

DRM meeting minutes
January 6th, 2026
Location Microsoft teams (Remote)
Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

Present:

President: Christine Steendam
Vice president: Kara Popplestone
Treasurer: Wendy Nagtegaal
Secretary: Natascha Klan
Member at large: Andy Dunlop
Members in attendance:
Kelli Hayhurst
Iris Oleksuk
Chelsea Ashton

1. Additions to Agenda
No additions
2. Approval of minutes from September 16th
Kelli made motion, Wendy seconded. Motion passed.
3. Notice of appointment of positions
 - a. Treasurer: Wendy Nagtegaal
 - b. Secretary: Natascha Klan
 - c. Member at large: Andy Dunlop
4. Treasurer report: Only 4 transactions since the last meeting. We have 15 paid members for 2026 so far.
5. Fundraising report: We have no fundraising chair. Christine will approach Janice Lumsden and ask if she is interested in the position.
6. Communication
 - a) Google account: Still being maintained. We will make sure that all board members have access to files.
 - b) Website: Pictures & meeting minutes added to website. Still getting completed.
 - Ride fees need to be updated from 2025 to 2026.
 - Membership forms are updated and ready for use but need to make it into a live page to share with the treasurer Wendy
 - c) Social Media: Sharing to SLR sites. In good shape, every ride manager is also a co-host to make things easier to add and edit.
 - d) Email list: Working on 2025 list as of now.
 - e) Ride communications:
 - i. Rule 3.2.1
 1. Ride Manager is responsible for getting ride information to members of the Board who are responsible for communications.
 - AERC requires “safe sport”(quick on-line course) to be completed

2. See appendix for Ride Manager Checklist for details about deadlines
 - Kara and Kelli to work on the checklist.
 - Need to submit the ride entries for the AERC convention raffle (which is in February)
 - ii. Current practice for ride details is to publish on Facebook and the website as received by the Ride Manager. And all ride details by email to registrants the Thursday leading up to the ride.
 - This is still acceptable timing
 - We need to submit events to MHC website calendar, and Kara offered to complete this.
7. Bylaws
 - a. Volunteer Bond – update
 - Tabled but keep on agenda. We need to ensure this is completed by September for the following year.
8. Policy Statements
 - a. Annual Contribution to Travel fund – update
 - Done at September meeting, Kelli to check on that.
9. EC Sanctioning
 - a. 2026 sanctioning
 - Kelli is working on this for the BHP ride (June 6-7, 2026)
 - b. TD update
 - Need a TD (technical delegate) for BHP ride as Kelli is ride manager and cannot do both. Janine is working on her TD title so we could ask her?
10. 2025/2026 awards
 - a. Anything else needed?
 - Darice not present, so not sure. Will communicate via FB messenger prior.
 - b. Awards night set for January 17th at Darice's house
11. NCCP numbers
 - We will still ask for it but make it optional
 - a. Clarification from MHC
 - No need to renew as MHC is not acknowledging it however we should not remove it from the registration for rides.
12. New Business
 - a. Coggins for Headwaters of Pembina Ride: *See insert after meeting adjournment!*
 - b. Manitoba Horse Council wanting to add an endurance division to Prairie Crocus
 - Not possible on a ride weekend, needs to be held on a separate weekend.
 - Grass roots level riders should not start at 25 miles, as will be too much.
 - Kara to look into potential benefits of sanctioning with Prairie Crocus.
 - c. 55+ Games - MHC Meeting January 12 at 7 PM
 - Kelli to attend this meeting alongside Christine Steendam and Wendy N.

- d. Vet Mileage for rides
 - Motion made by Kelli to increase fee to \$500 for distances up to 50 miles and \$600 for up to 75 miles. Seconded by Andy
 - e. Updated prices for 2026 rides (do we need to charge more for EC rides)
 - Not deducting th \$5 for NCCP rides anymore
 - Leave ride fees as is
 - i. Glenn also mentioned rate for vetting 75's
13. Upcoming rides
- a. Sanctioning
 - AERC: all rides submitted
 - EC: in progress
 - b. Registrations
 - Changing of registration program
 - Changed from Zoho to Google Forms, thanks to Kara
 - We still need info of members transferred for our records.
 - Ride registration will be available right away now after rides are posted up until the cut-off date.
 - c. Facebook Events
 - All events have been posted on Facebook
 - d. Ride Sponsors
 - Greenhawk needs a list of all rides, including dates, number of rides, the various divisions and prize lists by the end of January.
 - Andy to ask last years' sponsors to support our club again for 2026.
 - e. Ride fees
 - i. Can not list USD costs as we are unable to calculate through
 - ii. Remove NCCP discount (competed)
 - iii. No show fees
 - Will connect with other clubs to see what they do, and keep discussing it on messenger with the board so we are ready make a motion at the next meeting
 - iv. US riders payment of fees
 - Continue as we have looking at current exchange rate
14. Next Meeting Schedule
- February 24, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Board decisions made after meeting adjournment:

Proof of a negative EIA (Coggins) Test:

A negative EIA test taken within the past 6 months is required for DRM endurance ride events that occur during the tabanid season of June through mid-August annually. In consultation with experts, the board will inform the membership no later than 4 weeks prior to an affected ride if there are any amendments.

A copy of the negative test must be provided at registration or presented to Ride Management prior to the start of the event.

Refunds:

A full refund of ride fees shall be available until the closing date of registration. After this date, a refund of 50% of the ride fee shall be issued at any time prior to the vet-in for the ride. There will be no refund issued after the horse has been presented to the vet for the pre-ride vet check. Refunds for subsequent days are at the discretion of the ride manager.

Minutes prepared by Natascha Klan, DRM secretary