VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS

March 12, 2024 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lorrie Conry at 6:35.  Officers present were President - Lorrie Conry, Vice-President - Yvonne Comm, Secretary - Caron Paschke and Treasurer - Rose Shedd.  There were a total of 19 members present and 1visitor.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by Caron Paschke.  Sue Krug made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Deb Hamilton.  The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Rose Shedd reported a checking account balance of $3,375.08, $200.00 cash on hand and $135.00 in the hand sanitizer fund (included in checking).  There was $136.00 income reported with $100.00 from dues and $36.00 for apparel. Reported expenses were $390.36 with $32.45 for checks, $303.84 for the screen and projector and $54.07 for printer ink.  Liz Longenecker made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Sherri Miller.  The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Rock Cut State Park - No report

Forest Preserves - Deb Hamilton reported that she met with a County representative about Oak Ridge.  Eight tie line spaces have been added and there is a possibility of a camp area in the trees but the County wants to see if the area would be used.

Franklin Creek - Lorrie Conry reported that work at the park is making progress.  Work days are scheduled for March 30 and April 6.  A state form is required for volunteers.  Thank you to Diane Croom for volunteering to be the park liaison for our club.

Webpage Admin. - No report

Facebook Admin. - No report

Ride Committee - Liz Longenecker reported that VTR has been signed up as a float in the Pecatonica Memorial Day Parade.  Members are asked to donate candy for the parade at the April and May meetings.  Liz will have times for decorating at the parade soon.  Miles by the Minute entry forms are now available.  Enrollment fee is $25.00 which can be paid to Rose Shedd or a committee member.  A sweatshirt will be provided to all participants.  The Cinco de Mayo ride will be held on April 27 at Rock Cut.  Kurtis Longenecker made a motion to approve the club providing the meat and taco shells.  Caron Paschke seconded the motion.  The motion passed.  Susan Krug has a sign-up sheet for other items and condiments.

Club Apparel - No report

Social Committee - No report

Old Business - None

New Business - Kris Darmon advised that Braveheart in Harvard is willing to set up a tour for VTR members.  After discussion it was decided to add a lunch stop also.  Kris will advise when she has possible dates, possibly not until the fall.

Deb Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Kris Darmon.  The meeting was adjourned at 7:27.

After the meeting, pizza was provided by the club.  Our visitor, Judith Wolter, gave a presentation on hoof health.  It mainly focused on keeping your barefoot horse sound.  She had a variety of different boots and explained their intended use including the strengths and weaknesses of the different boots.  Thank you to Judith for a very interesting presentation.