

DRM meeting minutes
July 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Location: Teams (Remote)
Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Present:

President: Christine Steendam
Vice president: Kara Popplestone
Treasurer: Wendy Nagtegaal
Secretary: Natascha Klan

Members in attendance:

Kelli Hayhurst
Tricia Mason
Chelsea Ashton

- 1) Additions to Agenda: 10c) -Clinic review, 11h) vet fees for 100-mile rides
- 2) Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Wendy, seconded by Kara. Motion carried.
- 3) Approval of minutes from June 1, 2026 meeting: Motion made by Kara, seconded by Natascha. Motion carried
- 4) Treasurer report: Pay pal working well for those using it. Bank balance in checking account to date \$ 16 000 (approx.) pay pal \$ 1000.
 - (a) Birds Hill Boogie: net profit: \$2,241
 - (b) Hidden Trails: net profit \$ 1500
- 5) Membership report: We have approximately 66 members now.
- 6) Fundraising report
 - (a) Poker Derby (Travel Fund): no update
 - (b) General club fundraiser ideas – Christine (Janice Lumsden sends her regrets)
50/50 Janice got ball rolling. There is a delay in getting approvals for the raffle licensing which may run past Nationals.
Any other fundraising for Nationals? It was decided that we will stick with 15% of profits going towards the travel fund.
- 7) Communications
 - (a) Google account: Working well and there is more storage space available as Wendy N. deleted some photos.
 - (b) Website: Http stuff not started yet for the new web address which will make the site more secure.
 - (c) Social Media: Kara doing a great job creating content.
 - (d) Email list: Subscriber number is at 159 and running through MailChimp.
Backing up to google drive to be safe.
 - (e) Ride Communications: Not much till Souris Bend ride.
- 8) Bylaws

- (a) Volunteer Incentive – Committee status report (Wendy N, Mark, Iris): no updates

9) Nationals

- (a) Team Funding: How much of the travel fund will go to the teams? We gave \$200 each plus a t-shirt for regionals.
Motion made by Kelli: "To increase the amount from the travel fund to go to each team member including the alternate and the chef d'équipe to \$400 plus a t-shirt for this year's Nationals"
Wendy N. seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried
Manitoba horse council has also offered funding, but riders will need to apply individually.
- (b) Team Selection update: Tricia chairing the committee
- (c) Chef d'équipe: Waiting on chef d'équipe parameters to get out by Tricia. Chef needs to be a member of DRM. Possibly Myna, by one person has already shown interest. Maura is also an option as she did a good job last time.
A lot to consider when choosing a Chef d'équipe. Needs to be organised, possess good communication skills and be compassionate. Needs to have riders and horses' best interest at heart.
Wendy N. will ask Myna to see if she is interested.
- (d) Team shirts: Will need one men's shirt and rest would be female shirts. Kelli to check inventory from last event before ordering more. It is to be determined where we order more shirts. Will discuss in DRM messenger chat.

10) Completed Rides

- (a) Birds Hill Boogie: Kelli says that the new arrows as markers are great and very helpful.
A few frustrations for Kelli arose dealing with EC when submitting results. Still need to pay Janine for her TD services.
- (b) Hidden Trails: Riders mention that the trails were well marked
Both rides were well attended and positive feedback was received from both.
On a side note Chelsea mentioned that Porta potties will be provided by the park staff if we ask for them, especially when we set up on the hill which is farther from the camp facilities. Campers on the hill appreciated this very much.
- (c) Clinics: BHP clinic not as well attended as hoped. Sprucewoods had better attendance and included participants that showed interest in attending future rides. Seven attendees enjoyed the clinic however it was difficult to get people to volunteer. Christine and Chelsea helped out.
A guided ride may be a good idea in future. It would also be good for newcomers to the sport to have mentors in the intro distances.
Wendy asked regarding cost for clinics. Kara needs to be reimbursed for lunch expenses.

11) Upcoming rides

- (a) Sanctioning
 - (i) AERC
 - (ii) EC
 - (iii) Prairie CrocusAll sanctioning complete.
- (b) Permits: completed for all rides
- (c) Registrations: Going better than in the past. Need to be better organized at events and get info out. Spectators need to be kept away from trot line and vetting area and trail heads.

- (d) Facebook Events: Have all been created and can now be shared.
- (e) Ride Sponsors: Most rides have sponsors.
- (f) Ride fees:
 - (i) Paypal option for US riders: Pay pal working well.
- (g) Nationals: covered
- (h) Vet fees: Should be increased for the 100 mile rides: Motion made by Kara:
"DRM to pay the overnight vet \$750 during a 100 mile endurance ride event"
seconded by Kelli. Motion carried.

12) Next Meeting Schedule: August, 31, 2026, at 7:00 pm via Teams (Remote)

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm

Minutes prepared by Natascha Klan, DRM secretary