

# Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trails Association General Meeting

Date: Feb 3rd, 2026 Location: Jennings Holler, Eagle WI

Meeting Called to Order Time: 6:05pm

Attendees (21, plus a few non-legible names or not recorded on sheet): Gale S, President; Beth B, Vice President; Trudie M; Sandy R; Sheri R; Anita O; Jill B; Val T; Wendy K; Peggy W; Darlene J; Tal J; Cathy P; Amy J, Secretary; Jackie M; Wally L; Amy M, Treasurer; Barb L, Fundraising Coord; Mike L; Jane K

## Welcome, Introductions and Recognition

Welcome to several new members and attendees! Thank you for joining us!

## Secretary Report

### **Minutes of the Jan 10th, 2026 SKMHTA Annual Meeting**

Motion to Accept as written: Beth B Secoded: Sandy R Motion Passed

### **Minutes of the Feb 22, 2026 Board Meeting**

Motion to Accept as written: Beth B Secoded: Sandy R Motion Passed

## Treasurer Report

- Total funds on hand: \$23,585.35 - monthly income and expenses were approx equal, income included Tack Sale income and Trail Pass sales, expenses included WHC fees, PO Box
- Porta Potty Servicing: difficulties/no response from Pats - Motion by Jane K, seconded by Mike L to stop using Pats and contact a new company recommended by DNR for service - Motion Passed

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report: Jill F Secoded: Beth B Motion Passed

## Trail Coordinator Report (Duane D, Trail Coordinator not present)

- Trail Master Class: still openings available, see Wisconsin Horse Council's website for details
- Spring Cleanup Volunteer Day: Sat April 25th 10am at Horseriders' Campground (4/26/2026 rain date)

## Fundraising Coordinator Report

- Fundraising Committee Meeting Date TBD: contact Barb L at 262-949-8339 for information

## Old Business

- Obstacle Course Signage: Beth B has approval from DNR, looking into pricing/materials
- Additional Electrical Campsites: Beth B getting quote from Meyer Electric - owner on vacation. If club wants to save money by doing more of the physical work, seek contractor/student sponsorship, etc someone will need to lead the project. \*Note\* The many speakers who requested to have a slot of time at the meeting with no specified topic wished to speak about electrification (see below). After discussion of why the project had stalled (no one willing to organize a more complicated project that would cost less vs paying a contractor full rate to do the entire project), and hearing from speakers and attendees, Wally L, who has many years in the trades and in not-for-profit organizations, volunteered to lead the project. A motion was made by Amy J and seconded by Sheri R to form a Committee led by Wally Luebke for the Electrification Project. Contact Wally at [wallygatorluebke@gmail.com](mailto:wallygatorluebke@gmail.com) to be a part of the project.
- Stairs Trail Repair: Don Dane (DNR) will review options. Motion by Peggy W to table stairs trail discussion pending DNR, Jane K seconded, Motion Passed
- Bob Michaels Memorial Fund:
  - The SKMHTA sets aside \$1000 each year for trail related education assistance
  - Application Deadline May 1st to begin in 2026 - no applicants as of yet
  - Application available: Amy M posted on FB, shared via email, needs a page on website

- Discussion of potential use of funds: obstacle course signage costs, meal for trail master class
- Corral Expansion: 2025 Corral installs & Footings COMPLETE!
  - Wi Horse Council Trail Grant follow up report for corrals is complete
  - Wi Horse Council Trail Grant interim follow up report submitted, cost of materials acquired from the DNR, waiting for receipt of payment to DNR to finalize WHC Trail Grant Report
- Tables: 10 folding tables purchased, still need to purchase 2 heavy duty
- Host Site Corral: two panels have been purchased (Barb/Mike L), install on hold for now
- Ottawa Old Lot: hitching post knocked over - DNR did temporary repair, will return to lower rail
- Activities: revisited having activities, speakers, etc at meetings
  - More social activities are desired, but due to insurance/liability reasons may not be organized by a BOD member as it requires additional coverage and expense
  - General members are encouraged to plan and participate, at their own risk, in non-club sponsored social rides, clinics, etc and the SKMHTA will help share the information via Facebook and email
- Trail Passes for 2026: Trail Passes are here! Get them at upcoming SKMHTA events!

### **New Business**

Speakers requesting time to speak at the meeting:

- Darlene Janowicz - spoke in favor of expanding electric sites
- Sherri Roberson - spoke on behalf of SWIFT Riders, the club donated and attended events under the impression it was to raise funds for more electric sites. The club is in favor of more electric sites being added to Horseriders' Campground. Members of Lake County Mounted Posse have also shared they prefer more electric campsites vs trail repairs
- Jackie McCarthy & Wally Luebke - concerns about DNR challenges to adding electric sites and the club, as a not-for-profit, raising funds for a project that has not progressed. After discussion, Wally, who has many years of experience as a contractor and leading projects, offered to lead the Committee for Additional Electric Campsites. He will begin to get material lists and pricing together.
- Barb Linneman - spoke about previous to electric being installed, the non electric sites in the upper loop were always the first to be reserved as they were pull through, large and level, now they are the last to be reserved as they have no electric
- Sandy Rogers - spoke of her experiences with installing electric at Govenor Dodge Equestrian Campground, the last two non-electric sites were always the last to be reserved. It cost around \$40,000 to electrify those last two sites. Also commented that it is likely the trail repair will be less financial cost and more physical work, and there is no reason both projects can not be completed.
- Note: requesters Sherry Kaminskis, Peggy Adney, DeAnn Stritzel and Lisa Lisowe did not attend
- Amy Janecek requested to speak in response - clarified that the DNR is in full support of us installing additional electrical campsites in the upper loop, but can not contribute financially to the project. Past meetings some basic pricing of components if the club wished to take on doing work/purchasing materials themselves were presented, but no one volunteered to lead the project at that level of involvement/planning. If the club was willing to spend more and hire a contractor to do the entire project, it would cost significantly more, there were members willing to organize hiring the contractor, however meeting discussions made it clear that was not the preferred option by members. The project stalled out with no project leader. Beth B reached out recently for a firm quote from Meyer Electric, to get us a cost to have a contractor do the entire project start to finish. Also updated on status of available grants (WHC Trail Grants and RTP applications are closed for 2026, WHC Capital Grants are open for applications for projects over \$50,000)
- Beth Blessing-Foat requested to speak in response - spoke about concerns of committing to a project we have not received a firm quote for yet, what if it is far more expensive than anticipated?

Comments by proxy to be shared at the meeting:

- Deb Shinkus - no comments provided
- Cindy Anderson - no comments provided, other than her feelings mirror Sandy R's
- Art Naber - no comments provided
- Julie Cyra - no comments provided

Reminder that going forward, to keep meetings more organized and efficient, we will be following Robert's Rules of Conduct (only one person to speak at a time, recognized by the President or Chair presiding), and we are requesting New Business agenda items to be submitted to the President Gale Sohns at least one week prior to the meeting. Members wishing to speak at the meeting may sign up or send in their comments by proxy. Meetings will, going forward, be preceded by a board of directors meeting one hour prior to the beginning of the general club meeting. As this is a new process to us, we will adjust these guidelines as they fit our needs.

### **2026 Upcoming Events**

- ★ SKMHTA Meeting - April 7th, 6:30pm at Jennings Holler in Eagle, WI
- ★ Midwest Horse Fair - April 17-19th, Alliant Energy Center, Madison WI - Booth C43
- ★ Spring Clean Up - Sat April 25th, 10am at Horseriders' Campground in Palmyra WI
- ★ Glacier Trails Endurance Event - May 8-10th at Horseriders' Campground
- ★ Pack the Park - Saturday, June 6th at Horseriders' Campground
- ★ Bonecrusher Endurance Event - July 24-26th, Horseriders' Campground
- ★ 2026 SKMHTA Fall Fundraiser - Saturday, September 19th, at Horseriders' Campground

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn by Trudie M, Seconded by Beth B, Meeting Adjourned 7:44pm