

## **SKMHTA Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**

**Start 10:00 AM**

- Welcome Members
- Guest Speakers –
  - Brian Lemke, DNR
    - 2 new manure pits added, more to be added
    - New ZZ parking lot complete with signs
    - Add hitching post at the McMiller warming shelter, will ask for volunteers to help
      - Candle light hike available for fundraising
    - Spinning Weather station installed by obstacle course
    - Rumor of gates going up to prevent ATV's and 4-wheel drive vehicles at priority trail locations. Possibly use wing gates or show proto-types to the club.
    - Hosting a trail building course
      - May 8-11 Mike Ritter
    - Discussed new campsite reservation website
      - Every electric site is now reserveable
      - Renaming the 500 sites to 400 to show they are reserveable
      - Pictures still to come
      - Potentially not have the name tag at each site, have a sign at the entrance explaining how to reserve
    - If there is money left over in the snowmobile account, will use to buy gravel, club should let DNR know areas to use the gravel
  - Benjamin Lang, Eagle Scout (Camp Host Shelter Project)
    - 10x20 run in shed with tack room (increasing the height to 9ft)
    - Oct – cleared a spot, added gravel and cut the skids
    - Went back at night and used a laser level to level gravel and skids
    - Troop will have work days
    - Assemble walls and trusses indoors and bring to site to put together
    - ETA End of March
    - \$4,000 to \$5,000 estimated cost
    - Has a GoFundMe Page, sent out 75 letters with very little return
  - Governor Dodge Equestrian Group
    - Fundraising to build new campground
    - 21 horse campsites planned
    - Required to install 2 vault toilets, one going in this fall
    - Raffle going on now with amazing prizes

- Drawing will happen at MWHF

## ■ Review of 2018 Accomplishments / Reports

- Volunteers needed for 4H Tack sales
- Spring Saddle Cleaning
- Spring Cleanup at Horseriders
- Replaced Hitching rails at Hwy S
- Kim and Steve Jaye maintained the Obstacle course
- Corrals added to 12 campsites
  - 183 volunteer hours
  - Grants from: UMECRA, AERC & WI Horse Council
- Hwy ZZ parking lot open, club paid for gravel
- 9 new concrete manure pits
- Fall Fundraiser – Huge success (\$5849 raised)
- Holiday Gala at Ivan's on the Square
- Winterhorse winter ride & Chili dump
- \$20,218 contributed to SKMHTA in 2018

## ■ 2019 Events / Ideas

- Spring Saddle Cleaning possibly March
- Plans for Roll Down sides for Pavilion
- Eagle Scout Projects:
  - Camp host shelter
  - Group fire pit space & fencing
- Members only discounts available
  - Wings-N-Things
  - The Corral
  - Racer Placer
- Share the Trails event at new Hwy ZZ parking lot
  - Use of the shelter for event
  - Share the trail etiquette
- Micro Chipping Event
- Fun Rides
  - Campouts, breakfast rides, evening rides, dinner rides, bonfires
- Parades??? – Kettle Moraine Days, 4<sup>th</sup> of July

## ■ Election of new officers

- Vice President – **Shari Haviza**
- Secretary – **Susan Riggan**
- Fundraising Coordinator – **Bridget Bender**
- Discussed footing within the corrals

- Have piles of dirt that could be added now
- Drawing for Door Prizes
- Adjourn Meeting