VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS

Meeting 12-11-22

The meeting was called to order at 6:47pm by Acting President Lorrie Conry, who was the only officer present. There were a total of 34 members present.

Announcements: Kurtis Longenecker was thanked for his many years of organizing rides and social events for the club. Terry Herbig was thanked for organizing the Christmas Party. Rose Shedd and Terry Herbig were thanked for donations of door prizes for the party.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Lorrie Conry.  Jeff Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Rose Shedd. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Lorrie Conry reported a checking account balance of $2,014.86

(Including $185.30 hand sanitizer fund), savings account $1,148.36 and cash on hand of $200.00.  We have received thank you notes for donations from Braveheart, Ogle County 4H, and Pegasus Special Riders. Rosemarie Farmer made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Gayla Creason. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

**Rock Cut State Park** – Liaison Terry Herbig –Nothing to report

**Forest Preserves of Winnebago County (Seward)** – Liaison Deb Hamilton absent -No report- Jeff Edwards advised that he could help transport the donated poles for Seward. The check for $400 was sent to the Forest Preserves for help with projects done at Seward Bluffs. Deb Hamilton has advised at our last meeting that members of our club have been attending meetings and have developed a good relationship between our club and the association. There may be more tie lines installed at the park.

**Franklin Creek** – Liaison Rosemarie Farmer – nothing to report

**Webpage** - Terry Busby reminded anyone who hasn't done so yet to sign in as a member.  Notifications, Newsletters and meeting minutes can then be sent in a mass e-mail to members.  Also inter club correspondence can be facilitated through the website members only page. He also reminded everyone that you can advertise your small business on the website, by getting your business card to Terry. If you see any errors on the website please report at once so it can be corrected.

**Ride Committee** - Chair - Donna Meyer reported that several rides have already been scheduled for the 2023 season.

June will be a Ride and Poker Run at Franklin Creek State Park

July will be a Ride with the theme “Christmas in July” – bring a “White Horsey Gift ” for our gift exchange.

August will be a Ride at Rose and Mark Shedd’s farm w/Poker Run- weather permitting

September will be a Ride and Steak Fry at Rock Cut State Park

October will be a Ride with a Chili Dump

Please sign up to host a ride in the summer or fun event in the winter months, such as bowling, roller skating, game night, or Sign Painting party.

**Old Business:**

Club meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month January – May and September –December. They will be at the Lockwood Cookhouse in Rockford at 6:30pm.

Summer meetings will take place at Rides. See the December Newsletter for details about each meeting. Lorrie Conry made motion for the club to provide Pizza at the March club meeting. Sue Krug seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lorrie Conry made motion to have the club fund $500 for the 2023 Christmas Party. Ginnie Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was discussion about a new venue possibly or having a buffet style meal at the Machine Shed next year. Ideas were: Thunder Bay Grill or possibly a venue that we could have a buffet meal with a band or D.J. The discussion was tabled until the February meeting. Come with your ideas and details of options for our Christmas Party.

**New Business:**

Kurtis Longenecker volunteered to organize the Rock Clean up day. Tentative date will be 3rd weekend in May 2023. Jeff Edwards and Terry Busby will work with Kurtis on this.

 Jim Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  Rose Shedd seconded the motion.  Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.