VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS

May 14, 2024 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lorrie Conry at 6:42 pm.  Officers present were President - Lorrie Conry, Vice-President - Yvonne Comm, and Treasurer - Rose Shedd.  There were a total of 16 members present with 2 visitors.

Secretary's Report - The minutes from the previous meeting were presented.  Susan Krug made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Jeff Edwards.  The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Rose Shedd reported a checking account balance of $2,463, of which $135 is designated for hand sanitizer. There is $200 cash on hand. There is club apparel of $260 on hand.  Diane Feuillerat made a motion to accept the report.  Liz Longenecker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Rock Cut State Park – Lorrie Conry made motion to create a committee to work on the lattice and other repairs on the shelter and allow up to $1000 for the project. Rhoda Fox seconded the motion. Rhoda suggested that we submit a plan to park officials. Motion carried. Jeff Edwards advised that the lattice will cost approximately $300. Mark Shedd and Jeff Edwards will head the project.

Lockwood Park – Rhoda advised that there will be no additional work done on the equestrian parking area at this time.

Forest Preserves – Nora Clapsaddle and Debbi Hamilton reported that concern over the price of bridal tags and addition of mounting block at Seward Bluffs was discussed at the meeting. Also, the feasibility of putting in a new water crossing at Deer Run and Oak Ridge was discussed.

Franklin Creek – Lorrie reported that wells at the park have been determined safe for drinking for animals and humans. The creek is still questionable. It is suggested not to let animals drink the creek. New sand was put in the arena, and it is looking great. Contact the Rock River Trail and Horsemen’s Association if you can help with any future repairs and maintenance on the arena and announcers stand.

Webpage – No report

Facebook – No report

Social Media Committee – Melissa Myers posed questions to be considered in providing Business Associate Memberships. How would be get them? Solicit groups? What to Charge? What are we getting in return? – Recognition for the club. A tiered systems for pricing? Advertise at our events with banners.

Ride Committee- Liz advised to contact her if you are planning on being in the parade on the float for the club. Candy is still needed to throw out at the parade. The Shedd members only ride will have information forthcoming.

Club Apparel – Caps are in. There needs to be a minimum of 6 items, to place a new order for apparel.

Social Committee- No report.

Old Business – None.

New Business – It was reported that some former members of the club have experienced family loss. Cards will be sent to Rosemarie Farmer in the passing of her husband Jim, Geri Sally in the passing of her husband, and Jill Izer in the passing of her father.

Terry Busby made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Diane Feuillerat. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

After the meeting the club enjoyed snacks brought by members and we had guest speaker. Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and accomplished horsewoman Gretchen Johnson spoke on the benefits that animals have on our Mental Health and Wellness and the roles that they play.