

**MINNESOTA DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 26, 2011
WINTERGREENS GOLF AND GRILL, ISANTI, MN**

President, Lynn Reichert called the meeting to order at 5:30. Other officers present were as follows, Vice President, Dale Lunde, Treasurer, Sandy Fett, Secretary, Holly Egerer, Past Vice President, Darlene Molitor.

Secretary's Minutes from the two meetings from last year were available for review by the members present today. A motion was made by Peggy Pasillas and seconded by Joan Thiel and approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report, Sandy Fett reported that MnDRA continues to be financially successful. Copies of an itemized balance sheet and a breakdown of the income and expenses were handed out to the members that were present. Membership dues were \$1,268.00 down from \$1,459.00 in 2009, a decrease of \$191.00. The trail fund donation was given to two parks in 2010, Forestville State Park and St. Croix State Park. Each park received \$225.00, leaving a balance of \$41.90. The trail fund portion of our dues came to \$162.00, Country Supply donated \$85.26, added to the trail fund balance of \$41.90, the trail fund total balance is \$289.16. We paid out expenses of \$277.86 from our vet van/trailer fund of \$1,403.18, leaving us with a balance of \$1,136.05. We had a net profit of \$7,543.60 from our 5 MnDRA rides. Our net profit for 2010 was \$498.11. As of 2/26/2011 we have \$14,402.00 in the checking account, with an operating balance of \$11,976.79. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, seconded and approved.

Committee Reports,

Newsletter, Ken has done a great job getting a MnDRA newsletter out on a regular basis and has agreed to continue to do the newsletter for 2011. Ken asked that members who are not getting their newsletters by e-mail that should be, need to check with Sandy to see if MnDRA has their correct web address.

MnDRA web site, Diane Merz cares for the web site and will continue to do so. Dianne is not sure if the for sale page is of any value. There has been very little use so she is considering removing that page.

Awards, Joan Thiel, Dianne Schmitz and Lynn Reichert did the awards for 2010, thank you for a great job. Joan Thiel, Jen Wertz and Vanessa Reichert have agreed to do the awards for 2011. A Thank you to Joan Thiel for caring for the points this past year and she is willing to do it again for 2011.

Horse Expo, Walt Freiberg will be taking over the expo for 2011, Chip Jack is retiring from managing the expo booth. Walt passed around a sign up sheet for volunteering for 2 hours time slots at the booth. He will have several things on display that are used during the ride at the vet check. He would like to have the volunteers wear their riding gear if possible. He is having some photo posters made up and would like to make a motion to have the club give the horse expo booth \$300.00 to use for printing the informational posters to display at the booth, Dianne Schmitz seconded. Motion passed.

Walt is going to have a drawing every hour at the expo for prizes (would be 36 items total), one of which could be a 1 year MnDRA membership. Walt made a motion to give away at the Horse Expo booth for 2011, 15 MnDRA memberships to non-members or people who have not been members for 4 years, and 15 novice ride free entries for a MnDRA sponsored ride seconded by Elizabeth Laurie. Discussion followed, motion passed.

Annual Banquet, Suzy Warren did a great job again for this year, Elizabeth Laurie and Dana Theis have agreed to organize the banquet for Feb 2012.

Review of the UMECRA 2011 general meeting was covered by Theresa Meyer.

MnDRA survey results were reviewed by Lynn Reichert. She got a positive response from the surveys. A friendly reminder, heavy weight riders do need to weigh at each ride to confirm they are a heavy weight rider.

MnDRA brochures, Diane Merz discussed the layout for this year's brochure and also asked if anyone would like to help sponsor the cost of brochures. Their names will be printed in the brochure for sponsoring.

General Business: 2011 ride schedule is set, Joan Theil went over the 5 MnDRA ride participation award.

Trail fund award for 2011 will be awarded to Sand Dunes for \$250.00

Point Chaser will be changing the ride camp location for 2011, Bob Egerer briefly described the two choices being worked on at this time.

Vet treatment trailer and van, Dean Peterson said the van still is running and probably can make it another year. Dean would like to get a tent for shelter at the rides to keep in the van. Holly Egerer will make a posting to put inside the trailer with the prices that should be paid by the horse owner. The treatment vet needs to keep a list of products used so that Dean can replace those items before the next time the trailer is used.

New Business

There will be a Novice clinic at the horse expo this year on Saturday, they will use the warm up ring in the horse barn. The demonstration will do a mock trot out and a vet check. They will use a horse at the expo, so there is no need to bring a horse there for this.

AHA ride sanction is \$25.00, if the manager of a MnDRA sponsored ride would like to have their ride sanctioned the Manager will have to pay that fee. It was decided that MnDRA would not pay this fee.

Diane Schmitz thanked all the MnDRA members who helped at the UMECRA convention in Rochester in January.

Election of officers for 2011, Bob Egerer motioned to have the board for 2010 continue for 2011, 2nd and passed. Board of officers for MnDRA will remain the same for 2011. Carmen Steuck made a motion to adjourn at 6:35, 2nd and passed.

Respectfully submitted by MnDRA Secretary, Holly Egerer