

# *North Country Horsemen*

## *Meeting Minutes*

September 19, 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 September 19, 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 Shirley Horien. Sue Helm motioned to approve as read. Ronnette Anderson seconded it. Motion carried.

### **III. Treasurer's Report: Mardy Anderson**

- a) General Account: \$ 885.01
- b) Trails To Treatments Grant Account: \$ N/A

### **IV. Committee Reports**

- a) **Trails To Treatments Committee** – Mardy Anderson confirmed the TTT Benefit/Ride Appreciation dinner will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Names of anyone who helped during/prior to the event should be emailed to Stacy Bierman. An update of how much was made will be provided the night of the supper.
- b) **Arena Committee**
  - Tyler & Jay Maurstad of Maurstad Construction finished tinning the roof. After the meeting measurements of the bleacher planks will be taken. Tanya will purchase planks from Builders First Choice in Thief River Falls. Delivery could possibly be arranged since one of the workers there lives in Greenbush. If not, Tanya will arrange pickup. A discount is available. The hole on the north side of the food shack needs to be patched and either the door replaced or be sealed up since mice have inhabited the building. Roy Ness suggested Kade Klasen drop off some mice poison blocks purchased from the Elevator to the food shack to get rid of them. The poison makes the mice thirsty and they leave in search of water. Mice droppings and smell were very evident and needs to be eliminated prior to GooseFest if possible. Shirley will contact Kade about doing this.
  - The Arena Membership Signs were discussed and Mardy said he still has to look for the camera sign he knows he has. He suggested we have signs that state members only are allowed to use the arena and have a box with membership forms with the address to mail the check and membership form to.
- c) **Food/Concessions** – For GooseFest, Sharon Holmstrom reported that Pepper Bellies, Chili Dogs & Nachos will be served. Tanya Peterson stated that there is chili and nacho cheese left after the TTT

Chili Cook-off that can be used. Sharon is going to purchase chips and hot dogs. Bars are needed and a request needs to be included in the GooseFest Show email blast.

- d) **Trail Ride Committee** – The next trail ride is at Lake Bronson on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Sharon Holmstrom is going to send an email to the officers with the necessary information needed for the email blast, facebook and the webpage.
- e) **Show/Games Committee** – Tanya Peterson reported that everything is ready. Per Mardy, the saddle club is badly in need of funds to continue to do the work that is needed before winter on the Food Shack. Prizes are desperately needed for the selling of tickets in order to help this funding. Request for prizes needs to be included in the GooseFest Show email blast with the expression as to how much they are needed. Also include in blast the need of youth volunteers.

Tanya stated that Stephanie Vagle from the Kittson County Saddle Club sent her an email which stated they are planning a Game Show on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Hallock's All School Reunion. They are hoping they will get better participation from neighboring clubs to help them become active again.

- f) **Clinic Committee** – Ronnette asked what kind of clinics the club was looking for and that she knew of someone that might be able to do a barrel clinic. It was expressed that youth clinics like Terhya Nygaard had mentioned at the last show and also a barrel clinic that provided knowledge for different levels of experience.
- g) **Media/Marketing Committee** – The new webpage will be started sometime after the Lake Bronson Ride and TTT Benefit/Ride Appreciation Supper. Pictures have been received from Scott Hayden, but haven't been posted yet. The ads for the GooseFest Show have been emailed to area newspapers.

#### V. **New Business:**

The GooseFest Parade participants are needed for Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and needs to be included in the GooseFest email blast. Participants should wear their 2017 t-shirts/sweatshirts. Sue Helm is filling out and bringing the Parade Registration and the flags.

Next monthly meeting is October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and is the yearend cleanup meeting.

#### VI. **Other Topics**

- Mardy Anderson stated the Burger Night Fundraiser took in \$657.00
- Youth Sponsorships: As per Mardy Anderson, 9 - \$100 sponsorships were paid out with a possibility of two more applications coming in. Rules/requirements to qualify for a sponsorship were discussed. Shirley is to combine the three requirements below which are from the August meeting with the emailed past ones from Sue Helm. The NCH officers will finalize which rules and requirements will be used in the future.

1. Requester must be a member by 1<sup>st</sup> show.

2. Dollar Amount is subject to change
3. Qualifying sponsorships are awarded based upon volunteering a NCH Events.

**Adjournment** – Ronnette Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sue Helm seconded it. Vice-President Tanya Peterson adjourned the meeting.

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