

**MINNESOTA DISTANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING, HOLIDAY INN ON THE LAKE,
DETROIT LAKES, MN March 7, 2015 4:17 PM**

Board members present, Teresa Fett, President, Dale Lunde, Vice President, Sandy Fett, Treasurer, Holly Egerer, Secretary, Lynn Reichert, Past President, and Carmen Steuck, Director at Large.

Vice President, Dale Lunde presided the meeting today, per request from President, Teresa Fett.

Secretary's Minutes, Motioned to accept the minutes, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report, Sandy Fett passed out copies of the annual Treasurer's report for members to view. The trail fund has 277.16, Vet trailer fund stays at \$500.00, Brochure fund has 241.82. There is enough money left in the brochure fund to cover printing 500 more for 2015 ride season. Sandy will get them in time for Horse expo and let her know if you would like some to distribute. The checking account balance at the end of 2014 was \$20,729.72 with an operating balance of \$18,710.74. Dean Peterson motioned to accept the report, seconded by Darlene Molitor, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter- Ken Meyer, very few incorrect e mail address kickbacks, this year has been better to get to correct e mail addresses. Always looking for new information to put in the newsletter, contact Ken if you have anything.

MnDRA Web Site Diane Merz, the web site is doing well, the newbie manual is the most popular hit. There is approximately 2500 visits to the site per month. She still needs to update the ride schedule for 2015. MnDRA will reimburse Diane the monthly fee for the web site.

Awards, Sandy Fett received no suggestions for 2014; she is open to people offering any ideas for 2015.

Horse Expo, Janet Sesena and Victoria Robinson will be in charge of the booth for 2015, they will be passing out a signup sheet for 2 hour times to work at the booth and it will be posted on the web site too. Janet prints out the newbie handbook from UMECRA to hand out to very interested people, 25 were handed out last year. Raven motioned to hand out FOSH (Friends of Sound Horses) sheets at the booth to encourage gaited horses to compete, seconded and passed. Janet Sasena would like to have more free ride entry's to pass out and have them numbered so we can track them. Motion was made by Sharon Hahn, seconded by Ken Meyer, a free Novice ride entry would be honored at MnDRA sponsored ride and if it is not a MnDRA sponsored ride MnDRA will reimburse the entry fee if the Ride Manger submits the pass. The free Novice entry passes will be numbered to track them, motion passed.

Awards Banquet, Teresa and Dale Fett did the 2014 banquet and Joan Theil and Lynn Reichert will arrange the 2015 banquet.

Review of the UMECRA 2015 General meeting- Ken Meyer gave an overview.

UMECRA Shining Light was awarded to Diane Schmidt at the meeting in January.

General Business:

2015 Ride Schedule, membership approval Joel Hildebrandt motioned and it was seconded to accept the list Dale Lunde read for sanctioning the MnDRA sanctioned rides.

Trail Fund award: no one submitted any requests so a notice will be e mailed to all members and the board will view them and award the trail fund. The deadline to submit a request is April 30, 2015 and the award donated will be put into the newsletter.

Rescue Horse Fund: Paula Goligowski has a can to put donations in today. Dale Lunde motioned, Darlene Molitor seconded, to clarify the fund is a freewill donation by members and distributed by the MnDRA Treasurer

Vet Treatment Trailer: Dean Peterson, DVM will continue to store and maintain the trailer, he is willing to bring it to the rides when needed even if he is not working that ride. Otherwise ride managers are welcome to come and get the trailer for their event.

By-Laws, copies are available for members to view; there is some housekeeping update changes which membership needs to vote to approve. Lynda Zimmerman motioned, seconded by Ed Hauser to approve changes and register changes with the state.

New Business,

Motion was made and seconded for MnDRA Ride sanction fees for the current ride year to be paid by April 1st of that ride year, motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded for MnDRA to give Managers of a MnDRA sponsored ride a free entry; they would receive a ride certificate to ride at any MnDRA sponsored ride, motion passed.

Election of officer's, Positions are a 2 year term, nomination for Teresa Fett for MnDRA President, seconded and accepted, all agreed. A motion was made to nomination for Secretary, Holly Egerer, seconded, accepted and all agreed.

Raven Flores requested that when the dates are chosen for the annual banquet to try not to have it conflict with AERC.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, meeting was adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted by Holly Egerer, Secretary for MnDRA