VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS

Club Minutes

November 14, 2023

Prior to the meeting a potluck dinner was held with barbeque sandwiches supplied by the club and cooked by Kurtis Longenecker.  With numerous side dishes and desserts provided by various members it was an excellent meal that everyone seemed to enjoy!!

The meeting was called to order by President Lorrie Conry at 7:21.  Officers present were President - Lorrie Conry, Secretary - Caron Paschke and Treasurer - Carolyn Moehring.  There were a total of 26 members present.

Club gave a big thank you to Terry Herbig and Carolyn Moehring, for hosting the steak fry.  Also to Donna Howland, Donna Meyer, and Cindy Edwards for hosting the chili dump.

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

Treasurer's Report - Carolyn Moehring reported a checking account balance of $1914.76, savings of $1150.07 and $200.00 cash on hand.  There was income of $.43 interest paid.  $166.38 was paid out to Terry Herbig for the poker run.  Deb Hamilton made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Kris Darmon.  The motion passed.  It was reported that if the checking account balance falls below $1500.00 there will be a monthly charge of $5.00.  Lorrie Conry made a motion to combine the checking and savings accounts to lessen the possibility of that happening.  The motion was seconded by Rhoda Fox and passed.

Committee Reports -

Rock Cut State Park - Cory is now the head of the park (this is not the Cory from Lake Le Aquana).

Forest Preserves - Will be open until November 26.  Keep in mind there will be hunting on properties near the parks.  It was suggested to bring up the possibility of erecting a shelter at Seward at the next County meeting.

Franklin Creek - No report.  There is a volunteer needed to act as liaison with the park.

Lockwood - No report.

Christmas Party - There will be several items for the silent auction.  Please have cash or check for payment.  The Committee requested $275.00 for prizes for the year end awards.  Rhoda Fox seconded the motion and it  passed.

Webpage - No report.

Ride Committee - There are 5 categories for year end awards and also an all around award.  For 2023 the dates for entries for the awards were April 1 through October 31.  For future years the dates will be November 1 of the previous year through October 31 of the current year.

Apparel - Rose Shedd advised the new tank tops are in and priced at $18.00.  She also has a variety of hoodies.

Old Business -

The suggestion of donating a bench or some type of plaque to the new building at Lockwood was discussed.  It was suggested to wait until after the Christmas party to make a decision when we will have a better idea of our finances.  Kurtis Longenecker will try to contact the park in the meantime for information.

Deb Hamilton advised that Pegasus is looking for donations and volunteers.  Donations will be discussed at the January meeting.

Yvonne and Rick Comm will hold a game day at their house on January 20.

Lorrie Conry and Terry Busby will hold a game day at their house on February 17.

Lorrie Conry suggested having a Social Committee to plan non-ride events through the winter.  This idea will be discussed at the January meeting.

New Business -

Elections were held for Officers and Board of Directors for 2024.  The following were elected -

Board of  Directors - Diane Feuillerat, Donna Howland, Susan Krug

Officers - President - Lorrie Conry, Vice-President - Yvonne Comm, Secretary - Caron Paschke, Treasurer - Rose Shedd

Kerry Fagerstrom made a motion to conclude the meeting.  The motion was seconded by Rhoda Fox and the motion passed.  The meeting was concluded at 8:15.