

DRM
MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:45.

Present:

President: Christine S
Treasurer: Wendy N (via Zoom)
Vice-President: Andy D
Secretary: Suzanne R
Member at large: Natascha K
Brenda M
Iris O
Linda G

Motion to approve agenda: Wendy/Suzanne

Motion to approve minutes as posted from January 14, 2025 meeting: Iris/Natacha

1) Treasurer's Report – Wendy N

- a) Up to date, total \$8,220.00
- b) Have 2 double spaces paid for tack sale and 1 single space paid for
- c) Club to reimburse Kelli for AERC sanctioning fees paid for
- d) UMECRA and AERC is approx. \$150 for both
- e) Kelli/Kara will be confirming which ones
- f) Website renewal fee has been paid as well as the company's office.

2) Membership report

- a) 5 individual memberships
- b) 1 family of 2
- c) Kelli has the form up online for membership enrolment. Christine to make a post on social media to direct people to the link.

3) Fundraising Report – Andy

Committee Members: Erin, Suzanne, Dianne, Brianne and Natascha

a) Tack Sale

i) Tack & Bake Sale booked at Superior for Saturday June 7, 2025

- Vendors who book by April 30th get an Early Bird Discount \$30 for a 10x10 space OR \$50 for two 10x10 connected spaces.
- As of May 1st, any remaining spaces will be at regular price of \$35 each.
- Same as prior years bring your own set up (Table, chairs, racks, etc.)
- Vendor early set up offered Friday, June 6th from 6-9pm (pending venue approval)
- Vendor set up offered Saturday from 8:00am to 9:30am
- Shop your neighbour will be back from 9:30m to 10am
- Doors will open to public at 10am sharp. (No early admittance)
- Admission will be \$5 per person, kids under 12 free to be collected at area door
- Traffic controller (Brianne) at driveway entrance. She will count cars in/out and stop when we reach max parking, directing overflow to highway shoulder.
- Shuttle Driver (Dean) will drive people to/from cars parked at the back or on the highway (advised that he's been voluntold for this role)
- Hot lunch will only be Burgers/Dogs + chips/cookies + pop/coffee (I will ask Kelli to make her chilli for then so options will allow for chilli and/or cheese)
- 50/50 draw (need permit - Wendy will get the lottery license)
- Brianne, Dianne, Suzanne, Erin all able to volunteer at event (Tricia cannot as she is working that day)
- Erin's daughter to assist at Bake Sale Table
- Pre-sale baked goods orders for pickup at event or delivery (for a fee) in City of Wpg or Oakbank area. To be discussed more once bakers lined up
- Candy guess jars will return (candy donated by Andy) still need 2 fancy/strange shaped jars.
- 4 spaces are free - 2 for Superior and 2 to Black Bird Ranch
- 3 double spaces sold (2 paid so far, 1 pending)

b) Sponsorship letters

- 4 letters sent
- 1 response at the Silver Level for \$400. Company has yet to decide which ride to showcase their product info. A space on the website will be dedicated to this sponsor. Mark will add logo and blurb which will be linked to the event page.
- The company can choose to come to the ride or DRM will distribute materials on their behalf...
- A banner with the winner's photo was also suggested.

c) New Opportunities

i) Facebook Auction Event

- collect items via donation (horsey items or custom ideas)

- Brianne to assist with creation of auction posts once we have a few (10-12) things ready to go.
- ii) Poker Derby Ride (1:00-3:00)
- Thanksgiving Weekend (later date would not require Coggins)
 - Saturday, October 11, 2025
 - To be followed with Basic BBQ/Potluck
 - Andy will check with Birds Hill Park if we need permit as it's not a competition
 - Request north end of polo field to set up and begin trail loop (4-5 miles)
 - Proof of MHC Recreation membership required
 - Poker Derby to serve as a fundraiser for the Travel Fund.
- 4) Distance Riding Clinic – Natascha, Christine
- To be held at the Peppercorn in Oakbank on March 22.
 - Starting at 11:30
 - Kelli was added to the group's Messenger chat
 - Speakers at the meeting: Glenn (vet), Carol (timer), Kelli (DRM), Kari H (MTRC)
 - The session will be a comparison between the 2 types of rides offered by the clubs
 - A Zoom meeting set for February, 26th to finalize details and get more advertising out there
- 5) Communications
- a) Google Account is organized/up to date
 - b) Website - Mark is doing updates – still a few things outstanding
 - c) Social Media – Christine/Brianne Nothing to add. There will be some marketing for L & L, tack sale and rides.
 - d) Email list – Christine. It is up to date – using 2024 membership list
 - e) Communication policies – Christine will draw up a policy for :
 - when timelines are sent out to riders,
 - when emails should go out for an event
 - when ride details/maps/course are sent to riders
- 6) Possibility of a competitive 15 mile Division
- MTRC requested to be part of the discussion on the possibility of introducing a 15-mile CTR
 - 15 miles at DRM cannot be sanctioned as an endurance ride, so any competitive division under 25-miles would have to be a CTR
 - pros and cons on the issue to be submitted at the next meeting and a vote to decide whether we will proceed to the discussion stage with MTRC or continue with non-competitive 15-mile rides. (come prepared to vote either way)
- 7) Annual Contributions to the travel fund

- i) We need to be contributing annually to the fund. Riders will be having more opportunities at 2026 AERC Canadian Nationals. Last year, we took out \$1200 from the fund to support riders attending the Western Canadian Regional Challenge.
- ii) The fund is to be replenished/built by:
 - All the net proceeds from the proposed fall poker derby to go to the travel fund.
 - A top-up from the general club funds at the end of the season. The amount is to be discussed and determined at the end of the riding season.

8) Spare Tire Mount – tabled to next meeting

9) 2025 Ride Fees

a) Motion by Kelli/Darice (as discussed in DRM board chat)

i) To increase ride fees for the 2025 season as follows:

- Intro rides from \$30 to \$35
- Limited Distance from \$70 to \$75
- 50 mile Endurance from \$90 to \$100
- Endurance over 50 miles from \$120 to \$140
- Juniors all distances from \$10 to \$15
- Late fee from \$10 to \$20
- DRM non-member fees from \$10 to \$15
- This increase is to cover inflation and increased sanctioning costs and exchange rates.
- AERC non-member charge for LD and Endurance is a flow-through amount based on current AERC policy.
- Elevator fee to remain free for 2025, and no changes to DRM membership fees.

10) New Business

a) Tack sale and L & L to be added to the MHC events calendar

11) Next meeting scheduled for April 22nd at Wendy's

Ride Operations

1) Volunteer Checklists – Ride Manager/Day Manager, Trail Marker, Ride vet

- We have vets for every ride
- Glenn arranged for SW for DRM and MTRC Sept 28
- We have ride managers for every ride

b) Review of 2025 rides

- i) May 10 (Belair) Tricia M is ride manager and May 11 (Belair) MTRC – Ashley Fudge
 - Permit for the weekend has been submitted
- ii) May 31 & June 1 (BHP) Ride Manager Darice Whyte – 75 mile.

- Christine is trail marking
- iii) August 23rd (Souris Bend) Ride Manager Diane Borger Myna is trail marking
 - Permit has been submitted. Hopefully MAN VS HORSE will occur again
- iv) Sept 6 & 7th (**Spruce Woods) Canoe Campground**
 - Ride Manager Kara Popplestone
 - Plan to make your own corrals
 - Site is much like Belair in terms of water pump and outhouse
 - Camping fees apply.
- v) Sept 28 – (Spruce Woods) Equestrian Campground
 - Ride Manager Erin Tyminski – not AERC member Christine to be listed RM
 - MTRC has a ride on the Sept 27
- 2) Sanctioning – Kelli All rides submitted to AERC for sanctioning
- 3) Registration – Kelli Forms should be up and running once rides are sanctioned
 - All rides should be sanctioned by our next meeting. See Kelli/Kara for that...
- 4) MHC Events Calendar – Tricia Everything is up to date
- 5) Equipment Trailer and Joint Inventory – Tricia and Darice
 - We should do a quick check of stock as soon as possible before the first ride to make sure we're ready with everything needed.

Motion to close the meeting. Brenda/Suzanne
Meeting adjourned at 8:15