VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS

February 11, 2025

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by President Lorrie Busby. Other officers present were: Yvonne Comm, Caron Paschke, and Rose Shedd. There was a total of 31 members present and guest speakers Mary Ann Wilkens and Peter Hays, who we also welcomed as new members to the club!

Signup sheets were available for several activities; Game Day at the Busby’s, Dancing Horses at Lake Geneva in March, Clinic in April; Intro to Liberty by Mary Hougan at Donna Howland’s arena, and Shawnee far away ride on Columbus Day weekend.

We have added three Associate Memberships: Polo Animal Hospital, Melissa Myers State Farm Insurance, and EquiStroke Equine Therapies.

The Secretary and Treasurer’s reports were both approved by the membership.

Liaison reports:

Rock Cut – The Wheelers are working on clean-up day plans.

Winnebago Forest Preserves – Debbi Hamilton spoke to the board about allowing horses on the Funderburg property. At this time, they are thinking no horses. She was advised to write a proposal and present it to the board.

Lockwood Park – Rhoda Fox presented a list of projects that they would like to get done. Rhoda made a motion to approve $300 towards projects and Deb Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

Ride Committee: Liz Longenecker presented a list of events for the coming year.

Social Committee: Yvonne Comm reported that the committee will be handling the Steak Fry meal this year. Forms are available for the Member Spotlight. They will be posted (about 2 per month) on the Facebook page and in the Newsletter. At the March meeting we will host guest speaker Dr. Deb Sink, DVM, who will speak on routine care for horses. Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served. Members asked to bring a dish to share (think Green).

There was no Old or New Business

John Reitmaier made motion to adjourn the meeting and Chris Darmon seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:37

Following the meeting Mary Ann Wilkens and Peter Hays gave a very interesting presentation on the Tellington Touch. This is a holistic approach to maintaining and supporting the health and wellbeing of animals and humans.