

MnDRA General Meeting Minutes 3-17-2012 Canterbury Park, 3:30 PM

Board members present, Lynn Reichert, President, Dale Lunde, Vice President, Sandy Fett, Treasurer, Holly Egerer, Secretary, Darlene Molitor, Past President

Secretary's report, Holly Egerer, a copy was printed in the newsletter and copies were available today for people to view. Peggy Pasillas moved to accept the secretary's report, seconded by Bob Egerer, minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report- Sandy Fett, A copy of the past years club account activity was passed out. Sharon Hahn made a move to accept the report, seconded by Phil Jensen. Treasurer's report accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Newsletter- Ken Meyer has changed to putting out a newsletter every other month and that has made it much easier to maintain consistency. Make sure to let Ken know if you change your e-mail address. Ken would really like for people to get back to him on the rider profile questionnaires he sends out, he sent out about 8 last year and no one responded back.

MnDRA web site, Diane Merz, was unable to attend today but sent a letter that Lynn Reichert read to the membership. Diane is going to add a link to the MnDRA face book. Diane will continue to run the web site and she will continue to pay the fee for the site as a donation to MnDRA.

Awards-Jen Wuertz and Vanessa Reichert planned the 2011 awards. Need people to do awards for 2012, Sandy Fett volunteered for 2012, Lynn put out a request for others to contact her if they can volunteer also.

Horse Expo- Walt Friberg, presented his ideas for this years promotional items he would like to use including the costs that would be involved. A sign up sheet for times to volunteer at the booth was passed around. Joan Elbert did a new PowerPoint presentation for 2012; expo requires a new PowerPoint every year. Also there will be a 10-mile clinic in May at the Lone Rock trails in Rosemont, MN. Walt would like to have a banner made to hang in the coliseum arena for advertising MnDRA. The fee to hang the banner would be \$300.00; Walt will pay for the cost of printing a banner. Also Walt would like \$180.00 for printing costs for handouts at the booth. Barry made a motion to give Walt the money for booth operating costs (printing ect.), seconded by Peggy Pasillas, motion passed. Motion was made to give Walt the \$300.00 for cost of hanging the banner in the coliseum arena at Horse Expo, discussion followed, concern on what we have for extra money and what would be the realistic amount of new members/new member's fees we would actually get from the expense spent. A vote was counted of hands raised, yes-22, no-20. Mike Powell came forward and donated the fee for the banner for MnDRA. Walt would also like to give away more free memberships at the expo, last year he gave away 15, we got 2 people that took advantage of it. Also they would like to give away ride entries and he would like to increase the amount to a quantity of 30, discussion followed. Motion was made by Ken Meyer to give away 30

free MnDRA memberships and 30 free novice ride fee certificates for new potential members only, seconded by Phil Jansen, motion passed

Annual Banquet, Elizabeth and Danna did a great job this year. Theresa & Dale Fett and Sandy Fett will organize the Annual Banquet for next year, 2013.

Theresa Meyer, the new UMECRA president, gave review of UMECRA 2012 general meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS: *2012 Ride Schedule*- 5 ride participation award, today at the board meeting we clarified that the award is only given to those that do not place in year-end awards. It will be called the participation award from now on.

Trail fund- \$200 was awarded to (Run for the Border ride) Governor Knowles State Forest in Wisconsin.

Vet Treatment Van and Trailer, Darlene Molitor-The Van is now gone, it was worn out and not worth repairing. It was sold for scrap for \$400. that was put toward the vet trailer fund. Dean Peterson, DVM motioned to reduce the Vet Treatment Trailer Maintenance fund to \$500 per year since there is no longer a van, seconded by Mike Powell, discussion followed, motion passed.

Ride Veterinarian fees- It was asked in previous years to give the vets mileage, the board clarified that MnDRA sponsored rides will not pay the vets mileage just the daily vets fee.

NEW BUSINESS: *UMECRA membership requirement*, should we continue to make it a requirement for membership to MnDRA. Holly Egerer explained how this rule came to be, Theresa Meyer gave an explanation of the benefit of UMECRA membership. Discussion followed, Bob Egerer made a motion to add to the by laws that we require the UMECRA membership with the MnDRA membership, seconded by Mike Powell, motion passed. Mary suggested that with the new membership we send out information about the benefits what you get from MnDRA and UMECRA.

Membership fees paid after ride season start, can points be retroactive? A motion was made by Candy Barbo to not allow points to be retroactive after ride season has begun for unpaid memberships, seconded by Joel Hildebrandt, motion passed.

A new Trailer Eyes was donated to MnDRA for a year-end award.

Discussion was made about if there is a requirement for a ride manager to be a member of MnDRA in order to be sanctioned. Barry Saylor motioned that there be no requirement for membership getting MnDRA sanctioning, motion seconded, motion was defeated.

Election of officers, motion was made to keep the 2011 officers in place for 2012, seconded and approved.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded, meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Holly Egerer, Secretary for MnDRA