

Minnesota Distance Riding Association
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 1992 Annual Meeting Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, Mn

Meeting started at approximately 1:30 P.M. Officers present were as follows; President, Mark Jensen, Vice President, Sue Lunderby, Treasurer, Kathy Love, and Secretary Holly Egerer. Board of Directors present were as follows; Paul Heberling, Dale Lunde, Steve Hanson, Mark Jensen and Holly Egerer.

President Mark Jensen called the meeting to order and the secretarys minutes from the previous meeting were read.

Minutes corrections on the Crow Hassen clinic in April is not a 4H clinic but just a clinic open to anybody. Ann Ness's clinic will be a conditioning and training talk at the state 4H camp on friday evening June 5 in the Brainerd area and she is looking for volunteers to help out.

Kathy Love gave the treasurer's report. MnDRA had \$4,475 in the account but is now down to \$2,164 after paying dues, sanctioning fees and awards. 1991 was the best year yet for income from the two MnDRA rides netting approximately \$1,700.

Terry Jensen can get the MnDRA brochures reprinted very cheaply. She also suggested that we attach a membership form with the next printing of brochures. Andrea Vargo suggested that with the next printing the background should be a lighter color so it is easier to photocopy. Marilyn Hahn has a friend who owns a print shop and may be able to print the brochures for free, she will check with them on Monday and let Terry know. It was suggested that they be done in time for Horse Expo in April.

Minnesota Trail Riders Association will be distributing the MnDRA brochures at the Expo again this year. Terry said that they already have enough brochures for this years Expo.

Ann Ness has had new Business cards printed. New T-shirts have also been ordered, 100 were printed and a mistake was made writing endurance instead of distance riding. Andrea Vargo suggested that the mistake shirts could possibly be donated to the Animal Rescue Ride.

Mark called on Sharon crysler to speak on Membership. Sharon asked that anybody who has been not receiving any mailings ect to let her know. New business, she has made up a training sheet and rules sheet helpful for new riders. Also gave information on the Animal Rescue ride which is a benefit for the Wright County Humane Society. Mark asks that everybody help support the new rides and all of the Minnesota rides.

Spring Clinics coming up April 26 at noon at Crow Hassen park in Rogers, Mn. Andrea needs extra help and extra horses. Roxanne Swisher will be having a clinic at the Maplewood West Ride on Saturday afternoon. MnDRA I will be having a clinic on Saturday afternoon also. Paul Heberling noted that there is a tentative clinic in Wisconsin at Mt Valhalla in May or June. Paul and Kathy are planning on helping at that one and didn't feel they would need extra MnDRA help.

MnDRA managed rides Discussion. MnDRA I date set, will be at Haycreek again this year. Mark and Terry have business conflicts with running the ride at present date in 1993 and requested that either have someone else run the ride for change the date to the 22nd, 23rd or 4th weekend in August. A motion was made to discuss at a board of directors meeting before a decision is made on MnDRA I 1993 managers. MnDRA II manager Sue Lunderby would like to increase the ride fees for 1993. She suggested that our ride fees are the lowest and should be increased. Only the 25 competitive fee was increased in 1991 and since MnDRA started costs have gone up 100%. Roxanne Swisher offered that fundraisers be a possibility instead of just counting on the rides to raise money.

Steve Hanson Motioned a \$5 across the board increase in ride fees. Hand vote, 14 agree, 19 oppose. Terry Jensen motioned to change 50 mile to \$5 more for seniors and Junior fees not the change. All members approved.

Other business. Banquet for next year, meeting room size is still fine, Banquet will be in a room this year and there is no extra fee for this year but probably will be an extra cost next year. Possible to change the date to the 2nd weekend in March instead of the 3rd weekend.

UMECRA Banquet Terry Jensen gave a brief overview. Change the bylaws to a 2 year term for directors staggered. Approved for Endurance a 68 heart rate instead of 72. Robin Whitney new Head Veterinarian for 1992. A new change in points reporting with the newsletter. Louise will be sending a points listing monthly during the ride season. There will be a \$50 penalty fee or lose sanction for next year if ride results are not sent out within 2 weeks of ride. Terry read UMECRA election results.

Mark Jensen gave a brief overview of AERC meeting and discussed the benefits of joining AERC.

Unfinished Business, Sharon Chrysler asked ride managers to send her ride results. Managers are not sending her ride results on a regular basis. A motion was made that Sharon send out a list of criteria for managers to send in ride

results. The responsibility is the ride managers and riders to get results to Sharon.

Sue Lunderby asked for the possibility for MnDRA to sanction rides out of state for example the North Dakota rides. Steve Hanson said that MnDRA is to promote Minnesota Rides and that Valhalla asked for sanctioning in the past and we denied them because it was not a Minnesota Ride.

Discussion was made by Mark Jensen on the vehicle weight guidelines for licencing in Minnesota regarding larger horse trailer rigs.

Mark Jensen recommended election of Officers and Directors of MnDRA for 1992 starting off with nominations for President. Roxanne Swisher offered that slate of officers to stay the same for the next year. All favored.

Election stays with President, Mark Jensen, Vice President, Sue Lunderby, Secretary, Holly Egerer, Tresurer, Kathy Love, Board of Directors, Mark Jensen, Steve Hanson, Paul Heberling, Dale Lunde, Holly Egerer.

Committees for 1992-1993; Sharon Crysler, Point Keeper
Andrea Vargo, Newsletter
Ann Ness & Barb Weslander, Award
Sue Lunderby, Banquet
Paul Heberling & Roxanne Swisher,
Banquet Program

Meeting Adjourned

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING INITIATED BY MnDRA PRESIDENT MARK JENSEN BY PHONE, NOVEMBER 14, 1992

Discussed January 1993 meeting dates. Approval of spending the same amount as last year for year end awards. Lack of having a treasurer since Kathy Love has moved to Oregon. Duane Weslander has the books and will be acting treasurer until we have a membership vote at March meeting. Minnesota rides that we could possibly lose in 1993; MnDRA I, MnDRA II, Maplewood East, and Point Chaser. MnDRA I at this point will be next season because Dale Lunde has stepped forward to manage it and Mark and Terry have offered to help him. MnDRA II and Maplewood East have an unsure future because Sue Lunderby needs more help in organizing and set up for the rides. Point Chaser faces the same problems with no one to help in the set up of the ride.

Respectfully Submitted by Holly Egerer
Secretary of MnDRA