

**Distance Riders of Manitoba
June 12, 2025 General Meeting
Wendy N. House 6:30pm**

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Approve Agenda – Suzanne/Wendy. Carried.

Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2025 Meeting tabled for the next meeting – Christine will send to Mark and Kelli for website in the next two weeks.

1. Treasurer's Report – Wendy (May 31)
 - a. Membership report – 26 individuals – 1 student – 4 family for a total of 33.
 - b. Income statement – sales 4892 costs 1241 admin 1574 net 2076 from November to May 31.
 - c. Balance sheet May 31: 12448
 - d. Inventory 2094
 - e. Capital Assets 1447
 - f. Total Assets 16189
 - g. Liabilities 622
 - h. Travel Fund 3800
 - i. Kelli to send Belair sanctioning costs to Wendy.

Belair Report

1. \$648 net profit
2. Fundraising Report – Fund-raising Chair – Andy
 - a. Net 1842.48
 - b. Superior has offered their facility for future events.
 - c. Plan to do separate saddle showcase and tack sale events. Saddle/spring, tack sale fall.
 - d. Tack sale determined better for spring and saddle fitting better for fall.
 - e. Tack sale date before first ride and to be set when rides are scheduled.
 - f. Discussion around changing entry fee to a voluntary door prize fee.
 - g. More advertising to be planned for future.
 - h. All agreed Andy and the tack sale committee did a fantastic job!

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

- i. Sponsorship Letters –
 - i. Mazur Group/New Holland advertising equestrian division – Tricia to send info to Andy
 - ii. Steendam Builders will do Silver sponsorship for the EC ride – Christine to confirm amount.
- j. Poker Derby – request sent to BHP for permit. Plan is for Thanksgiving weekend on Saturday at back end of polo field. Pick up card at base camp – mark trail 3-5 miles with volunteers and stops for playing card draws. Looking for donated prizes. On own horses. Non-riders can play poker as well and there will be a BBQ afterwards. Net proceeds to go into travel fund.

3. Communications
 - a. Google Account – running out of space – next tier is relatively inexpensive. Kelli and Tricia motioned to purchase the next tier of storage space to keep information in the cloud.
Website - Mark - Ride mileage not up to date for 2024. Kelli will work to get it up to date.
 - b. Social Media – Christine/Brianne – A new social media person will be sought. Christine to action.
 - i. DRM Page to join the SK and AB groups – Christine to action.
 - c. Email List - Christine has it up to date with current membership list. Wendy to provide updated membership list to Christine.
4. EC sanctioning in 2025 and 2026
 - a. Spruce Woods Canoe campground ride – Stargazer
 - b. Kat Irvine will be TD.
 - c. Will need a spring EC ride in our calendar as championship is in August.
 - d. Ashley Fudge will be getting her TD certification this year.
 - e. Tricia will write a new by-law for selection committee should there be board conflict.
5. Spare Tire Mount for Trailer – Jim will be completing this task. Fire extinguishers – one is mounted and another is mobile to take on trail.
6. New Business
 - a. Alternative ride locations on private land – for future years or in worst case scenario for this year, could use Linda Gillies or Myna's place or Chelsea's place. Camp Arnes would like us to host a ride in months other than July and August. Wendy will check into insurance to ensure there is no need to add names to policy. Riding Mountain is a national park that had a lot of snow and rain this spring so that could be an option as well. Tricia will check out 9-fingers ranch near Rossburn.
 - b. Souris – Christine will send ride write-up from previous years to Dianne to update. Tricia is helping find a vet.
 - c. Stargazer – Kara has well in hand.
 - d. Spruce Woods – no concerns
 - e. Sanctioning – AERC will allow emergency sanctioning if we can reschedule Birds Hill.
 - f. Registration – Kelli to add a note to the forms to cover the late fee showing up.
7. Meeting Schedule/Next Meeting – July 22nd. Wendy's. 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned 8:58