

Minnesota Distance Riding Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes, January 23, 1999
The Blue Heron Supper Club, Cold Spring, MN

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

Secretary's minutes from the last meeting were published in the newsletter. Motion was made to approve the minutes printed, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report, Joan Thiel presented the treasurer's report. Year end figures as of 12/31/98, Total Assets - \$6,974.80, Total Liabilities - \$850.00, Total Liabilities & Equity - \$6,974.80, Total Income - \$10,730.99, Total expenses - \$9,431.86, Net Income - \$1,299.13. Checking account Balance on 12/31/98 was \$6,799.80. Income for 1998 was \$10,589. The bulk of that amount was earned through dues paid by 72 members and income from programs (\$9,181) primarily rides sponsored by MnDRA. Expenses for year-end awards, \$3,333.97 and for programs, \$5,741.39.

Board Meeting review, the trail fund was awarded to Pillsbury State Forest. There were four requests submitted, Jan Halvorson for Sand Dunes State Forest, Dianne Kuhn for Forestville State Park, Bob and Holly Egerer for St. Croix State Park and Ann Ness for Pillsbury State Forest. Pillsbury was chosen since that area has hosted many endurance rides for years and no funds had been donated there yet.

Committee reports, Newsletter, Missie Schwartz will continue to put out the newsletter, Dianne Kuhn also is willing to help.

Awards, Dianne Kuhn did a fine job for 1998 and will handle it again in 1999. There have been some requests for jackets in 1999; concern is to have good quality jackets but to keep costs down. Jackets are also a good advertisement for the organization. Several members will look into different possibilities and contact Dianne with their information. Motion was made to approve having jackets for the 1999 award, seconded and approved.

Novice rides and Clinics, Andrea Vargo was not present at today's meeting. There will be novice rides at Ride the Prairie, St. Croix Scramble and MnDRA II (tentative).

Horse Expo, Chip Jack was not present at today's meeting. Fees have been sent in for a booth and we need members to take turns at the booth on all three days. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Annual Banquet, Darlene Molitor would be willing to take care of arrangements for 1999 unless someone else would like to take over. The current facility we use, The Blue Heron, does not charge for the use of a meeting room or the banquet room. The only fee is the meal fee, which each member pays for. The earlier date this year seems to have worked out fine. Having it in January enables MnDRA to have any rule changes that may impact the UMECRA ride book (i.e. ride fee changes, EIA requirements, ect.) to be accomplished before the book is printed.

Unfinished business, MnDRA ride insurance for 1999, Holly Egerer presented costs for 1998, Total cost \$1,614.98, Total money paid from participating rides, \$1,630.00, Profit of \$15.02. There was no cost for the four MnDRA sponsored rides. Hopefully most of the same rides will have their insurance coverage through MnDRA again this year so that we can continue the low insurance costs through group buying power.

New business, 1999 ride schedule has been approved through UMECRA. Maplewood East has been changed its name to St. Croix Scramble and Darlene Molitor will be managing it.

Missie made a request for members to come forward and volunteer to help the MnDRA sponsored rides with the various duties involved in putting on a ride. The managers are all volunteers and any and all help is much appreciated.

UMECRA general meeting report, Dianne Kuhn presented the issues at this years meeting. Dianne will be managing the 1999 convention, she has volunteered MnDRA to help at the convention with table set up, greeters ect. The Convention will be held in January 14 & 15, 2000 at Wisconsin Dells.

Election of officers, no new nominations for any of the officers was made, unanimous vote to keep the 1998 slate of officers the same for 1999.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:40 PM, seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Holly Egerer
Secretary for MnDRA