

## SKMHTA Meeting Minutes – Thursday, February 27, 2020

- **Call to Order** – 6:35
- **Welcome / Member Intros** – Meeting was board members only. In attendance were Jennifer Haras, Sheri Haviza, Amy Muth, Beth Schroeder, Bob Michaels (wife, Margaret was Bob's driver) and Past President, Tara LeRoy
- **Minutes** – Minutes from the Annual Meeting held February 1 approved (MOTION by Amy Muth, Seconded by Sheri Haviza – motion carried and approved as written.)
- **Treasurer's Report** – No formal report at this time but 47 current member families after the Annual Meeting.
- **Trail Report** – Bob Michaels was not able to attend the Annual Meeting but has been in contact with the DNR. The following projects are areas of focus:
  - **Stairs** off of the Main trail by Horseriders – This trail is in need of some reworking due to the canyon effect and steps being well used.
  - **Hwy S** is a muddy mess south of the parking lot – would like to recut part of that trail.
  - **Young Road** – Parking lot would be ideal at the south side of the road near the trail crossing. Gary and Sue Press have been investigating the possible 100 by 200 foot parking lot area and quotes of \$4800 and \$6300 are on file.
  - **Oleson Cabin** – water source. Is the well still there and can it be reactivated/reworked for use by all trail groups?
  - **Spring Cleanup** – is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at Horserider's and one of the tasks is to add gravel to the pens and hi line areas where needed. Will the DNR provide the gravel for upkeep?
  - The above projects are being discussed with Anne and Don Dayne at DNR to see if they are open to the above areas of focus for this year. Bob Michaels is heading up the project with support from the Press's and Fred.
  - Additionally, per Tara – Andy Agentin will be doing trail upkeep on the obstacles this year.
- **Committee Reports** – additional committee reports were not done due to Board Only Meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Member at Large** – Laura Savatski was nominated by Jennifer H. Voting will take place at March Meeting.
- **Marketing/Website Master** – Sue Press has reconstructed the website after a mishap and Jennifer and Bridgette will be added and function as Website Masters with Sue's assistance. Jennifer will be making a Facebook Group for members only to keep paid members up to date in a more direct fashion.

- **Donation** was received from Hags on Nags - \$350 total donation. \$100 will be as a 2020 sponsor for the Fall Fundraiser (need to add to t-shirts) and \$250 donation with the request of applying to needed projects such as the horse pen upkeep at Horseriders or trailhead by the cabin.
- **Midwest Horse Fair Booth C43 – (MWHF)** Sheri and Amy are drivers. Final arrangements are being made – no electric will be purchase but will rent 1 – 8 foot table and chair. Sheri will be bringing laptop with battery for slideshow and will recharge as needed. Staffing is being addressed and the following items should be packed or included for use – SKMHTA tablecloth & more if needed, table(s), t-shirts, hankies and brochures. MOTION was made by Amy to authorize up to \$300 for a Promotional sign for use at tack sales, etc... Jennifer will head up the project. Sheri seconded and motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

- **501 c 3** – SKMHTA IS NOT TAX DEDUCTABLE 501 c 3. SKMHTA does have a Not for Profit status. Bridget will investigate to see if changing our status would be feasible for the future. Are we missing donations due to the tax deductible status? Would the benefits outweigh the costs? In the past, it has not been found to be beneficial but we will be re-visiting the option.
- **Porta Potty Upkeep** – In the past, we have provided cleaning for the porta-potties and would like to add wasp spray and marketing info in the form of laminated brochures as signage and labeled wasp spray with “Brought to you by SKMHTA” stickers.

#### **Important Dates In Southern Kettle:**

- March 26<sup>th</sup> – SKMHTA MEETING at Sperino’s in Elkhorn 6:00 social and 6:30 meeting. All are invited to attend.
- April 25 Spring Campground Cleanup at Horseriders Campground
- April 26 Mock Endurance Ride Hwy ZZ
- May 1 – 3 Hags on Nags Derby Weekend at Horseriders Campground
- May 8 – 10 Glacier Trails Endurance Ride at Horseriders Campground
- May 31<sup>st</sup> Equine Trail Sports Event at Horseriders Campground
- June 13 – 14 ApDra Endurance Ride at Horserides Campground
- July 25 – 26 Warhorse Endurance Ride at Horseriders Campground
- Oct 2 – 4 Spirit Horse Endurance Ride at Horseriders Campground

#### **Meeting Adjourned – 8:07 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth Schroeder