

DRM Meeting Minutes

April 13th, 2026

Location: Zoom (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:

Iris Oleksuk

Erin Tyminski

Averil. Griffith

Janice Lumsden

1. Additions to Agenda: None
2. Approval of Agenda: Kara made motion to approve agenda, Natascha seconded. Motion passed.
3. Approval of minutes from February 24th meeting: Wendy made motion to approve minutes, seconded by Kara. Motion passed
4. Treasurer report: Balance to date is \$12,683. Sponsorship moneys received are \$1000 from Steendam builders, \$200 from KK custom leather, and the remainder is made up of membership payments received.
5. Membership report: 28 individual, 1 Student, and 4 family members. Total of 33 members to date.
6. Fundraising report
 - a. Poker Derby (Travel Fund): Andy in charge of this event. PKF lawyers will be our sponsor. Will also be a birthday bash in honor of Andy's Birthday!
Club to keep 50% of funds raised and put towards the travel fund, the rest will go to Brenden N and Christine S for the 2027 Mongol Derby.
 - b. General club fundraiser ideas – Janice Lumsden
 - i. Pancake Breakfast: Janice said that the pancake breakfast raised over \$10,000 for other clubs' events in the past. She shared a spreadsheet with detailed information regarding organising this type of event. Best to be held in spring time. It was decided that DRM will hold a Pancake breakfast on April 17th 2027 from 7 am to 12 noon at the Anola Community club. Janice to reserve the date and help organize. We will need volunteers for this event.
 - ii. Others: Janice suggested "Funding Change". It is a company that uses an on-line platform to raise funds for clubs such as ours. They would also help with getting the license for the fundraiser and help in other capacities. It was decided to consider this type of fundraiser in the future, perhaps closer to Nationals. Janice to contact the company to get more information.
7. Communications
 - a. Google account: Christine cleaned up some files. Otherwise looks in good shape.
 - b. Website: Up to date, domain renewal coming up!

- c. Social media: Kara helping lots with creating content, making posts, keeping people engaged.
 - d. Email list: Up to date.
 - e. Ride Communications: Ride schedule shared along with other news.
8. Bylaws
- a. Volunteer Bond – Committee status report (Wendy N, Mark, Iris): Iris looked into what her curling club does in this regard. It was discussed if an incentive rather than a bond fee would be a better way to increase volunteer numbers. It was decided that the wording is to be changed from “Bond” to “Incentive” moving forward. Will discuss more on what type of incentive will be used.
9. Policy Statements
- a. Rider/Participant Code of Conduct: Tabled! Board will collaborate through messenger. It was mentioned that Sport Manitoba has a document that may cover our needs so we do not have to write our own. All board members to read up on the EC Canada code of conduct. Christine to email this document to board members so it can be reviewed. We will discuss this at our next meeting.
10. New Business
- a. Safe Sport Changes: Every club must agree and follow the changes under Safe Sport Manitoba. This aims to keep athletes and competitors safe.
 - b. Ride with GPS: We have GPX maps for our rides already so this would be “extra”. They can be used by riders if desired. If we were to offer “Ride with GPS” (a mobile app) to competitors, it would be free of charge and we would pay a yearly subscription fee. Kara suggested to try it for a year and see how it goes.
We would offer it in addition to trail marking not to replace it. Would be a good tool to use in the dark for longer distances.
11. Upcoming rides
- a. Sanctioning
 - i. AERC: completed by Kelli
 - ii. EC: completed by Kelli
 - iii. Prairie Crocus: all 25 mile rides are sanctioned with Prairie Crocus (done by Kelli). Intro rides will get recognition for completing rides.
 - b. Permits: Have all been submitted
 - c. Registrations: Links are in place on Website. Still need to go onto the events tab on Facebook. Wendy mentioned that registrants should clearly indicate which ride (Date!) they are paying for using e-transfers or cheques to avoid confusion.
 - d. Facebook Events: Ride managers have been promoting rides and events are live.
 - e. Ride Sponsors: Andy to keep everyone updated. Wendy approached Greenhawk to sponsor Souris Bend but will ask to also sponsor Birds Hill park ride. Greenhawk wants us to be very specific as to what the prizes are for so they can supply appropriate items. Corporate sponsorship for each ride in the works or getting completed.
 - f. Ride fees
 - i. PayPal option for US riders: Tabled until next meeting or may need to discuss on messenger chat as rides are getting close and open for registration.
 - g. Nationals: Selection committee in place. Andy, Kelli, Chelsea, Tricia, Natascha

- h. 55+ Games: Entries low so far. No entries for DRM 25 miles to date. Need to push it more via email and on social media.

12. Next Meeting Schedule:

Monday, June 1st 6:30 pm* via Zoom or Teams (tbd)

Motion to end meeting made by Christine

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

***amended post meeting to 7:30 pm start**

Minutes prepared by Natascha Klan, DRM secretary