

DRM meeting minutes

August 31, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom (Remote)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 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

Chelsea Ashton

Iris Oleksuk

Rebecca

1. Additions to Agenda: None
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Kara, seconded by Natascha. Motion carried
3. Approval of minutes from July 6, 2026, meeting: Motion made by Kara, seconded by Kelli. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer report:
 - a. Souris Bend: Almost complete, approximately \$1049.00 Net profit
Wendy to check on \$\$ amount that was to go to support the event.
We have \$11767.11 in our bank account to date.
\$1721 PayPal
\$13488 net cash, \$ 1183 net value of trailer, Travel fund: \$4460 minus \$4000=\$60 currently, Ride fees: Interest revenue: \$5.24, total revenue \$16670.24
Expenses: Ride costs: \$6691.00 (for the season), donated amount \$100
Grant revenues paid out: MB horse council \$1600 minus \$1200 paid out which leaves us with \$400 in the travel fund.
Motion made by Andy to give this amount to the chef d'équipe. Seconded by Wendy N. Motion carried.
Purchases: members, miscellaneous: \$103, Shirts for Nationals: \$851, Companies office: \$40, Trailer insurance: \$91, PayPal fees: \$43, Website: \$24.10, Trail marking supplies: \$ 51.
Total expenses: \$14168.00,

Net Income: \$2502.00

5. Membership report: we have 4 new members since our last meeting, approximately 50 members to date.
6. Fundraising report
 - a. Poker Derby (Travel Fund): Andy will organize this event that will take place on September 26th, 2026, at the East Gate at Birds Hill Provincial Park. There will be handmade coins available and handed out as prizes, Glitter tattoos for kids by Breanne, Hamburgers and Hot dogs. Walkers can sign up for a 3-mile walk, Riders have a 5-mile option, May need porta potty, Will ask park for access to the one that is located near the east gate.
Volunteer needs: update soon (social media, email)
 - b. General club fundraiser ideas – Christine & Janice
 - i. 50/50: Trying to run this long-term, need more information to see if our club qualifies for long-term. May only be possible for each event.
7. Communications
 - a. Google account: Folder has been created for each ride with all results
 - b. Website: Still need to move to https!
 - c. Social Media: Kara reports that it is going well
 - d. Email list: updated, added MailChimp to google drive emails
 - e. Ride Communications: working well
8. Bylaws
 - a. Volunteer Incentive – Committee status report (Wendy N, Mark, Iris): No update. Should be ready to discuss prior AGM. Andy suggested a poll using social media to ask what people think regarding the incentive. Volunteers could enter a year-end draw for prizes.
9. Completed Rides
 - a. Souris Bend: Looking into how fair it is with the timing, comparing runners with riders. Runners have a 15-minute advantage. Every year there are small changes incorporated to level the playing field.
Vet Gate had issues. Trot lane needs to be moved away from trail head. Need *Starlink* for emergencies as cell reception is poor at this location. Need to approach Brenden and Trishia to put together a flow chart for emergencies for our next ride season. They have talked about this previously. Tabled for another meeting.
10. Upcoming rides
 - a. Stargazer's: One day only now (Sunday), Ken Johnson will be our vet. So far 5 entries in the 50 miles, 2 in 25 miles and 7 intros

11. 2026 Nationals Recap: Well run, good set up, good to get ideas for our future events.
12. Looking forward: 2028 Nationals: Joylene gave info and feedback to Kara and Chelsea to help plan for the event
13. Coggins
 - a. Costs: Very high for certain areas in Manitoba
 - b. Clinic option: Could organize a clinic to reduce costs. However, some people live far away so distance can quickly offset any savings to remote horse owners. In this case it may be cheaper to use their regular vet for Coggins tests.
14. Vets 2027
 - a. Mentorship: Need to reach out to more vets to give us more options for the upcoming ride season.
 - b. Who to approach: Kara and Chelsea approached several vets already as they plan for the 100 miles ride next year.
Looking at mentorship to take the pressure off the main vet and to have future vet options.
It may be better to get vets lined up as soon as rides are scheduled so we are not left scrambling.
15. Vet gate and ride procedure education: It has come to our attention that it would be good to have a video ready to go where we show how things work at the vet gate. This video could be produced the night before a ride event as riders vet their horses in. Andy suggested that the *assistant* could film it.
16. Next Meeting Schedule: November 14, 2026 (AGM)

Meeting adjourned at 9.01 pm

Minutes prepared by Natascha Klan, DRM secretary