

**Minnesota Distance Riders General Meeting, Captains on Long Lake, Isanti, MN
March 22, 2014, Start at 4:20 PM**

Board Members present, Teresa Fett, President, Dale Lunde, Vice President, Sandra Fett, Treasurer, Holly Egerer, Secretary and Lynn Reichert, Past President.

Secretary's Report, Holly Egerer had copies available for review and they are also posted on the web site, motioned to accept the minutes by Peggy Pasillas, Dale Lunde seconded, all favored.

Treasurer's Report, Sandy Fett had copies distributed out for members to view, Trail fund has \$185.16, last year a donation was made to Pillager State Forest. The Veterinary trailer fund stays at \$500.00. The checking account balance at the end of 2013 was \$14,271.90. Even with this balance MnDRA had a loss of \$4,476.98 this is comparing to 2012 end of year balance. This can be viewed in the report that is itemized. A motion to accept the report by Bob Egerer, seconded by Lise Lunde, all favored.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- Newsletter- Ken Meyer, needs to have people get their correct e mail address so that you can receive the newsletter, if you are not check with Sandy to make sure your address is correct. Some internet providers do not let the newsletter send to you so also check that, for example myclearway.com. Always looking for news to print, so please send it to Ken at newsletter.mndracom.

MnDRA Web Site, Diane Merz, is happy to continue to do it but if anyone is interested, she would be happy to let them take over. She would like a PDF of the ride flyers to add to the web site. Diane does pay for the monthly fee for the site and donates that cost to MnDRA.

Awards, Sandy Fett took care of awards for 2013, Sandy is willing to continue doing it unless someone else would like to take over.

Horse Expo, Bob Zimmerman and Jan Sesena, Jan stated that we will have the same location as last year in the coliseum. A signup sheet is being passed around for times to volunteer at the booth. They are looking for old endurance magazines to have to give out at the booth. Bob Zimmerman has put together a poster board of photos of horse and riders at the Minnesota rides. There will be a drawing for a certificate for a free novice ride entry. Sandy will send ride brochures to Jan for display at the booth.

Awards Banquet, Ken and Theresa Meyer and Sharon Hahn arranged everything for 2014, Teresa and Dale Fett, Sandy Fett, Diane and Don Schermerhorn will organize it for 2015.

Review of the UMECRA 2014 General Meeting was covered by UMECRA president, Theresa Meyer.

GENERAL BUSINESS: 2014 ride schedule, Zumbro Bottoms ride in July has been dropped. The North Dakota ride, Legendary Run, has asked to be sanctioned by MnDRA this year, Joel made a motion to give Legendary Run ride the sanctioning, and Dale made a friendly amendment that the ride be required to be sanctioned by UMECRA (according to MnDRA rules) in order to have MnDRA sanctioning, Joel accepted the amendment. Sharon Hahn seconded the amended motion. Holly Egerer stated that the rules require the ride manager must be a MnDRA member and that since it is not a Minnesota ride the

membership must vote each year to approve MnDRA sanctioning. Motion passed. The Northern Highland ride requested MnDRA sanctioning but MnDRA is unable to do so. As is in the MnDRA rules we cannot sanction a ride that has their own state organization such as Northern Highland does in Wisconsin.

Trail Fund award: Candy is having a trail master's class through AERC, Three Rivers district Park, and Jay Thompson would like to take the course. He has joined AERC so he can be a member to take the course for the \$225.00 membership fee for the class. AERC has now decided that Jay must pay the nonmember fee of \$450.00 because he has not been a long standing member. Candy has requested for MnDRA to donate the trail fund to him so that he can take the course since he is unable to get the funds from Three Rivers. The Trail fund has \$185.00 so Candy asked for MnDRA members to each donate today to make up the difference for the total amount he needs to take the course. The board did pass that Three Rivers would get the Trail Fund amount of \$185.00.

Rescue horse fund, Paula Goligowski would like to continue this year with collecting donations for the High Tail horse Rescue and Dr. Nicole Eller who works with the Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue. Sandy will collect the funds and then send a check to each rescue through the MnDRA checkbook. Paula mentioned that if anyone has another rescue they would like to see get donations to suggest them for next year. It was suggested that when members send in their membership fee they can add an extra amount and specify where that donation can be placed.

Veterinary Trailer, Dean Peterson, has got a new/old Chevy blazer for pulling the trailer to make it a complete unit.

By-laws, Bob Egerer has mentioned that we have overlooked having a Director at large as required in the By-laws; this should be corrected today by voting for that position when we do the annual election of board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

MnDRA brochures, Sandy Fett has the prototype for 2014, looking for sponsors to cover the costs. A motioned was made by Ed Hauser to have MnDRA cover the costs if there are not enough sponsors that want to cover the costs, Dale Lunde seconded. Opened to discussion, a count of hands for people willing to sponsor the motion looks like it will be covered but vote was taken and passed to cover the costs if sponsors do not cover the total cost of the brochures.

Additional insurance for MnDRA sponsored rides and MnDRA sanctioned rides. Due to a situation at Ride for The Cure in 2011 with a loose horse bumping a bicyclist, UMECRA insurance and the horse owner's insurance covered the medical costs. The bicyclist came back again last year for litigation for pain and suffering losses. UMECRA did settle out of court, but due to this event, Theresa Meyer has strongly recommended that we have sufficient insurance coverage. The ride managers, the ride organizations and the rider's all need proper coverage. Riders are not covered by the ride event insurance, they need their own policy, possibilities could be through your homeowners, AHA, AERC, or other options.

Sharon Hahn, US Rider asked if we have an ad for them in our newsletter for 4-6 months and they get a new member through our publication the new member gets \$10.00 off membership to US Rider and a donation of \$10.00 to MnDRA. Sharon made a motion that we participate in the US Rider promotion with MnDRA, seconded by Peggy Pasillas, passed.

FOSH, Raven Flores presented information on the program and would like rides to get FOSH (Friends of Sound gaited Horses) awards at the rides. Raven made a motion and Dale Lunde seconded to put FOSH brochures at the MnDRA horse expo booth this year, motion passed.

Election of officers, two year positions open this year are, Vice President, Dale Lunde nominated by Bob Egerer, seconded by Theresa Meyer, all favored. Treasurer, Sandy Fett nominated and seconded, Joan Theil nominated by Elizabeth Laurie, Joan respectfully declined, a vote was taken for Sandy Fett, all favored. Director at Large, Cody Collins nominated by Joan Theil and seconded by Darlene Molitor, Jody Johannessen nominated Elizabeth Laurie, Ken Meyer seconded, Carmen Steuck nominated by Paula Gologowski and seconded. A paper vote was taken and Carmen was voted in for Director at Large for 2014.

Cody Collins announced that he has a medical kit with supplies donated by the St. Cloud Hospital for use at rides for injured people. He will put an announcement in the MnDRA newsletter also.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Bob Egerer, Lise Lunde seconded, all favored. 5:58 PM

Respectfully submitted by Holly Egerer, Secretary for MnDRA