VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS

3-14-23 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm 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 33 members present with 2 visitors.  New members who joined were Ellen Inman, Pam Carter, Cathy (Diane) Croom, Barrett and Grace Manning and Tyanne and Glenn Wallin.  Welcome to all!

Secretary's Report - The minutes from the February meeting were read aloud.  Yvonne Comm made a motion to accept the minutes and Rose Shedd seconded.  The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Carolyn Moehring reported a checking account balance of $2,220.82 (including $135.00 of the hand sanitizer account), savings of $1,148.79 and cash on hand of $200.00.  We are waiting on the bill for insurance.  Terry Herbig made a motion to accept the report and Rosemarie Farmer seconded.  The motion passed.

Our visitor was Bonnie Harder D.C., Animal Chiropractor.  She gave a very interesting presentation on the different needs for equine chiropractic and the results that can be achieved.

Pizza was supplied by the Club and served during the meeting.

Committee Reports

Rock Cut State Park - No report

Forest Preserves - No report

Franklin Creek - Rosemarie Farmer reported the clean up day for the park will be 4-1-23 with a rain date of 4-22-23.  The event will begin at 9:00am.  The local club will post their events on their FB page.

Christmas Party Committee - Lorrie Conry requests that anyone attending the Horse Fair, pick-up any free items available and give them to a Committee member.  They will be used for the party.

Webpage Administrator - Terry Busby explained for new members that the page has a public and private side.  There is a place to join the private side.  Terry will review all requests and all current members will be approved.

Ride Committee - Donna Howland presented the ideas for the year end awards (which will also be on the website).  Rhoda Fox made a motion to accept award categories, Lorrie Conry seconded.  The motion passed.  Terry Busby made a motion to use accumulated points from the other categories to determine the winner of Member of the Year. Rhoda Fox seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Club Apparel - Rose Shedd is putting a new order together.  Any questions about colors available please contact Rose.

Old Business

Kurtis Longenecker advised that the Rock Cut clean-up day has been put on hold.  He has been told that we are not allowed to even use hand held clippers on the trails.  He will stay in contact with park management and advise if anything changes.

New Business

The “members only” Facebook page has been closed as voted on and approved by the club.  Ronda Stewart made a request that the original/current Face Book page be opened for any member to be able to post on it.  Kurtis Longenecker, who manages the VTR Face Book page advised that he is not sure if it is possible, because of the way it was set up. Terry Busby made a motion that Kurt check out the possibility and Terry Herbig seconded.  The motion passed.

Jeff Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Yvonne Comm seconded.  The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.