

MnDRA BOARD MEETING MARCH 9, 2024, 2:15pm

Members present, President, Ken Meyer, Vice President, Diane Merz, Secretary, Holly Egerer, Treasurer, Jennifer Frerichs-Ramon, Member at Large, Peggy Pasillas, and Previous President, Teresa Fett

Sanctioning of Field of Dreams ride, Manager of this Iowa ride contacted Ken recently to ask for MnDRA sanctioning for this year. It will be presented to the membership today for a vote to add to our 2024 sanctioned MnDRA rides.

Adoption of UMECRA new points system, another item to present to membership to vote on to have MnDRA become current with UMECRA.

Club profit give backs, Ken made a summary sheet to show how the flow of the money would be portioned out. He will be handing out copies to the membership. Currently there is \$4000. available.

Coupons, \$900.00 if all are submitted for redemption; also if Field of Dreams is sanctioned today they can be included on the coupon.

Private Ride loss insurance fund, Discussion on having a dollar amount on what to have in this fund for rides to apply for if they have a loss.

Dean award, Make a coupon for each MnDRA ride for money towards a Junior rider entry fee.

State of Club,

Club's health facts, Membership yearly numbers, discussion on how to increase interest in membership.

Budget worksheet, Ken explained the contents.

Give back parameters, discussion on the ways we are going about this as board decisions

Ride etiquette, when there is an issue and they complain to MnDRA board members they will be directed to bring their issues to UMECRA and AERC who have rules in place to help with the issues.

Trivia contest, Diane Merz will be having a quiz on rules after the meeting before dinner to win \$2 coupon on the silent auction.

Awards, discussion on the ways to compensate volunteers and timer for MnDRA sponsored rides.

Any additional concerns, Peggy discussed concerns on attendance at the Clinic this year and worries about competing with Horse Expo being on the same weekend.

Diane asked about the trail fund and if we continue to give out a donation every other year? Nothing was decided today.

Jenny mentioned that she looked into savings account rates at our bank but it wasn't significantly different than our checking account interest and so the board determined it wasn't worth the hassle to have a third account at this time.

Adjourned at 3:15 respectively submitted by MnDRA Secretary, Holly Egerer