

DRAW Annual Meeting 11/2/2014

Present:

Bill Suskey, Pam Cotton, Ainsley Suskey, Jessi Zirbel, Barb Gardner, Katie & Mike Bachhuber, Jill & Jim Feller, Jon & Boots Wagner, Max Bernsdorf, Kathy Schauer, Wes Elford, Joslyn Seefeldt, Linda Jacobson, Melinda Stewart, Stephanie Crispin and Brenna Baemmert, Kristin Wacker, Carol Hayden

Minutes from last meeting posted on website. Motion to approve by Max, seconded by Bill. All approved.

Treasurer's report: Jill reviewed the details on the report. Expenses per ride detailed out. Net profit \$1100 approx from rides for the year. Motion to approve report from Bill, seconded by Max. All approved.

Old business:

Horse Fair Booth: if we do a booth, must be staffed all three days of Midwest Horse Fair. Katie, Jos, Barb know they are attending, also Kathy, Jon, Boots all volunteered. Jon has banners for Umecra and Draw. Cost for the booth is \$270 plus insurance. Umecra is being asked to contribute \$250, Draw to pay \$20 plus insurance (about \$45). Horse Fair open 8-5pm Friday and Saturday, might be earlier on Sunday. Jessi volunteered to make a slide show. Jon can update the tri fold flyers.

Tri Fold Flyers: Jon will update as discussed above.

FEI: where do we stand on this issue? No updates from Umecra meeting. Nothing to do until AERC takes a stand on the issue. No further action taken.

Pricing for rides: entry fees and membership tabled previously for discussion at this meeting. Low junior entry fees seemed to work well for this year. Jill suggested we keep the junior fee the same and up the other distances for adults by \$5. Compared the prices of other rides in the Umecra book. Mike asked if Draw has considered having a two-tier system for pricing for rides, prices different for members and non-members. Katie suggests offering discounts to those who volunteer at rides, since bringing in more members doesn't necessarily help the organization. Jon suggested separating the issues of membership fees and volunteer hours. Jos proposes raising ride entry fees for \$5, and offering \$5 discount for Draw members. Jon motions raising ride fees by \$5 for adult members, seconded by Wes, for all Draw rides. Passed. Jon motions that all Draw members shall received a \$5 discount on adult entries per ride. Seconded by Jos. Wes argued that we are not going to increase the treasury this method. Discount provides an incentive to join, as well as eligibility for year-end awards. Katie reminded the group that purpose of Draw was to promote distance riding in Wisconsin, and keep rides in Wisconsin. Does this promote the group's purpose? Do we have a volunteer award? Discussed previously and never

implemented. Jos calls the question on the motion. Two opposed, rest in favor. Passed.

Break for meal. Mike took some time to speak during the meal break off the agenda. Mike commented on the great work of the ride managers and the volunteers. Mike did hours of research on the Good Samaritan laws in Wisconsin and other states. Protected from acting in good faith, but does not protect against litigation. Major issues under this law: act in good faith and no reimbursement for your actions. In this case, good odds in case of litigation. Mike brought up the situation of the trailer fire/accident that occurred in UP two years ago. Took an hour for emergency personnel to arrive. A lot could have been done during this period of time to comfort the victim. A lot can be done to comfort or assist a person in shock, which is far more dangerous typically than the actual injury.

Meeting resumes:

Will leave membership fees alone.

Completion awards: in spring decided that each ride manager would do their own and stay around the \$4 price. Jill shared that it was easy when Dawn would just order everything, Jos shared that she appreciates the variety that comes with different ride managers ordering completions. Discussion about giving a shirt for your first entry and something less expensive for further entries at the same ride. Bill volunteered to look for a second day inexpensive award that the club could offer; each ride will still be responsible for their own awards. Bill will use entry numbers to judge amount to order.

Year-end award costs: need 33 awards for 2014. Katie suggested zip up hoodies that could be done for about \$40 each including embroidery. Bill motions cap of \$50 for year-end awards and seconded by Jon. Passed.

New business:

Convention update - Michigan: Minnesota trying to get a bus together at \$115 a head, would pick up along I-94. Contact Diane Schmidt by this Thursday. Jon looked into chartering a bus from Fond du Lac and Madison. Would be about \$4k cost total for the bus. Also looked at renting a passenger van. Jon will keep group informed if folks are interested. Concerns raised about the bus turning into a party bus. Kathy wants to see a bus that is Wisconsin members.

Proxies for convention: Jill and Katie are going for Kettles and Bits, Pam and Bill going for Colorama, will need one proxy, Jon and Jessi going for NH, DRAWarama will have Boots as a proxy, Kathy, Barb need one more proxy for Draw. Need a proxy in place before the annual meeting is called to order.

Max and Katie working on commercials and a bingo game for convention on Friday at convention. Will need little prizes for bingo, suggested Draw completions. Will gladly

take donations. Commercial ideas: selling vets on being a vet at a ride. Must be performed live, not taped. Max shared idea of a safety theme. Skits will be scored on several elements. Committee will include Katie, Max, Boots, Ainsley and Pam.

Reminder: Draw is hosting 2016 convention in the Dells.

Convention election: VP, Secretary/Treasurer, and Director at Large will be voted on.

Ride updates and managers for next year:

DRAWarama - suggestion made to move it to northern Kettles, because southern Kettles ridden to death and Colorama on northern end. Use bed and breakfast? Hard time imagining using the field for four days, particularly in bad weather. Has been done in the past without a problem. Who will manage it? Should managers decide where to hold it? Hard to beat the capacity and amenities available at Palmyra. Barb willing to be a manager. Later in meeting, Jon subbed out as manager for Barb. So managers will be: Boots, Jon, Barb. Jos offered to mark trail.

Northern Highlands - hard to hold ride in Spooner, cancelled this year due to weather. Jon ok with managing ride to not lose dates. Jessi has explored hosting the ride in the Underdown near Merrill. Landowner would provide a lot of amenities in this location, private location. Jessi shared the details provided by landowner in an email. Jessi willing to manage and will continue to explore new venue.

Colorama - Pam and Bill willing to manage again. Ride would remain at the Wade House. Katie suggests getting a contract in place in case of damage. Pam will modify the contract template to work for the existing arrangement with the Wade House. Question raised: can we explore having the porta potties paid out of the camping? 3rd manager: could we offer an associate membership to Joan or someone else who is not a member to manage it? Jill motions for an associate membership for anyone willing to manage a Draw ride who is not a member. Jos seconded. This will allow them to be covered by Draw insurance. Passed.

Kettles N Bits - Katie and Jill will manage. No anticipated changes.

Membership with the Wisconsin Horse Council: we do this annually. Motion to join by Wes, Jon seconded. Passed.

Donations to Northern and Southern Trail Associations: Northern Kettles fundraiser is going to put up a shelter at the group sites. Not enough of our membership belongs to those groups, need to have a physical presence and help maintain them if you want to keep them for horses. Need volunteers more than money. Northern Kettle group membership is \$30, will join again. Jill made motion to give \$500 to Northern for the shelter. Seconded by Wes. Passed. Motion made to donate \$250 to Southern pending notification of project by Jon, seconded by Bill. Passed.

Website manager position open- thanks to Boots for keeping the website updated. Jessi opening to taking that job over. Thanks to Jessi!

Draw ride entries to be donated again to silent auction at convention. One for each event/mileage offered up to 50 miles.

Election of Officers:

President: Barb

Vice President: Katie

Secretary: Pam

Treasurer: Jill

Points Keeper: Bill

Kathy will be in charge of arranging spring awards banquet and meeting. Date will be February 15th (targeted).

Motion by Katie If ApDra doesn't do clinic, that Draw pick it up. Seconded by Jos. Could do a mini clinic at Kettles N Bits in addition to the stand alone clinic. Stand alone clinic typically held in March.

Jos motions to close meeting, Jessi seconded.