

SKMHTA CLUB MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

Date: August 14th, 2023 **Location:** Sullivan Saloon, Sullivan WI **CALL TO ORDER TIME:** 6:03pm

ATTENDEES (13) - Trudie M, Devan L (President), Amy J (Secretary), Jill B, Debbie D (Fundraising Coordinator), Nancy R, Mary E, Mike & Barb L, Gale S (Vice President), Barbara R, Jackie M, Wally L

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/RECOGNITION

Welcome Beth, Karin & Mark, who joined the SKMHTA at the Ride for Corrals!

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (AMY J)

One correction - change date of Fall Fundraiser shirt orders to August 31st
MOVE TO ACCEPT: Devan L SECONDED: Debbie D

TREASURER'S REPORT (AMY M not present - presented by Debbie D)

\$84.34 in the business account
\$12,950 in main account
Income: \$1208 from Ride for Corrals, \$91 from JH Tack consignment sales
Expenses: 30 corral panels, 10 gates from Priefert
MOVE TO ACCEPT: Devan L SECONDED: Debbie D

FUNDRAISER REPORT (DUANE D not present - presented by Debbie D)

June Ride for Corrals went great! \$1200 raised in one day, new members and a great time was had by all!

Fall Fundraiser Sept 23rd, 2023, Volunteers Needed!

- Rushing Waters is offering a free snack plate to any Fall Fundraiser Attendees that ride over to Rushing Waters the weekend of the event! Be sure to thank them for this fun offer and their continued support!
 - Donation letters have been mailed and donations are beginning to arrive! We have donations from: Rustix, Knuckleheads, True Value Palmyra, Rushing Waters, Friends of Nature, West 20, Sharon S (Kwik Trip \$100 Gift Card), and Laura Inglass Designs
 - Please reach out to friends, employers and businesses you frequent! Raffle prizes, auction items and donations are our main source of funds, and every little bit helps! Debbie D has a sample donation request letter you can use!
 - Discussion on schedule, no lunch offering this year, ideas for handling raffle tickets, and entertainment
 - TShirt Color & Design Finalization
 - Ride shirt will be purple with white ink (Gold Level Sponsors on back)
 - Design updated to the "Releasing Tension Horse" graphic
 - Additional Hoodies & Long Sleeves will be available in Safety Green w/black ink (SKMHTA logo on back)
 - Food (catered or prepare/serve ourselves?)
 - Discussed various caterer expenses, prices are around \$28 a plate for full catering
 - To keep ticket donation cost low, we will have food catered by LD and serve ourselves
 - Dinner to include LD's pulled chicken, brisket, sides and 20th Anniversary cake
 - Ticket Prices
 - Keep ticket prices same as last year, \$30
 - Eventbrite sales will go live in the next day or two, Amy J will also create a mail in order form
- MOVE TO ACCEPT: Amy J SECONDED: Gale S

TRAIL REPORT (DUANE - presented by Deborah D)

Obstacle Course Bridge will be repaired Labor Day weekend, will also try to address the Viele Rd hitching post
Hose Reel is ready to be decal'd and delivered to Camp Host site, need to retrieve decal from Vaughn
Wasps are nesting in the usual areas, open ended hitching posts, mounting blocks, etc, use caution!

OLD BUSINESS

Campground Corral & Corral Footing Update

- **Two more campsites have had corral footings upgraded, 405 and 414!** Several board members met with Brian Lemke, DNR Park Supervisor to discuss moving the footing project forward, use of the grant funds & club allocated funds, the possibility of adding a dump station to Horserider's Campground, and discussed adding corrals IN ADDITION to the existing high lines on campsites that have enough room. After discussing with his team, Brian is looking into the possibility of adding a dump station, and the plan for corrals is getting the footings cleaned up on sites 402-406 as they are the most heavily used, followed by 430-437, as well as filling in any low high line areas. Site 431 is being reviewed to determine if there is enough room for pens, and site 435 only has room for one 12x12 in addition to the highlines. We may change which sites the corrals are installed on pending this review.
- **The new corrals are ready for pickup!** Great job on the fundraising everyone, this is how we get things done! We will find out how long the vendor can hold them, but if the DNR has not completed the footings we will set a workday to install the corrals (they will need to be temporarily removed later to do the footings) or store if necessary.

We also have received an offer from a private party to fund corrals on an additional site! The donor, new members Karin and Mark, requested the site upgraded be located in "Hollywood Row" (401 thru 406).

We will have positions open for 2024: Fundraising Coordinator and Trail Coordinator!

NEW BUSINESS

- **Monthly social rides** - member Barb R needs to put her monthly scheduled Wed ride on hold for now. All are welcome to schedule and organize a trail ride or campout, feel free to use our Facebook page or contact the secretary at SKMHTAnews@gmail.com to communicate via email to find people to ride or camp with!
- **Next Meeting Date and Location: Sept 11th, location TBD**

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Bob Michaels - long time SKMHTA member and friend to many of us, is in need of our thoughts and prayers. Margaret has shared the Bob is battling cancer, again. Bob and Margaret have been long time SKMHTA members and supporters, serving on several Board of Director positions, leading work days, sharing their experience and expertise, and everyone has admired Bob's woodworking, from his custom hoof picks to the exquisite saddles stands he has donated to the Fall Fundraiser every year. Please keep Bob and his family in your thoughts.

Coming events:

General Meeting - Sept 11th, 2023 Location TBD

Fall Fundraiser - Sept 23rd, 2023 Horseriders Campground, Palmyra WI

MOVE TO ADJOURN: Devan L SECONDED: Debbie D Time:8:12pm

Note: after the meeting there was more discussion about the club becoming a 501c3, with a lot of useful information being shared by Wally L, of Rick's Run Inc, a memorial Non-Profit Skilled Trades Scholarship Fund (www.ricksruninc.com).

Wally gave us a very clear path to move forward, including contacts for financial management and a few tips and tricks for record keeping, donation receipts and more!

We also discussed taking preorders for the safety green long sleeve and hoodie shirts, these will be added to the Eventbrite page for pickup at the Fall Fundraiser!

Meeting minutes submitted for review on 9/11/2023 by Amy Janecek, Secretary