

DRM Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2026, at 7:30 PM
Location: Teams (Remote)
Meeting called to order at 7:37 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
Tricia Mason

1. Additions to Agenda: None
2. Approval of Agenda: Wendy made motion, Kara to second. Motion passed
3. Approval of minutes from April 13, 2026 meeting: Natascha made motion, Kara to second. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer report: We have \$15,809 in our bank account currently.
 - a. Headwaters of the Pembina: Mostly completed, approximate net profit: \$734
5. Membership report: 63 Members to date. We now have some members from the US and Saskatchewan. Kelli encouraged people to become members as they signed up for rides.
6. Fundraising report
 - a. Poker Derby (Travel Fund): Andy has no updates but grand plans in the works.
 - b. General club fundraiser ideas – Christine (Janice Lumsden sends her regrets)
 - i. Pancake Breakfast: Janice L. still helping with this. The Anola Community Club is booked for April 17th, 2027, contract is signed.
 - ii. 50/50: Janice looking into this using “Funding change”. Tickets can be sold online and in person. The net funds will get split 50/50. Board has voted and all agree to move ahead with this as soon as possible.
7. Communications
 - a. Google account: in order and Kelli has updated it. Kelli created Coggins folder for 2026.
 - b. Website: Mark updated the security. Needs payment yet (\$45 to Canadian Webhosting). Need to “clean up” site photos to not display people’s photos that don’t want to be visible.
 - c. Social Media: Facebook: Remove pictures and names of people not wanting them displayed. Kara is now an admin on the page. Lots of posts made by Kara to keep engagement going.
 - d. Email list: 145 Subscribers to date. Last updated May 31st. 2026.
 - e. Ride Communications: Fairly effective in getting info to people.
8. Bylaws

- a. Volunteer Incentive – Committee status report (Wendy N, Mark, Iris): no updates
9. Policy
- a. Code of Conduct/Safe Sport: Take away is to get this info out to all riders at events, but it should also be available at each ride. Kara suggested adding this info to emails going out to riders on pre-ride days. Christine will add it to the emails. There is a link on the DRM website to MHC as they have all the safe sport info on their site.
10. New Business
- a. 2027 100-Mile Ride: This is Kara and Chelsea's idea for 2027. It makes sense to offer a 100-mile ride for many reasons. However, will need lots of support and planning to make it happen. Looking at Sprucewoods as a location (up on the "hill").
Tricia suggested to do a fundraiser ride at Belair. Possibly 12 miles in daylight and 12 at nighttime. Saskatchewan riders have done this in the past.
11. Completed Rides
- a. Headwaters of the Pembina – general report, how it went, feedback, Ride with GPS: Great trails, well-marked but some ribbons were hard to find. Some other challenges were encountered but overall, a good experience. Well attended. Prairie Crocus was mostly won by Saskatchewan riders. Ride with GPS was available to use. Some used it and it worked okay.
12. Upcoming rides
- a. Sanctioning
 - i. AERC: completed by Kelli
 - ii. EC: completed by Kelli
 - iii. Prairie Crocus: Rule book has been received.
 - b. Permits: BHP approved and paid for but not signed yet for upcoming ride.
 - c. Registrations: Kelli sent registrations in. New form working well.
 - d. Facebook Events: To have rider managers as co-hosts of events has worked well. They can edit and push the event and create more interest. Also to mention sponsors for each ride is good.
 - e. Ride Sponsors: Whiterock contracting to sponsor several rides. Wendy to send an invoice (gold level sponsor), to be used for Souris Bend, Hidden trails and Star gazers. Bird's hill ride to be sponsored by Steendam Builders. All sponsors are listed on website.
 - f. Ride fees:
 - i. PayPal option for US riders: Was used for US riders on last ride and we received no complaints.
 - g. Nationals: Planning needs to get started after the weekend. Deadline should be after hidden trails ride. 100-mile team and 50-mile team to be selected.
 - h. 55+ Games: DRM portion was cancelled due to lack of entries.

13. Next Meeting Schedule: July 6th, 2026, at 7:00 pm via Teams (Remote)

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Minutes prepared by Natascha Klan, DRM secretary

Board decisions made after meeting adjournment:

Motion made by Kara that we retroactively increase the food budget per day from \$75 up to \$100 with receipt, regardless of ride location, starting May 1, 2026.

Seconded by Natascha, Motion passed.