town hall.

Ride review and dates/ride managers for next year -

- Kettles N Bits – Mother’s Day weekend in 2016 only, May 7th and 8th. Same managers – Jill and Katie. Boots volunteered to do breakfast.
- Northern Highlands – the owners of Rocky Run (campground) cannot accommodate the ride weekend. There is no other weekend available to switch to. August 27th and 28th are the assigned dates for NH. Suggested to use the old Wildcat location west of Neillsville. Will know more about options for making changes after next week’s UMECRA meeting. Have time to decide where to hold – will sanction it to save the date.
- Colorama – dates September 16-18 as assigned. Proposed that we shorten it to two days, Sat and Sun, and offer a 50 on Sunday. 50th running of Colorama occurs in 2016. Jill asked if Wade House will cover the cost of the porta potties, Bill agreed to ask. Bill discovered the old mold for the best buckles – would like to have them made. Kathy S. has a sample buckle. Can review costing of completion awards at the banquet meeting. Would like to crank up the advertising for the 50th running. Recommending return to two days, Pam and Bill willing to keep managing.
- Drawarama – Jon is proposing that Drawarama drop to 3 days. Turnout has been declining on the Thursday ride day. Also suggested to drop the pioneer and 3-day 100. Proposed to move the ride to the northern Kettles instead of southern. Jon willing to manage if it’s at the northern Kettles. Sept 30-Oct.2. Barb also willing to manage. After a discussion, the DRAWARAMA ride will be moved to the Northern Kettle Moraine campground and go to a three-day ride beginning in 2016.

Completion awards – We need to set price and who would purchase- each RM or a committee? A discussion was held on the merits of having each RM purchase completions vs a committee. Barb would like to see the DRAW logo on any t-shirt that is given out. Art suggested a series of items so people don’t get the same thing at every ride, could sell any leftovers at the last ride, almost like a collective item. A committee with volunteers: Jos, Laurie, Barb was formed to look into completions for 2016; if a ride wants to purchase t-shirts for their ride, they can still do so but should let the committee know. Price point is \$5 for a completion. To get an idea of how many completions are needed, the committee can contact Robin Schadt and she can run some numbers from her database

Membership with Wisconsin Horse Council – group in favor of continuing. Katie is willing to represent DRAW at the WHC meetings. Jon asked benefit of being involved – Katie gets legislative updates and shares with members. Jon motions to continue membership, seconded by Wes; motion passed. Katie discussed the Equine Disease Communication Center, no motion made to donate there.

Donations to Northern and Southern Kettle Trail Associations –Last year we donated \$250 to the Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association and \$500 to the Northern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association. Jos motions we give each \$250, seconded by Jon. Passed. In the Northern Kettle Unit, the DNR is working on a ceiling on the shelter, rails on bridges, trail improvement in the boggy areas. \$1000 every 100 yards to repair boggy trails. The equestrian groups must remain vocal on the trails to not lose them to other recreational pursuits.

Website manager position – Jessi is doing it now, unknown if she wants to consider. Discussion of points – when posted, include the rides that are included in points. Jos offered to do the website if Jessi is no longer interested in continuing.

Election of officials –

- President – Kathy nominated Barb, seconded by Jos. No other nominations. Passed.
- Vice President – Jos nominated Katie, seconded by Kathy. No other nominations. Passed.
- Secretary – Jon nominated Pam, seconded by Jos. No other nominations. Passed.
- Treasurer – Jon nominated Jill, seconded by Jos. No other nominations. Passed.
- Points Keeper – Jon nominated Bill, he no longer wants to do it. Bill nominated Ruth, Wes seconded it. No other nominations. Passed. Thank you Ruth!

Other items: Kathy knows of a 14.2 mare that would go really cheap if anyone is looking.

Jill motions to end the meeting, seconded by Jon. Passed.