

SKMHTA CLUB MEETING MINUTES (pending approval)

Date: 11/10//2025 Location: Jennings Holler (KMR), Eagle WI

CALL TO ORDER TIME: 6:00pm

Attendees (13): Devan L, President; Amy J, Secretary; Jill B; Trudie M; Val T; Jill F, Member-at-Large; Barb L, Fundraising Coordinator; Mike L; Gale S, Vice President; Amy M, Treasurer; Margaret M; Duane D, Trail Coordinator; Debbie D

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (AMY J) Corrections: date of November meeting, spelling
MOVE TO ACCEPT with corrections: Devan L SECONDED: Amy M

TREASURER'S REPORT (Amy M)

- ★ Total funds on hand: \$23,295.83 in bank, \$888.19 PayPal transfer pending
 - ★ Expenses: \$1900 for storage container, \$1185.70 FF Catering, post office expenses
 - ★ Note: no bill has been received from Pat's for port potty maintenance, Amy M to call
 - ★ Reserved: \$1000 Bob Michaels Fund; \$3500 footings project (\$1500 SKMHTA/\$2000 WHC grant)
- MOVE TO ACCEPT: Margaret M SECONDED: Barb L

TRAIL REPORT (DUANE D)

- ★ Thank you to all who attended the Clean Up Day! The storage container was organized, campsites were checked, a few pens cleaned up and a nice lunch was held after at Main Street Cafe in Palmyra!
- ★ Obstacle Course - Chain hang needs repair (new chain/fun noodles)
- ★ Wheelbarrows - a few more wheelbarrows needing minor repairs were donated to the club

FUNDRAISER REPORT (BARB L)

- ★ **Fall Fundraiser** - some questions were asked as to why there was no organized ride at the event. Due to only a handful of volunteers working and helping out, there simply was not enough people to also plan and lead a trail ride or activity. The club is designed to have committees for Chairs, and we really do need to start spreading the work out to be able to do more fun activities.
- ★ Theme or SKMHTA Logo - should the 2026 shirts revert back to the logo + sponsors, or do we want to continue a graphic and theme? Survey to be created and sent out by Amy J

2026 Fall Fundraiser date will be Saturday, September 19th!

OLD BUSINESS

- ★ **Obstacle Course** – signs have been measured, Amy J mocking up for DNR approval
- ★ **Additional Electrical Campsites** – pending quotes; discussion on options, need to get a plan and supplies list to set fundraising goals. Possibly contact DNL about trenching services.
- ★ **Bob Michaels Memorial Fund** - Application Deadline: May 1st to begin in 2026. Amy M to work on application creation. Once details ready will need to go on website & facebook.
- ★ **Corral Expansion** - Corrals installs & Footings COMPLETE! Wi Horse Council Grant follow up report needs to be completed. Amy J waiting on receipts for panels - DUE DEC 1st
- ★ **Container for Storage/Supplies** - container delivered & locked with tamper proof container lock
 - Three keys currently held by Mike L, Duane D and Amy J
 - Discussion on painting options, spray foam insulation, elastomeric paint on roof - too cold now

- Shelving purchased and installed, 4 additional large clear rolling bins purchased
- ★ **Table Purchase for club (instead of renting):** 10 folding tables purchased, need 2 heavy duty
- ★ **Host Site Corral** - 2 panels have been purchased (Barb/Mike L), install on hold for now
- ★ **Annual Meeting Topics:**
 - **Open Positions:** Devan D, President will be stepping down due to health concerns, Amy J will be stepping down due to meeting conflicts and time constraints
 - **Project Ideas:** Need quotes on Electrical, Stairs Trail or additional corrals or other projects
 - **Pack the Park:** suggested date - the DNR's Free Fun Weekend - June 6th, 2026
 - **Fall Fundraiser:** theme/design for 2026 or return to SKMHTA club logo & year

NEW BUSINESS

- ★ **Usage of Club Funds:** discussion last month on a "kitty fund" for food/casual club expenses
 - Can do a 50/50 raffle to help pay for food at meetings/events, we have raffle license
- ★ **Robert's Rules of Order:** discussion last month raised if board members are not allowed to make or second motions per RRO.
 - RRO Reviewed - when a non-profit is smaller (BOD less than 12 members), the board members have the same rights and privileges as all other members

OPEN DISCUSSION

- ★ **Governor Dodge Equestrian Friends Fundraiser:** Sunday June 7th, goal to raise money for a new "cut-through" trail - shortening the outer loop for those who do not want such a long ride
- ★ **Stairs Trail** - member Val T opened discussion about repairing the Stairs Trail with club funds in the coming year, as if the trail ends up being closed, we may not be able to get access back. The trail repair vs focusing on electrical sites had been voted on at a previous meeting, but there has been no progress in acquiring quotes on materials and services to install electric sites. Amy J explained the timelines for grants available, as the club is struggling with volunteers and followup, this may be a difficult project to plan/execute.
- ★ **Ottawa Old Lot** - hitching post knocked over, water supply damaged, Duane D to check into
- ★ **Activities** - revisited having activities, speakers, etc at meetings
- ★ **Trail Passes for 2026** - Jill F to check into when they will ship, if they will be available at meeting

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES:

SKMHTA Annual SKMHTA Holiday Party - Sunday, December 14th, 2025 at Jennings Holler/Kettle Moraine Ranch - noon - bring a pot luck dish and a gift worth \$20, RSVP to Barb L

SKMHTA Annual Meeting - Saturday, January 10th, 2026 at DNR Headquarters in Eagle, WI - 10am

Jefferson County 4H Tack Sale - Sunday January 11th at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Waukesha County 4H Tack Sale - Sunday February 8th at the Waukesha County Expo Center

Midwest Horse Fair - April 17-19th at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI Meeting:
Saturday January 10th, 2026, 10am, at DNR State Forest HQ, Eagle WI

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MOVE TO ADJOURN: Mike L SECONDED: Barb L
TIME: 7:44pm