

# SKMHTA ANNUAL CLUB MEETING MINUTES (FINAL)

Date: January 14th, 2023 Location: DNR Headquarters, Eagle WI

CALL TO ORDER TIME: 10:05am by President Devan L

Attendance (26): Devan L (President), Amy M (Treasurer), Amy J (Secretary), Deborah D (Fundraising Coordinator), Duane D (Trails Coordinator), Jill B, Margo M, Barbara R, Diane P, Trudie M, Gale S, Jill F, Krista H, Beth S, Stephanie E, Lisa P (Member at Large), Mary E, Dawn H, Cindy D, Char O, John O, Ann U, Sherry A, Kim J, Jen H, Sally K

**Member Introductions** & share your most memorable trail ride

## **DNR Speakers - Don D, Brian L & Spencer J**

- The DNR thanked the SKMHTA for their efforts and fundraising to install electric, corrals and more over the years. It makes a difference in the experience and amount of people who enjoy the property.
- Corral footing project - all sites with corrals in the "Palmyra Loop" have all had their footing upgraded! The DNR will continue to get as many done as possible before May.
- A section of bridle trail near Hwy Z will be rerouted due to rutting/erosion
- Wilton Rd/Mueller Homestead rest stop - please run the water for a few minutes if you are there, this will help keep the lines clear and bacteria levels in check
- The DNR has purchased a Bobcat Toolkit, and will be able to do more trail maintenance and complete work such as cleaning manure pits faster with the additional equipment. If pits are full, call 262-594-6220
- Mini Library is at DNR maintenance shop, we do have permission to mount it in the Pavillion

## DNR Q&A

- What to do if a logging or other contractor leaves trails in rough shape - call Forest HQ
- Mukwonago River Unit (Rainbow Springs) open to horses? - No, please do not ride these trails
- Logging Safety Concerns - the DNR will alert the SKMHTA to scheduled work, when possible
- Can water be run to more areas in camp - no, due to elevation/drainage issues
- Horse/Bike trail signs - Brian L has some signs ready to hang, will work with Amy J on future designs

**Interested in being a Camp Host at Horseriders Campground for the 2023 season?** Contact the DNR Camp Host organizer Spencer Jost at: [spencer.jost@wisconsin.gov](mailto:spencer.jost@wisconsin.gov) 262-470-3618 or [apply online](#)

**Trail Building Class** - the WI State Horse Council is sponsoring the class again this year, at Wildcat Mountain State Park, May 17-20th. Contact Cricket Jewett, [krocketj@gmail.com](mailto:krocketj@gmail.com)

**SAWW** - the DNR holds Safety & Wood Worker classes for those who will be using chainsaws in DNR properties, or just want to learn proper safety and usage of chainsaws. Reach out to the DNR HQ for more information or to express interest in a future class (proposed June 2023)

## **MINUTES OF 10/17/2022 MEETING (AMY J) - see attachment to email**

MOVE TO ACCEPT: Amy M

SECONDED: Kim J

## **TREASURER'S REPORT/2022 Financial Summary (AMY M) - see attachment to email**

Notes: PortaPotty costs increased, Insurance has not yet been billed, WI State Horse Council has not yet been paid for 2023 (filling out and mailing this week)

MOVE TO ACCEPT: Devan L

SECONDED: Sherry A

## **FUNDRAISER REPORT (DEBORAH) - see attachment to email**

2023 Date: Sat Sept 23rd at Horseriders Campground

Voting on theme - winner: Into the Saddle I Go, To Lose My Mind and Find my Soul

If you are an employee or have contacts at a local larger company, please begin requesting donations

## **TRAIL REPORT (DUANE) - see attachment to email**

2022 had over 340 volunteer hours logged, thank you everyone!

**Spring Cleanup** - Sat April 29th at Horseriders Campground. Rain date of Sun April 30th

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Open Board Member Positions** - VP and potentially adding a second Member at Large

**Amazon Wish List** - wheelbarrows, tires, hoses, manure forks, etc - any suggestions? Add to website.

**Corral Footing** - see Trail Coordinator slideshow for more information

**2023 Goals** - continue to add corrals, beginning with roadside campsites

**Young Rd Parking Lot** - this is a State Natural Area, DNR does not see a feasible way to add a lot. Website will need to be updated to remove this project. DNR is interested in adding a trailhead at Olsen Cabin, if they can work around the road topography and get approved in the Master Plan.

**LaGrange Trailhead** - no room to expand parking, this is the lot most used by non-horse users

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Booth Volunteers** - sign up to staff the booth at upcoming tack sales & MWHF (Sign Up Genius online)

### **Board Nominations**

Vice President - Gale Sohns nominated by Deborah D, seconded by Jen H

Welcome to the Board Gale!

VP position filled, decided to table adding a 2nd MAL with a current, full BOD

**Meetings** - club will meet 2nd Monday of each month, at an indoor location for colder/bad weather and the Pavillion at Horseriders Campground in good weather. Will also have some monthly meetings on the weekend, incorporated with work days and social events. **Next meeting Feb 13th, 6pm at Sullivan Saloon**

## **OPEN DISCUSSION - looking for suggestions for club events/social activities/growth**

**Other Trail Users** - we need to partner with other groups (mountain bike, snowmobile, etc), possibly send a guest speaker to share how to interact with horses, possibly combine work/cleanup events

**Bingo Fundraiser** - possible future event. Char O will be hosting a UTV Club BINGO Fundraiser at Squiddys in Palmyra on Sat, Jan 21st if anyone would like to attend to see an example and support another local club

**Social Trailrides** - Barb R will organize monthly social trail rides for local members! This will help encourage the members and other local horse riders to get to know each other, and support those who are trying to get back into the saddle more! First ride set for Feb 22nd, at Eagle (Hwy S) Trailhead, 11am.

### **Congratulations to door prize winners:**

Sherry A, Kim J, Dawn H, Mary E, Beth S, Stephanie E, Barb R and Sally K

MOVE TO ADJOURN: Devan L

SECONDED: Kim J

Meeting Adjourned: 12:35pm

Meeting Minutes submitted for review by Amy Janecek, Secretary 1/17/2023, Approved 2/13/2023