

MINNESOTA DISTANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING, ROCHESTER, MN

JANUARY 29, 2017, 9:25AM

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

Secretary's Minutes, a copy was available to all for review as well as being available on the MnDRA web site, Theresa Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report, Jodi Johannessen made a motion to approve the report that was passed out, seconded and motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter, Ken will go back to sending out the letter via e mail in addition to having it posted on the MnDRA web site.

MnDRA Web Site, Deb Moe will continue to care for the site, she has done a bunch of updates and it looks great. Deb has more ideas she wants to add to the site yet. Ken has decided to step down and just do the newsletter.

Awards, Sandy did a great job with the 2016 awards. Teresa Fett agreed she would help out with the awards for 2017 and is willing to take over if Sandy steps down.

Horse Expo, Janet Sasena will continue to run the booth, the dates are April 28 thru 30th. The sign-up sheet has not worked very well the past few years so Janet will post something on Facebook to see if that will work better. There were some big gaps of volunteers at the expo so they would appreciate more help this year. People can sign up for 2 hours times. Janet would like to have Novice Ride free entry coupons to give out to interested people. We will do the brochures for the horse expo, a suggestion was made to try this year doing a brochure with a flyer insert of the current year's list of rides to try and save costs and waste by using the brochures for multiple years. Janet would like to do picture board with photos of different breeds in the sport; she would like people to e-mail her photos of their horses with descriptions.

Awards Banquet, this year was part of the UMECRA convention. Bob and Lynda Zimmerman volunteered to run the banquet for the 2017 yearend meeting and awards. They have found a location in St. Michael at the Cinema meeting room and bar. There is no charge for the room and they have a good menu with a reasonable cost. They will check into dates available for later in February 2018.

General Business:

2017 Ride Schedule, the UMECRA ride schedule was just approved yesterday at the UMECRA meeting so there is not a list of the Minnesota rides available yet. Since there are no changes or additions this year a motion was made to approve the ride schedule for 2017, seconded and approved.

Trail Fund Award, a request can be submitted to any board member by April 1st and the board will decide based on previous donations and need where the fund can go. UMECRA also has a trail fund, Holly Egerer suggested that if you request a donation from MnDRA you could also request for a donation from UMECRA as well to double your donation. Darlene Molitor suggested giving the money to the MN trail riders association (MTRA) to channel through them to get more matching funds for the trail we want our donation to go to. There could be \$4.00 matched for every dollar that we donate through the MTRA, Darlene said the donation would need to be sent to the MTRA Treasurer with a note as to which trail or park the donation should be sent to. Suggestions were made to have a member of MnDRA become a member of the Minnesota Trail Riders Association to help keep MnDRA up to date on Minnesota trail issues.

Bob Egerer made a motion for the board to investigate the process and costs and to use up to \$500 to run an ad in the MN Trail Riders Association advertising our ride schedule in their monthly newsletter, seconded and passed.

New Business:

Election of Officer's, Positions are for a two year term, Secretary nomination made for Holly Egerer to continue in the position, no other nominations were made, Holly agreed to continue as secretary for another 2 years.

Nominations for President, Bob Egerer nominated Ken Meyer for President, Jodi Johannessen seconded, and nominations closed and Ken Meyer will be the new MnDRA President for the next 2 years.

Motion to adjourn, Bob Egerer seconded, meeting adjourned at 10 AM

Respectfully submitted by Holly Egerer, Secretary for MnDRA