

Minnesota Distance Riding Association
Meeting Minutes, December 6, 1997
Happy Chef Restaurant, Rogers, MN

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 by President Missie Schwartz. Other officers present were as follows; Vice President, Dale Lunde, Treasurer, Mary Curtin, Secretary, Holly Egerer and Board member Roxanne Swisher.

Minutes from last meeting were published in the MnDRA newsletter, Dale motioned to approve the minutes as printed, seconded and approved.

Mary Curtin presented the treasurer's report, Net income- \$1,880.88, Total income- \$2,518.20, Cash balance- \$7,693.00. MnDRA's goal is to spend the net income made each year on awards to keep the available balance constant for other club expenses. Art Priesz moved to approve the treasurer's report, 2nd and approved.

Newsletter, Missie Schwartz will continue to do the newsletter. She currently sends to 90 people approximately each month. Looking for people to advertise to help cover postage costs.

Awards, Missie has contacted Quail Creek Tack to have equipment awards, she is also looking for blankets from either a local tack store willing to give a discounts. Missie will check with Elinore Tonsor regarding her blankets and the costs. Art motioned to increase the award moneys spent per award to \$60.00, 2nd and approved.

For Agenda at the Annual meeting a discussion and vote on setting a minimum balance to keep in the treasury.

Clinic and Novice rides for 1998. Andrea Vargo is planning a Clinic at Crow Hassen approximately 3 weeks after the Expo in April. Novice rides are planned at Maplewood West, Ride the Prairie, Diamond Lil's, MnDRA I, Point Chaser and Spirit Mountain. Any other rides are encouraged to run a short novice ride.

Horse Expo is scheduled for the last weekend in April, it is going to be 3 days starting on Friday. Chip Jack has the paperwork to sign up for a booth and she will send it in. UMECRA will donate \$100.00 to the booth.

Annual Banquet, date is set for February 28 at the Blue Heron, Cold Spring, MN.

Unfinished Business, MnDRA may purchase the ride insurance in 1998 on their own, the other choice is to go through AHDRRA again. Dianne will research and let us know.

Discussion on requiring UMECRA membership with MnDRA membership. Andrea Vargo motioned to not require UMECRA membership for membership to MnDRA, Dianne 2nd, motion defeated.

Ride changes for 1998, Charity cup will be adding 1 more day, either Friday or Monday, most people preferred Friday over Monday. She will have more trails and some easier trails.

Requests were made for Ride Delegates for the Mn ride managers that are not attending the UMECRA meeting in January. Discussion was made on the possibility of having a Bus for the Minnesota people going to UMECRA meeting. Cost per person would be approximately \$50.00, most agreed that it would be better to car pool.

Trail Fund, 1997 moneys was never sent to Maplewood. Mary to give check to Roxanne Swisher to give to Maplewood State Park from the trail fund. We will need requests for 1998 by February 15 for the

Board meeting to vote on where the Moneys will go for 1998. Requests can be sent to any of the board members.

MnDRA logo contest, motion was made to update the logo, 2nd and approved. Dale Lunde will computer scan it and try to update the current one. There will be no dramatic changes, just update.

Discussion on requiring a current coggins test for Minnesota rides in 1998. Motion to print on ride flyer's that a current(within the year) negative Coggins test will be required, 2nd and approved.

Motion to Adjourn, 2nd and approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:30

Respectfully submitted by Holly Egerer
Secretary for MnDRA