

**MINUTES**  
**Distance Riders of Manitoba**  
January 22, 2019

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**Location: Darice Whyte's Residence, Springfield, Manitoba**  
**Call To Order – 6:40 p.m.**

**In Attendance:**

**Board Members**

Darice Whyte - President  
Carrie Wilson - Vice President  
Maura Leahy - Treasurer  
Trish Forde - Secretary  
Susan Heald– Member at Large

**Membership**

Andy Dunlop (Fundraising)  
Tammy Storie (Volunteer Recruitment)  
Brenda Tolpa  
Janine Thompson  
Iris Oleksuk (MTRC President)  
Kelli Hayhurst  
Claudia Gavran  
Donna Glasman  
Shannon Lightfoot (Mileage and Points Tabulator)  
Nicole Malmquist  
Linda Gillies

**Absent:** Dianne Borger (MHC Representative)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for DRM Agenda, January 22, 2019 was and accepted and approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (August 10, 2018)**

The minutes from August 10, 2018 were accepted and approved at the AGM on November 10, 2018.

**WELCOME OF GUESTS**

Everyone introduced themselves in a round table fashion. A quick question and answer period followed.

Q. What do you do with new riders? (Claudia Gavran)

A. The club provides mentors, maps and information that you can read on DRM's Facebook page and DRM's Group Facebook page.

- There was a New Member Package that was once made available. Maura Leahy will repurpose this document. Kelli Hayhurst has a new rider package from MTRC and will provide it so as to help get the new package available for any new riders.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Darice welcomed everyone and opened up the meeting.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Maura provided members with copies of current financial report (attached).

- Bank Balance for Jan 2019 is \$8047.65 (includes travel fund amount)
- January 2019 Financial Report was accepted and approved as submitted.
- Maura discussed that the additional funds from 2019 Bingo Money can be combined with 2020's Bingo amount.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

- Total of 28 Members
- Membership: 11 Individuals and at least 1 Family

### **MHC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Susan Heald provided the MHC Representative Report on behalf of Dianne Borger (absent).

- MHC has a Recreation Grant worth \$2500.00 so it was suggested that we ask ourselves, "What might improve this site?". Recommendations should be discussed during July/August meeting in order to put forth a proposal to MHC as decisions for grant monies must be submitted prior to October 1, 2019.
- The Outhouse request at north end of the Polo Field has not been approved by MHC. Note: The porta potties in BHP are property of the Folk Festival.
- Darice Whyte met with BHP staff. She confirmed that there is no overnight camping at East Gate, BHP, only 1 day rides are allowed. More Red Horse Signs are required, follow up is required to find out when this will happen. Trail needs were discussed as snowmobilers were using the green trail, however, this winter season, they were not to use it.
- Maura Leahy, member of MEC committee, mentioned that they are looking for volunteers from each equestrian discipline.
- Strategic Planning Priority Feedback – Maintaining BHP for equestrian sport – Dianne Borger has a copy of the report, she will forward it on to members. Deferred until next meeting.

### **FUNDRAISING AND PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **a) Fundraising (Andy Dunlop, Troi Anderson and Maura Leahy)**

- **DRM Tack Sale**

- Maura spoke to Cooks Creek Community Hall as a location for tack sale in March 2019.
- The pluses are that it is an indoor venue so weather is not a factor and March dates have been successful in the past.
- The minuses are that they charge \$50/hour which includes set up and take down time. Cooks Creek is not willing to give a discount at this time. The club will not make money with current pricing for tables.
- Should we increase to cover off the cost for the potential for more foot traffic?
- North 9 is not having a tack sale this spring.
- April 27, 2019 at SEC is available and secured for the tack sale if the committee decides to go this route.
- 10 am – 2pm
- Consignment Table
- Baking Table
- **Poker Derby** – This event was proposed as a fun way to raise money and get non-riders involved. \$5/hand/ride, \$10/hand/non-rider. Riders would pick up cards at certain way-points. Negative Coggins Result is mandatory. Junior Riders must wear a helmet. More will be discussed within the Fundraising committee.

**b) Sponsors**

- Andy Dunlop has proposed approaching sponsors. There would be a Bronze, Silver and Gold Sponsorship Level. Each level has benefits based on the level and monies a sponsor chooses to donate. This information can be posted on the DRM Facebook pages.

**c) Promotions Committee will be separate from the Fundraising Committee going forward.**

- Tammy Storie is making arrangements for DRM jackets. A digitized logo will be required.

**YEAR END AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT** (Darice Whyte, Shannon Lightfoot and Kelli Hayhurst)

- We do not have enough junior riders participating to assign awards. The committee decided that points will be awarded. There will not be a Reserve Champion award this season. If there were some awards that were not known by riders, they would be a “Surprise Award” determined by the awards committee.
- Darice Whyte has offered her residence as a collection point for apparel that members would like to have embroidered at Safeguard in Oakbank.

**JOINT EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** (Carrie Wilson)

Nothing new to report. Ride Managers need to contact Elizabeth Bima in order to access inventory.

## PROCEDURES COMMITTEE REPORT (Carrie Wilson, Trish Forde, Maura Leahy)

Nothing new to report. Carrie is picking up the CD with all past DRM minutes which will guide us in knowing what motions were made according to certain by-laws. Carrie will get it in contact with Trish and Maura to arrange first meeting.

### CLUB OPERATIONS

#### **A. Communications (Facebook, Website, Email List)**

- Positive feedback on Mileage and Points being posted.
- Facebook Page is shareable and the Group Page is private. Both are necessary and this is the best way for the communication to flow.
- Carrie Wilson will find the ride brochure and post to Facebook pages.
- Email List is required by the sub-committees. Maura Leahy to distribute as required.

#### **B. Travel Fund**

- **MOTION: That a General Meeting be called so that the current Travel Fund amount of \$3921.45 be capped.**
- Motion was accepted and approved.
- Carrie will arrange time and date of general meeting as proper notice must be provided.
- The travel fund is used specifically to promote Canadian Riders and helps to cover National Championship Travel expenses.
- This fund must not be depleted at one time.

#### **C. Championship Bid** (Maura Leahy)

- Deferred until 2020 season.

#### **D. AERC Membership for Vets**

- **MOTION: At DRM Sanctioned Rides, that DRM pay for AERC fees for first time Manitoba based Vets. AERC fees can be deducted from stipend paid to vets.**

#### **E. Spring Clinic** (Maura Leahy)

- Deferred until next meeting.

#### **F. Volunteer Recruitment** (Tammy Storie)

- Volunteers required are Pulse Takers, Scribes, Timers, Mentors, Ride Managers and Day Managers. A short discussion was had in regards to the Day Manager position. It is important that the volunteer have experience as a Day Manager prior to event as decisions according to by-laws and with the vets need to be made.
- Myna needs a scribe and a timer for her ride on Labour Day Long Weekend.

#### **G. Ride 'n Tie** (Darice Whyte)

- Darice discussed the possibility of putting on a Ride 'N Tie Event.
- BHP is not wanting the equestrian activities to interfere with other events going on in the park so as long as we stay close to the Ranch and MHC grounds, timing should not be an issue when events are requested.
- In 2004, there wasn't enough interest generated to hold the event.
- More on this event will be discussed at future meetings.

#### H. Meeting Schedule

- i) Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at Maura's Residence.
- ii) June 6, 2019 at Darice's Residence
- iii) July 30, 2019, Location: TBA
- iv) October 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> – deferred until future meeting.
- v) AGM – November 9, 2016 – deferred until future meeting.

#### RIDE OPERATIONS

- a) Zoho Forms Ride Registrations
  - **MOTION: That DRM purchase 10 User License from Zoho Forms.**
  - This motion was accepted and approved.
- b) Equipment List
  - Kelli Hayhurst volunteered to update the DRM portion of the equipment inventory list.
- c) RM/TM/DM Honorariums
  - **MOTION: That DRM pay a total of \$175.00 per ride to be split between the Ride Manager, Day Manager and Trail Marker(s). The split is as follows: \$50 – Ride Manager, \$50 Day Manager, \$75 - Trail Marker(s). The Ride Manager is responsible for distributing these incentive payments.**
  - This motion was accepted and approved.
- d) fEi Rides
  - Maura is not proposing that there will be an fEi component at the Spruce Woods Ride this season.

#### RIDE UPDATES

- a) BHP – Andy
  - Glenn Sinclair is booked
  - Permit needs to be applied for (covers all BHP rides).
  - Include Quad on permit.
- b) Spruce Woods – Maura
  - Glenn Sinclair is booked
  - Permit needs to be applied for. Quads are not permitted, trucks can be used for marking trail.
- c) Spruce Woods East – Maura and Tanya

- Tanya states that the vet that she has been communicating with is interested in becoming a member of AERC.
  - Maura will be communicating with Tanya regarding a first time vet shadowing an experienced vet at a ride prior to this ride.
  - Permit needs to be applied for. Quads are not allowed, trucks can be used for marking trail.
- d) Mars Hills – Shannon
- Vet – Brittney Derksen (?)
  - Permit needs to be applied for. Include Quad on permit for trail marking.
  - Carrie will be helping Shannon with permit application.
- e) MEC – Maura
- Deferred until next meeting.

### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Maura's House

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

*Minutes by Trish Forde*