

**DRAW FALL ANNUAL MEETING November 2nd 2024**  
**Norske Nook, DeForest Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Tracy at 12:18 p.m.

Members present were- Sarah Watts, Ann DeLang, Wes Elford, Amber Erickson, Alice Hubert, Ray Hubert, Linda Jacobson, Tracy Johnson, Jane Kirkeide, Samantha Miller, Deb Moe, Kim Fosler, Beth Frieders, Barb Gardner, Roberta Harms, Debby Weisbecker.

Due to not meeting the numbers needed for a quorum we will not be able to vote for anything today. It was mentioned to see about changing the bylaws to have our voting take place at our late winter/early spring meeting because the attendance is higher for that meeting.

**Secretary's report-** Copies of the last meeting's minutes were handed out for review. No corrections were needed.

**Treasurer's report-** Copies of the treasurer's report were handed out for review with Ann. No corrections were needed.

**Old business-**

- **Mock Ride-** Linda reported on the mock ride held at Black Hawk Ridge near Sauk City, Wi. She had a good turn out with 10 riders and 15 helpers despite the weather. Linda is willing to do another mock ride at the same location in 2025. Deb Moe suggested doing an a.m. clinic and an afternoon mock ride.
- **Membership associate update-** We had 8 associate members this year. Of those, 2 actually competed at rides this year.
- **Online coggins update-** Beth nor Jane ended up doing the online coggins entry
- **Zelle-** Ann said it is all set up. We have to be aware that riders have to download the app to pay and there are no fees associated with it unless we were to collect \$3000 for a single ride. It can be noted on the ride flyer that the ride will accept Zelle. Ann did not use her email, she set up a new email just for DRAW information to come into.
- **Completion awards-** brushes: 56 clocks: 55 A couple of shirts, a sweatshirt and a halter left from Prairie River. A couple of document bags left as well. We will be using the stuff from Prairie river for BC/ high point/turtle for next year.

Tracy wanted to remind everyone that completion awards must be around \$5 and have the Draw logo on it.

Barb said the clocks say Colorama on them so they will not be able to be used for any other ride.

**Overview of rides-**

- **Draw Finale-** Jane had nothing to report and will not do another ride.
- **Draw Prairie River-** Binky and Jen not able to be here. Tracy talked to Binky and she had no concerns. The consensus is that the ride went well just a small hiccup with a trail marking.
- **Colorama-** Barb said they had a good turn out, great weather and lots of help. Kim suggested a little more water for the 100 mile riders. Specifically on the farthest loop that was an out and back.

## **New business-**

### **2025 rides and managers**

- **Draw Finale-** Jane will only manage the ride if we cannot find a ride manager. This year the ride will be at the Northern Kettles. The application for the permit has been submitted. It has been suggested to adopt the name DRAW Kettles N Bits. Jane has changed her mind after much talk and has decided that she will not do the ride. As of now we are in the need of a RM.
- **Prairie River Ride-** Sara Watts has shown interest in being a ride manager for this ride. Sara has many non-riding friends that she has in mind to help her mark trails and do food. She is very familiar with the park.
- **Colorama-** Barb will continue to do this ride.

**Non-member Letter-** Jane drafted a letter to send out to Umecra members that attended DRAW Rides that are not members. She will send them out. She also drafted a thank you letter to hand out to new members and current. Before any of this being sent out Jane will send the board a draft of said letters.

**Marketing-** Jane has a friend that is willing to help promote DRAW and work with us to get our information out there to draw in more riders/members.

**Novice award-** Kim has brought up that the cost of the year end award for the Novice is different from all of the other awards. When you are only buying 1 or 2 awards it is hard to find something of good quality and not spend as much money because of the quantity we are buying. Also drivers have the same fee's at rides and driving approximately the same amount of miles.

**Versatility award-** Beth says the wording for our bylaws is confusing for scoring. "award to the person that has the most total points". It does not say what those points are. Beth has contacted Ruth to see how she did the points. Unfortunately she was not able to remember how she did the points for versatility. Beth will work on verbage and have it ready for the next meeting.

**Points for DRAW members-** They are looking into adding points like AHDRA the 150%. Barb brought up that DRAW members only compete against DRAW members in the points. Beth is willing to do this as points keeper.

**BC/Points pricing-** There is no guideline for pricing on these awards. Tracy is asking if we should make these guidelines. Deb Moe asked if any of the RM's ask for sponsor's or if it is ok to ask for sponsors for prizes. Don't go blindly into the prizes without knowing the end cost.

**Year end awards-** Debby has 3 places that she has spoken to for awards. They are looking into gear bags. Debbie is just waiting for the awards list. She has met the price that was given to her with no issues.

**Mock ride 2025-** Linda is interested in doing another ride at Black Hawk Ridge. She would like Beth to help unmark trails and asked if Wes would volunteer to vet. Deb announced that Umecria will be paying 100% of the insurance fees if Umecria is notified by Jan 31st. May 3 or 4th are the tentative dates for the mock ride. Linda will be looking for help for scribing and leaders as well.

**Convention-** Kim has announced that there has been an issue with the hotel that Umecria has signed a contract with. The original owner fell ill and had to sell the business. The new owners have decided to do a complete remodel which means they will be closing the hotel and conference center down completely January 5th. Kim has stated that she has a lead on several hotels and is optimistic that she'll be signing a contract within a week or two.

**Proxies:-**

**DRAW FINALE-** Jane will be there for DRAW Finale. Sara Watts would be the other proxy for that ride.

**Prairie River Ride:** Binky and Jen will be there to represent PRR.

**Colorama-** Barb and Ann will represent Colorama

**Silent auction:** Do we want to do the GC for a 50 endurance and 25 LD/Comp again?

**Spring banquet date/location-** The board will talk via social media.

**ELECTIONS-**

- **Non elected position-** Webmaster- Kim has agreed to continue to do the webpage.
- **Wisconsin horse council-** We will double check with Katie to be sure she is willing to represent. Tracy J is willing to do the back up again.

**Election of officers-** Tracy has announced she is stepping down as president effective immediately. Amber will take over as interim president until voting takes place.

It was decided we will take nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Points Keeper for our February meeting now.

**President-** Amber Erickson was nominated by Barb and 2nd by Roberta. Amber accepted the nomination.

**VP-** Tracy nominated Deb Moe. There was no 2nd. Ann nominated Debby Weisbecker. Barb 2nd that motion. Debby accepted the nomination.

**Treasurer-** Barb nominated Ann DeLang and Tracy 2nd. Ann accepted the nomination.

**Secretary-** Ann nominated Kim Fosler and Beth 2nd. Kim accepted the nomination.

**Points keeper-** Jane nominated Beth Frieders and Barb 2nd. Beth accepted the nomination.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm by Tracy Johnson

Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Fosler  
DRAW Secretary