VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS

01/10/23 Minutes

A social time with appetizers was held before the start of the meeting.  The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President - Lorrie Conry.  Officers present were President - Lorrie Conry, Vice-President - Terry Busby, Secretary - Caron Paschke and Treasurer - Carolyn Moehring.  There were a total of 22 members present.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the previous meeting were read aloud.  Yvonne Comm made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Deb Hamilton.  The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Carolyn Moehring reported a checking account balance of $2,165.82 (including $185.30 in the hand sanitizer fund) with interest earned of $.43, savings of $1,148.79 and $200.00 cash on hand.  $210.04 was paid out to Terry Herbig to cover expenses for the 2023 Poker Run and the 2022 Christmas Party.  Terry Busby made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Donna Howland.  The motion passed.

Terry Busby then made a motion that any cash taken in and/or paid out since the previous meeting be reported.  Donna Howland seconded the motion.  After discussion the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Rock Cut State Park - No report

Seward Bluffs - Deb Hamilton reports that the Forest Preserves are trying to make their Facebook page more up to date.  If you find a problem at the park take a picture and post it to their page.  Deb also said she will be attending their monthly meetings and to contact her if anyone wants to arrange rides.  The meetings are held at the Forest Preserve office off of Harlem on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.  The next meeting will be Jan. 18.

Franklin Creek - No report.  It was requested that Rosemarie Farmer get dates for the local clubs major events.

Webpage - Terry Busby advised he will add a link to the Franklin Creek page.  Send Terry any information you would like to have added to our page.

Ride Committee - Donna Meyer reminded everyone that the Shedd ride is for members only.  Rose Shedd advised they will have a musician to entertain around the campfire.  The Committee is still looking for ride hosts.

Club Apparel - Rose Shedd advised that to place any order with the manufacturer requires a minimum of 6 items.  Please wear your club apparel to the February meeting so those thinking of ordering can see the different colors available.

Old Business

Christmas Party - There was discussion about having the party at the Byron Prairieview Banquet Center at a cost of $675.00.  Food can be brought in or catered.  Dancing from 8:00pm to 12:00am to the Jimmy Wolber Band 'Just 4 Fun' at a cost of $800.00 was also discussed.  A cost of $25.00 per person was suggested to cover some of the cost.  The Club has already approved $500.00 toward costs.  A committee was chosen to investigate options and have an outline for the February meeting.

Facebook - The private page was closed on December 31 as we now have our Webpage.  Contact Kurtis Longenecker for anything to be posted to the public page.

Rock Cut Clean-up - Kurtis Longenecker has been in contact with the park manager.  They will be meeting in February to discuss ideas.  At that time Kurt will ask about chain saws, ATV's, etc.  Contact Kurt with any ideas or suggestions.

New Business

It was suggested that the Club hold competitions for the most miles ridden, most events attended, etc…and awards to be given out at the Christmas Party.  Contact the Ride Committee with any ideas.

Lorrie Conry and Terry Busby will hold a game day at their house on February 25 at 1:00 pm.  Please bring a snack to share and your own beverages.

The Club will hold a bowling afternoon on March 19.  Please RSVP with Sue Krug before March 5 at 815-757-2384.

Donna Howland made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Chris Darmon.  The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Caron Paschke

Club Secretary