

## **MnDRA General Meeting**

### **MARCH 12, 2016, Saturday 3:20 PM**

Board members present; Teresa Fett, President, Dale Lunde, Vice President, Sandy Fett, Treasurer, Holly Egerer, Secretary, Lynn Reichert, Past President, and Carmen Steuck, Director at Large.

**Secretary's Minutes**, a copy was available for members to view and the minutes are also posted on the Web site. Peggy approved, Theresa Meyer seconded, all approved. Also on the Web site the current Bylaws are available for members to view, a copy can also be mailed to members who request one.

**Treasurer's Report**, Sandy Fett went over the abbreviated form of the report for 2015. A copy was available for all to view. Joel Hildebrandt made a motion to approve, seconded by Dianne Schmidt, all approved.

Committee Reports:

**Newsletter**, Ken Meyer discussed last year's newsletter was put out quarterly, he would like to stream line the newsletter by posting it on the website, there is no one receiving it by mail at this time. Ken is going to make a section on the website for announcements and will also post a notice on Facebook to refer to the website when a new announcement is posted.

**MnDRA Web Site**, Diane Merz would like to step down from running the site. A motion was made by Peggy Pasillas for Deb Moe and Ken Meyer to take over caring for the MnDRA website, seconded, all approved. Sharon Hahn would like to add some website shortcuts to horse related sites which would give back a percentage to MnDRA when a member shops on those sites.

**Awards**, Sandy Fett did the awards for 2015, and is willing to continue to do them for 2016. Discussion on how the amount to spend each year is decided upon, usually it depends on what is available in the checking account at the end of the season. Motion by Sarah Maass for Sandy to continue to do the awards, Joan Theil seconded, all approve.

**Horse Expo**, Janette Sasena and Victoria Robison will be handling the booth this year. They will need members to man the booth for 2 hour time slots if possible, last year volunteers were very few. Janet would like Members to save their Endurance news issues to give out to people that are interested in the sport. Sandy Fett asked if there is interest to continue to print the MnDRA brochure with the ride schedule and also wondered if the quantity should be decreased. Motion made by Dana Gasner for MnDRA to cover any costs not covered by brochure sponsors, Seconded by Linda Zimmerman, all approved.

Discussion followed on giving out certificates at Horse Expo for a free entry at a MnDRA Novice ride. This was covered at last year's general meeting so no need to have any motions or decisions made since there were no suggestions for changes.

**Awards Banquet**, Joan Theil and Lynn Reichert handled 2016 and Theresa and Ken will arrange March 2017. Diane Schmidt talked about the UMECRA meeting in Rochester in January 2017; she has suggested that the MnDRA Awards could be held in January in conjunction with the UMECRA banquet in Rochester. Diane is also suggesting that MnDRA would sponsor the Reception on Friday night along with AHDRA. Diane made a motion to approve having MnDRA awards at the UMECRA convention and to share the reception with AHDRA, Joan Theil seconded, discussion followed, Joel made an amendment to the motion to include the MnDRA awards and general meeting Sunday morning . Paula seconded the amendment. Discussion followed, all approved. Theresa Meyer motioned to have MnDRA give up to \$1,000.00 for the UMECRA Convention to help with the costs Dale Seconded, all approved.

Bob Zimmerman made an announcement that his photos will be going to a new website, called Flickr. There will be no copy right so photos can be downloaded by anyone from the new site.

Peggy Pasillas announced the novice clinic she is hosting at her house next Saturday. This will be an information talk and the mock ride will be held several weeks later, only the riders who come next week to the talk will be allowed to participate in the mock ride. There will be a potluck so if people can bring a dish to share that would be very helpful. Peggy has a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help at the clinic and the mock ride. Clinic is March 19th at 10AM and the Mock ride is April 9th at Lake Elmo Park horse trailhead parking area.

#### **Review of the UMECRA 2016 General Meeting, Theresa Meyer**

Diane Schmitt recognition for 24 years of service on the UMECRA Board

General Business:

**2016 Ride Schedule**, Sandy Fett read the schedule as is today, motion made by Peggy Pasillas to accept the schedule and seconded, and approved.

**Trail Fund Award**, There were no submissions before today's meeting. Members have until April 1st to submit a Park and/or trail that they would like to see the donation go to. Submissions can be sent to any board member. Diane Schmidt suggested also contacting UMECRA for trail fund awards they designate \$300 for an award so combining the two would be a nice donation total.

New Business: Diane Schmidt handed out information on the UMECRA rider reps voting procedures, they were sent out and then members would vote and mail them to the secretary and the ballots counted at the meeting in January. This year no ballots were mailed out, this was due to poor returns in recent years.

Diane made a motion to represent MnDRA with a petition to the board of UMECRA to change the election procedure for rider representatives to be one rider rep from each state, MN, IL, MI and WI to be elected at the UMECRA annual meeting for a term of 4 years. Ken Meyer made an amendment to a 2 year term. Seconded by Carmen Stueck, motion approved.

Ken discussed the issues of having multiple riders at the end of an LD calling time at once when there are not enough volunteers to do multiple pulse readings. Most Ride managers do not want ties so it is up to the PR people have to try to determine who comes in first and so on.

Ride managers meeting discussed giving payment to the timer a fee of \$50 per day. A motion was made to give payment to the timer for per day, seconded, discussion followed, Dale made a motion to table, seconded and approved. Theresa Meyer apposed.

**Elections of Officers**, Positions are for a 2 year term, Vice President Nomination for Dale Lunde, seconded, hand vote, approved. Treasurer nomination for, Sandy Fett, seconded, hand vote, approved. Director at Large, nomination was made for Carmen Stueck, seconded, hand vote, approved.

Theresa Meyer had an announcement that starting May 1st there will be no non-reservable sites available for the State Park campsites.

*Motion to adjourn, seconded, meeting adjourned at 5:25*  
*Respectfully submitted by Holly Egerer, Secretary for MnDRA*