South Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association – General Meeting Minutes

6:30 at Horserider’s Campground 7/19/21

Call to order 6:38

Present: Amy Muth, Bob Michaels, Margaret Michaels, Jen Haras, Laura Savatski

* Approve May 11th minutes (see below) Amy moves Jen seconds all in favor to approve.

Treasures report by Amy. Current balance $ 13,486.48.

* A cash donation of $90 in honor of Jill Balcerowski’s hard work in helping another club member put up hay. Thank you Jill.
* Laura moves Margaret seconds to approve treasurer report and all in favor.

Thank you’s and appreciation

* Andy and Alicia Agenten and his daughter for maintenance on the obstacle course
* Thanks to all for help with trail maintenance May 16th Sunday 9-12. Got the white loop 90% done. Present and thanks to Bob & Margaret Michaels, Jen & Joe Haras, Char Omdahl, Andy & Alicia, Amy Muth, Jill Balcerowski.

New Event- Bonecrusher Endurance Ride.

* Laura will run a table to sign up members, distribute info on fall fundraiser. Memberships $25 for household includes a shirt. Additional shirts $10. Hankies are $6. Jen to ask Ride Manager Amber Erickson for “permission”. Three to four new members and several hankies sold (Amy to update with specifics for year end).

Park project report from Bob

* Corral work not yet started – expect activity in fall.
* Loops look good. Need to do a cleanup in fall.
* Reminder that if you find a tree down contact the DNR office 262-594-6200.

Elections of officers for 2022-23

* Need nominations for President, Secretary, Fall fundraiser coordinator, Events coordinator
* Please step forward as an officer. We need you!

Future of the club

* Low engagement, fundraising difficulties, need to adjust goals or structure
* If we go to a Friends of model, the club remains the same but we do not need to focus on “fun” and can switch to park improvements and fundraising related to that. This opens up the possibility of matching funds and other grants only open to non-profits that make fundraising more effective.
* Need to make it public that the club needs officers, help with Maintenance. Wild 3L. Idea to have them sell hankies to their clients. Amy will contact them to sell a “lot” of hankies. Route 67 stables. Others? Members invited to reach out to any you know to make a sponsorship donation.

Other fundraising

* Spirit Horse fundraiser over $1500 for the year. One-third of this total goes to the park. Those at the meeting helped fold cards. The $5 Spirit Horse items were for sale during the meeting: cards, jams, fly spray, horse art wooden nickles. $15 made at the meeting.
* Laura will look into applying to UMECRA and AERC for trail funds for SKMHTA. AERC needs a final report before club is eligible for another grant.

Fall fundraiser Sept 11th

* Need a chair, we do not have one.
* Fall Fundraiser – need coordinated riding time on Saturday with short loop and longer loops
* Donations for fundraiser needed (baskets for raffles, asks of area businesses, tack etc…)
* Dinner at park – Amy will look into it with an area caterer
* Theme 20 yrs since 9/11. Horse Parade in the Park.
* Obstacle Improvements – (we need to engage sponsors and others to donate items)
* Weekend ride
* Ride a couple different loop choices, parade, and catered dinner Saturday. Sunday ride to Olsen’s cabin.
* Show your stripes! Support Horseriders!

Meeting adjourned 7:44 All in favor

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May 11th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6:53 PM

Present: Peggy Rittenhouse, Amy Muth, Laura Savatski, Jen Haras, Kim Luedtke, Lynette Wrobbel, Dawn Haas

Consent Agenda

* General meeting minutes from April 24th posted on website: <http://www.skmhta.com> send corrections to Jennifer.

Thanks you’s and appreciation

* Great work accomplished in honor of Earth Day!! Thank you! Park cleanup, firepits cleaned out, trees trimmed, 60 trees planted, thanks to Spirit Horse for providing trees.

Treasurers Report

* $13, 691.68 current balance of checking account. $75 more to deposit.
* Current memberships total 46

Membership

* Memberships run annually for the price of $25 per household and are due to
  + Amy Muth, 817 Andover Drive, Eagle, WI 53119
  + Forms are available on the website under the join tab
  + Paypal payment is accepted at <http://www.skmhta>

Promotions & Events

* Goal to raise $5000 WOW!
* Welcoming corporate sponsors and raffle items for Sept event.
* Monthly events (intro to endurance, driving, camping, riding, poker run, scrabble ride, chiropractic, lunch ride, tack donation, parade riding)
  + Trail Maintenance May 16th, Sunday, 9-12 with group lunch after. BYO TOOLS. Lunch will be provided. Bob or Jen will bring UTV or ATV.
  + Tack Sale / BCHofWI Scavenger hunt ride. Advertising. Tables. Riding. Camping. May 21, 22, 23. Tack sale is Sat up in pavilion. Lisa will be handling food. Laura made a flyer and laminated copies for Palmyra/Eagle area. Will post on Facebook page. Ideas for posting flyers: DNR HQ & Kiosks. Jen contacted Lisa Docter to register for the park. SKMHTA will pay ½ of $50 event application fee ($25). Laura to provide treats under Spirit Horse and Amy will do donuts. Note that all food has to be individually wrapped (thanks Dawn:-). Jen will do T-shirts and hankies.

New Business

* T-shirt design contest? Krista Hesprich or if not? Others? Kids?
  + Amy brought list of previous sponsors. Sponsors to be asked by Jen, Amy, Laura to sponsor the club. They will also get name on shirt, website, and live recognition at the fall event. They can donate 25,50, or $100. $100 donation needed to be on shirt. Add Squidy’s and Ice cream shop to list.
* Signs : Two mile marker to be donated by Ann Marie - yield to horses/trail sharing awareness. Bob will ask Ann Korman how to proceed ordering signs.
* Laura will ask UMECRA about making a donation to SKMHTA for maintenance
* Peggy wants to sponsor a safety sign similar to the Yield sign Jen and Laura saw on Facebook. Yay! Peggy! Suggestion to have a sign donation/sign drive at the tack sale.
* ADA Mounting ramp - Eagle Scout project. Jen’s contact has aged out. Jen reached out to Tara to check her connections. Troop 45 in the area.

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| Month | Event | Lead |
| May 16 | Trail Maintenance | Bob Michaels |
| May 21. 22. | Back Country Horsemen Scavenger Hunt/Camping Tack Sale | Lisa Docter |
| JUNE 11-13 | Spirit Horse Camping - Endurance | Laura Savatski |
| JULY 23-25 | Spirit Horse Camping - Endurance | Laura Savatski |
| AUG 19-22 | Private Spirit Horse Event – Artist Ride at Pumpkin Hollow  (need volunteers and a couple of Appy horses for pictures) | Laura Savatski |
| SEPT 11 | Annual Event | \*\*\*\* |
| Oct 1-3  TBD | Spirit Horse Ride Event - Endurance  Fall Chili Dump? | Laura – need volunteers  \*\*\*\* |

Goals for 2021/2022

* All 16 pens (8 small, 8 doubles) receive new footing
* Additional pens?
* Rebuild port a potty floor (2021)
* Have FUN & RIDE!! Weekly riding meet ups on Tuesdays at 3pm & Sundays at 11am! - Horseriders camp

Meeting schedule

* 2nd Tues of month at 6PM Membership Meeting by zoom <https://versiti.zoom.us/j/99847100281>

Members Meetings will be held at the park through the summer months.

Meeting adjourned 7:32. Minutes by Jen Haras and Laura Savatski.