

North Country Horsemen

Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2017

I. Call to order

Vice President Tanya Peterson called to order the regular meeting of the North Country Horsemen Saddle Club at 7:00 p.m. on August 15, 2017 at the Food Shack at the Ornquist Arena, Middle River, MN.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Secretary's report was read by Tanya Peterson. Sue Helm motioned to approve as read. Sharon Holmstrom seconded it. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report: Mardy Anderson

- a) General Account: \$ 1,316.01
- b) Trails To Treatments Grant Account: \$ N/A

Committee Updates

a) **Trails To Treatments Committee** – As per Sue Helm, the TTT Raffle tickets are available and have been distributed. Shirley Horien stated the posters for the TTT Benefit and Ride are available and that Central Boiler printed 150 as a donation.

b) Arena Committee

- Mardy Anderson reported that Tyler Maurstad hopes to have the food shack roof tinned before the Goosefest Game Show. Maurstad Construction is doing the labor at no charge.
- Sue Helm stated members only should be using the arena. Mardy Anderson thought there had been signs and will look for them. Discussion that the only time a nonmember should be able to use the arena is if they are with a paid current member. Sharon Holmstrom made a motion that anyone that is going to ride on the property of the Ornquist Arena must be an arena member except during NCH Events.

Tanya Peterson is going to check into pricing for a deposit box so nonmembers can add either a membership fee or an arena usage fee.

- A Burger Night will be held on September 6th for a Saddle Club Fundraiser. Money is needed for youth sponsorships, repairs to the Food Shack, the storage container and bleacher repair.
- c) **Food/Concessions** – For the Goosefest Game Show, Sharon Holmstrom reported that Pepper Bellies and Chili Dogs will be served. She will check with Tanya Peterson after the TTT Chili Cook-off to see what is left over to determine how much she will need to purchase.

- d) **Trail Ride Committee** – The Stump Lake trip/overnight camping trip went well. Seven people from the saddle club camped over and enjoyed Darlene’s hospitality. The trail ride from Michael and Tanya’s farm to their cabin was a success with 14 people in attendance. (13 riders and 1 wagon) This may now be an annual event for North Country Horsemen.
 - e) **Show/Games Committee** – The Marshall County Fair open game show was a success. Everything is printed for the Goosefest game show. As per an email from Kristi Westlund, all of the Goosefest trophies have been ordered. Sue Helm mentioned that the Arena needs to be sprayed for weeds and prizes are needed for the Goosefest show drawings.
 - f) **Clinic Committee** – No update by committee members but Terhya Nyegaard mentioned that clinics were held to make money by the Kittson County 4-H Drill Team and they received a lot of participation. They were horse skill clinics in which kids learned how to brush and lead a horse and did some riding. A picture of the kid and the horse they used was taken and then used for a craft. They were charged \$25-\$30 and had no problem filling up the classes.
 - g) **Media/Marketing Committee** – No update
 - h) **Other Topics** – Youth Sponsorships: Approximately 15 kids might apply for sponsorships. Dollar amount available will be determined by how many applied and how much money was made from the Burger Night. Rules/requirements to qualify for a sponsorship were discussed. Suggested requirements were:
 - 1. Requester must be a member by 1st show.
 - 2. Dollar Amount is subject to change
 - 3. Qualifying sponsorships are awarded based upon volunteering a NCH Events.
- Upcoming Parades are Newfest and Goosefest which Sue Helm stated the saddle club should try to participate in these since our club does donate a \$100 to both of them.
- i) **Adjournment** – Sharon Holmstrom motioned to adjourn the meeting, Terhya Nyegaard seconded it. Vice-President Tanya Peterson adjourned the meeting.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Shirley Horien, NCHSC Secretary.