

# SKMHTA CLUB MEETING MINUTES (PENDING APPROVAL)

**Date: 10/9/2023**

**Location: Rustix, Eagle WI**

**ATTENDEES:** Amy J, Bridgette B, Jill B, Gale S, Mike L, Barb L, Barb R, Trudie M, Debbie D, Devan L, Jennifer J, Duane D. Poor internet signal and loud location prevented Facebook Live presentation.

**CALL TO ORDER TIME:** 6:13pm by Devan L, President

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (AMY J)

MOVE TO ACCEPT: Devan L

SECONDED: Barb R

## TREASURER'S REPORT (AMY M)

**Treasurer not present to report. Debbie D will present Fall Fundraiser preliminary results**

## FUNDRAISER REPORT (DEBORAH)

### Fall Fundraiser Summary

**Thank you volunteers and donors, we couldn't do it without you!**

\*CORRECTION TO NUMBERS PRESENTED AT MEETING\*

Total raised after expenses and donations received after the fundraiser date should be around \$13,000

- Income: \$3850 sponsors, \$4259 donations, EventBrite Sales plus Day of Dinner Sales \$3281.04, memberships \$275, shirt sales \$1180, Auctions \$2125, Raffle \$1870, Tack Sale \$542, Bake Sale \$102, 50/50 Raffle \$135 (club's share)
- Expenses: DNR Event Fee \$50, Raffle License \$25.50, Shirts \$2424.75, LD's Catering \$1373.69, ice \$23.96. Other supplies (flatware, soda, water, table coverings, etc) pending

## TRAIL REPORT (DUANE)

- **Obstacle Course Bridge** - repairs completed, thank you Duane!
- **Downed Trees** - be aware that trees and branches are still falling regularly from the storm earlier this year. If you come across a blocked trail, please use a trail app or map with the exact spot marked to provide the DNR with an accurate location of the downed tree, for fastest removal
- **Ottawa Trailhead** - damaged hitching post will need repair (looks like someone backed over it)

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Survey Results** - only 4 people have taken the online version, reposted on FB page, will send link with meeting minutes to hopefully get more responses. Trudie brought the results of the physical copies filled out at the Fall Fundraiser, Amy J will compile results
- **Not for Profit** - the club is looking into several options (Friends of group, etc) and the steps to become not for profit, in addition to requirements for maintaining such. History of the club shows the process was started back in 2010, but never completed. Board plans to partner with an accountant familiar with managing not for profits for advice/guidance.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Obstacle Course Maintenance** - Member Dawn H donated \$500 towards a lawn mower for obstacle course upkeep (to be used by Andy A) on behalf of ApDRAW, will the SKMHTA match/contribute? General discussion at the meeting agrees that the club is willing, but as the grass cutting season is over, we will make a final decision on an amount at the club's annual meeting in January. In the mean time, we ask members to keep an eye open for good deals on riding mowers (good shape that will not need a lot of work/maintenance to be serviceable).

## OPEN DISCUSSION:

- **Camp Host** - DNR Ranger Spencer J is no longer in charge of camp hosts. DNR Park Supervisor, Brian Lemke approached Devan with the question if a non-horse person would be acceptable as a camp host, as there were few offers for camp hosts this year. He was made aware that several people have inquired but were turned away. The club is strongly suggesting to Brian that Fawn R be approved for the entire summer, if she is still interested, and he will reach out to her (she did a wonderful job hosting at Wildcat for all of 2023). If you are interested in becoming a camp host, please reach out to Brian directly.
- **Garden Mart Ladies Night** - the Garden Mart has offered to make the SKMHTA the recipient of any donations raised at their November 17th Ladies Night Winter Planter Workshop, please contact The Garden Mart if you are interested in taking part in this fun event!
- **Tree donation** - Bridgette B suggested donating a tree to Margaret M in memory of Bob. Club attendees all agreed this was a great idea. \*UPDATE\* Margaret chose a Vanilla Strawberry Hydrangea.

## COMING EVENTS:

- **Celebration of Life for Bob Michaels - Saturday October 14th**  
Although we are still grieving the loss of a truly wonderful person, it feels like the time is right to celebrate the life of Robert (Bob) Michaels (Sept 24, 1961-Sept 7, 2023). Please join us October 14, 2023 from 1:30-4 pm to share food, drinks and favorite memories of time spent with Bob. He asked us to hold this celebration in his shop: S51W33413 Road GE Dousman, WI. Food, beer, wine and soft drinks will be provided so we can celebrate Bob's life in a way that would make him happy.
- **Social Ride:** Tues Oct 24th 10:30am, ride from Eagle/S trailhead to Winterhorse for soup/lunch
- **Fall Cleanup:** Nov 4th 9:00am, location/tasks to be determined (may split up group)
- **Chili Poker Ride:** Sat Dec 2, Noon - Winterhorse Park, Eagle WI
- **Next Meeting: TBD**
- **Annual Meeting:** January 13th, 10am - DNR HQ Building on Hwy 59, Eagle WI
- **2024 Fall Fundraiser Date:** to be determined at Annual Meeting

**MOVE TO ADJOURN:** 7:06pm by Devan L

SECONDED: Debbie D

## Corrections & Updates:

Fall Fundraiser numbers presented after clarification from the Treasurer. The "approx \$24,000 after deposits" stated was in regards to the club's total bank account funds, not the Fall Fundraiser totals.

Added update of the tree/bush selected to present to Margaret in memory of Bob