

Valley Trail Riders Meeting – September 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Rhoda Fox at 6:35 pm. There were 14 members present and no guests.

There were no meeting minutes presented. The president gave a summary of the previous meeting. Minutes will be available when they are received from the Secretary. Terry Busby made motion to approve and Rose Shedd second the motion. Motion carried.

Our club member's Facebook roster has been updated to only members who are current on their membership dues.

The Treasurer's report was given. There is \$3366.27 in checking and \$1148.10 in savings, which includes money set aside for hand sanitizer refills \$185.30. There is petty cash on hand of \$200. Lorrie Conry made motion to approve and Chris Darmon second the motion. Motion carried.

It was noted that there has been wind damage to the lattice at the shelter at Rock Cut. It will be repaired. The park shelter fee is \$50. Rhoda will reserve the shelter for October events.

Rock Cut State Park – no report

Forest Preserve Parks: It was noted that hand sanitizer was empty at Seward Bluffs. Lorrie will contact Caron Paschke about refilling hand sanitizer at Seward Bluffs. Debbi Hamilton reported that members of the club have been attending the board of directors meeting of the Winnebago Forest Preserves and have been having good response to trail clean up. There was a discussion on emergency response address for Seward when you call 911. The fire sign has been installed. They are willing to discuss putting more tie lines in. Donna Maier made motion to allocate \$400 for improvements – including ag lime, poles, etc. for the new tie lines. Debbi Hamilton amended the motion to state that it was for the Equestrian Park at Seward Bluffs. Terry Busby seconded the motion. Motion carried. The committee will follow up with the park. Debbi Hamilton made a motion to ask members to donate poles for Seward Bluffs park improvements. Rose Shedd seconded the motion. Motion failed. It was decided to post in the newsletter that poles are needed and to contact Debbi for more information.

Please note that a tag is required to ride at the Winnebago parks and it will be enforced. Also, please go on their Facebook page and website to put positive comments or report any problems at the parks or on the trails.

Franklin Creek Park – no report

Website – It is up and running with more features to come. Terry Busby made a motion to get us set up for Auto payment of Dues through the website and then it will be directly deposited in our club checking account. Cindy Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried. He also advised that we could get commissions on products purchased through Amazon for a club fundraiser. Terry made a motion to look into creating an Amazon account to sell products through our website for fundraising as a nonprofit. Becky seconded the motion. Motion carried. Terry will follow up on both items and report

back to the club next month. All events and club minutes are on the website. If you have not gone on the site and signed up for member log in – please do so. This will be our main way of communication of club events, meeting minutes and news going forward. If you have any questions, you can email Terry through the website to Support@Valleytrailriders.club.

The club has had many great events this year. Thank you to all who hosted. We also want to extend our gratitude and thank Kurtis Longenecker who organized our rides for many years and chaired our ride committee.

New Business: Rhoda Fox reminded every club member to remember to always represent our club well in public and while at our parks. Please always be respectful and act responsibly, especially at club events. It was reported that a member had been disrespectful to a park ranger. Rhoda will follow up on this with the park ranger's office and report back to the club at our next meeting.

Donna Myer made a motion to adjourn and Rosemarie Farmer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Conry

Vice President