

Minnesota Distance Riding Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes, March 31, 2001
The Blue Heron Supper Club, Cold Spring, MN

President, Missie Schwartz called the meeting to order at 3:50 PM. The other officers present were as follows, Vice President, Dale Lunde, Treasurer, Joan Thiel, and Secretary, Holly Egerer.

Announcement was made that only those members that have their dues paid up can vote at the meeting.

Secretary's minutes from the last meeting were handed out to the membership. Motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report, Joan Thiel presented MnDRA's financial report. A profit/loss and balance sheet for 2000 and 2002 was handed out to the membership. Year end figures as of 12-31-00, Total Assets - \$11,190.84, Total Liabilities - \$5,240.00, Total Liabilities & Equity - \$11,190.84, Total Income - \$13,255.00, Total Expenses - 13,505.62, Net Ordinary Income - (\$95.03). Checking/Savings Account balance as of 12-31-00 was \$10,543.83.

Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded and approved.

Board Meeting review, no one submitted any requests for trail fund donations so the board members voted to award the money to St. Croix State Park for their hospitality on having a ride in the spring and fall each year. Novice Rides and Clinics, Holly Egerer is planning a clinic on June 23 at Crow Hassen Park for a Morgan training stable and it is open to anyone else interested.

Committee reports,

- ❖ **Newsletter**, Missie Schwartz has done a good job doing the club newsletter but due to time constraints she would like to pass it on to someone new. Vanessa Reichert has offered to take over the newsletter for 2001.
- ❖ **Awards**, Diane was unable to attend today's meeting due to a horse riding accident two weeks ago. She did send along a note that she would like to continue doing the awards for 2001. The plan is to offer coats as well as some other options and any suggestions would be helpful also.
- ❖ **Novice Rides and Clinics**, Several rides will have a novice division and as noted in the board meeting overview the novice clinic planned for June 23.
- ❖ **Horse Expo**, booth is already paid for this year, Missie will set up on Friday, and volunteers are needed for the weekend and take down on Sunday. A sign up sheet was sent around for volunteers to help out for 1-2 hours.
- ❖ **Annual Banquet**, Darlene has done a great job planning it the past 5 years, Julie Vouk has offered to plan the banquet for 2001 to be held in the winter of 2002.

Unfinished Business, MnDRA ride insurance for 2001, Holly Egerer stated that the same rides will be insuring through MnDRA again. We may also have a few additional rides that will start to purchase insurance coverage with us. This will continue to help keep MnDRA's own ride insurance costs down.

New Business, Ed Hauser discussed the future problems with trail and campground use in the Minnesota State Parks. Wild River is no longer available due to the new Head Ranger; Ed's ride had to be moved to Upper Sioux Agency in Granite Falls for 2001. Motion was made to elect Ed Hauser as the official spokesperson for MnDRA, with his title being the Trail Representative. Seconded and approved.

Dr. Anne Christoferson now has a Blood Chemistry Machine on her trailer that will be available for use at the rides. This will speed up diagnosis for many metabolic problems and will enable her to pin point a more specific treatment for horses in a much quicker time. Dr. Anne is also the new AERC Veterinary Representative for the Midwest.

Discussion on a letter that was distributed on the Internet regarding health insurance for horse related accidents. It appears that this letter affects people that are carrying insurance from a previous employer during job transition, etc. Motion made to send a letter as a group with MnDRA letterhead to respond to this issue. Seconded and approved.

New Limited Distance Junior Division in UMECRA. Motion was made to have MnDRA award Junior Division in Limited distance, seconded and approved.

Discussion on MnDRA points requirements for year-end awards. Motion made to change the point's requirements from using UMECRA's requirements to having a point's minimum of 25 points competitive, 40 points Endurance and 25 points Limited distance.

Friendly amendment from Dale Lunde to change the Endurance points from 40 to 50 points minimum. Seconded and approved.

Dale Lunde has agreed to be the point's keeper for 2001.

A survey was passed out to membership regarding UMECRA restricted mileage awards. Should the value be the same as or of lesser value that the rest of the top 10 awards. Diane Kuhn will be totaling the results and passing them onto UMECRA.

Discussion on UMECRA's new novice rule, dropping the requirement on only allowing a person to ride two novice rides.

Election of officers, nomination for Treasurer, Mary Baker, declined, Linda Sykes, declined, Karen Pruess, accepted and unanimous vote elected. Secretary, Holly Egerer, unanimous vote elected to continue for 2001. Vice President, Dale Lunde, unanimous vote elected to continue for 2001. President, nominations Missie Schwartz and Darlene Molitor, paper vote taken, Missie Schwartz elected for President for 2001.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:30 PM, seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Holly Egerer
Secretary for MnDRA