VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS

May 9, 2023 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:43pm 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 14 members present.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the April meeting were read aloud.  Kerry Fagerstrom made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Rose Shedd.  The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Carolyn Moehring reported a checking account balance of $1,997.34 (including $135.00 in the hand sanitizer fund), savings account balance of $1,149.21 and cash on hand of $200.00.  Income of $130.00 from JT Designs and expenses paid out of $186.62 to JT Designs were reported.  Sue Krug made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Jeff Edwards.  The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Rock Cut State Park - No report

Forest Preserves - Deb Hamilton reported the Board is willing to install more poles at the Seward campground and is requesting input from VTR.  Lorrie Conry made a motion for the club to make a plan for Deb to take to the Board.  Caron Paschke seconded the motion which passed.  Jeff Edwards will contact ComEd about possibly donating poles.

Franklin Creek - Rosemarie Farmer and Gayla Creason presented information from Middle Rock which is the company doing the work at the park.  They have had contact with the president and a naturalist at the company.  There are numerous details but it appears the clearing process to take out non-native and invasive species will be going on for several years.  They were told there is no plan to remove the pines at this time but they are not a native species.

Christmas Party Committee - No report

Webpage - Terry Busby is working on a program that will allow members to log riding hours and information for year-end totals from their phones on the website.  The information will be totaled and available on the members’ only site.

Ride Committee - No report

Club Apparel - No report

This meeting will be the last at Lockwood for the summer.  A meeting will be held each month at a scheduled ride.  The first meeting at Lockwood this fall is tentatively set for October.

Dr. Sara Pearson will speak at the June ride at Franklin Creek on equine dental care and other topics.  She will speak after the dinner and before the meeting.

Deb Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Terry Busby.  The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.