VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS

March 11, 2025

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Lorrie Busby. Other officers present were: Yvonne Comm and Rose Shedd. There was a total of 28 members present and guest speaker Dr Deb Sink, DVM. We welcomed Lisa Ignoffo as a new member to the club!

February Secretary and Treasurer reports were approved by the club.

**Liaison reports:**

Lockwood Park – Thank you note for our donation was read by Rose Shedd. They will be using our donation for floor mats.

Rock Cut – Volunteer forms will be made available at the next meeting for clean-up day.

**Committee reports:**

Ride Committee: Liz Longenecker presented our calendar of events brochure for 2025. Chair persons will be needed to host some rides. If you are hosting a ride or event, please make up a detailed flyer for the Facebook page and Website.

Social Committee: Forms are available for the Member Spotlight. They will be posted (about 2 per month) on the Facebook page and in the Newsletter. Committee will be meeting early April to work on securing more speakers for events and meetings. Dancing with Horses trip – advised we have front row seats reserved and back stage passes. Cherry Valley Feeds will be holding a seminar on pasture maintenance on April 3rd from 6-8 pm.

Miles by the Minute Program: Motion was made by Lorrie Busby to replace the sweatshirt and badges for Pam Lee, who lost them in a house fire. Yvonne Comm and Jeff Edwards seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Website Administrator: Terry Busby advised that we have Three Associate Memberships featured on the website and one more coming soon. He also reminded members to be logging their club activity and ride minutes.

Facebook Administrator: Kurtis Longenecker advised that he has posted three Member Spotlights. If you would like to be featured in the Member Spot Lights, lease submit 1–3 photos with your form to Yvonne and she will compile and forward to Kurtis.

Christmas Party Committee: Advised that the letter to request donations will be out in the next club mailing. You may use this to contact businesses for donations for the silent auction.

Club Apparel: Rose Shedd advised that she can place an order for merchandise if there are at least 6 items to purchase. Hats must be ordered with 6 or more. She brought some cash and carry items to the meeting.

Old Business – Jeff Edwards made motion to donate $100 each to Ogle County, Boone County and Winnebago County 4-H for Trophies in the equine classes. Sue Krug seconded the motion. It was suggested to ask for the Trail Class. Motion carried.

Terry Busby made motion to adjourn the meeting and Chris Darmon seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Following the meeting Dr Deb Sink DVM spoke to us about yearly health maintenance for horses.