



IHTA MINUTES

January 9, 2018

ISRA Park Headquarters

Started at: 6:33 Attendance: Ron Walker, Maggie VanDyken, Mickey Dawson, Nicole Thompson, Kristie Walls, Jennifer Ross plus Carla Walker and Curt Walls were present. Lea Burger. Nancy Simmonds, and Sue Manes were excused.

Treasurer's Report: Due to life getting in the way, Nicole will catch up treasury reports next month. Bought new axle parts, cash register box, card holders, and duct tape (for canopy labeling).

Merchandise Report: Logo is digitized – Horse shape and "IHTA" can be two different colors. 4 inch logo \$3.50 and 8 inch would be \$7. Silk screening would be \$7.00 Sm-XL, and \$8.50 for larger sizes. Remember – present your membership card, and you can have our logo put on your garment, too!

Membership Report: will have available in February. Nicole will get some price quotes on new post card options. Application form is attached to this email.

Trevor McGinn: DNR got as far as the far west loop re-widening trails for emergency access. They will get to trail signs and arrows this spring. Camping numbers were up during 2017 season, significantly due to corral sites increasing camped nights. We are looking at changing camping season from April 15 - November 15 since usage is null in early April and during hunting. This would be a cost savings to the park for maintenance hours, at no loss to us. Trevor will be bringing in a bull dozer to level a few of the worst campsites each year until all are better. Those sites will be closed for a few months for grass to come back in.

Events:

Chili Cookoff – We will amend the rules to have each chili maker also be a chili server, but not their own chili.

Old Business:

TSC “Thank you” plaque is done and Kristie will hold it until spring for installation.

Written Process for Lost Horse Situation - tabled to February

Sign In Station Banner – Nicole getting quote from Jenna with the logo and also 2nd quote on post cards.

New Business:

Robbin’s resignation- we need a new vice president. Ron Walker is willing to step up for the position. Voted on and passed, congrats Ron for becoming our new Vice President.

2018 Event Dates- Memorial Weekend- Events will be on Sunday.

We will have 1 or 2 assigned “hosts” for each event date. The DNR will give us the host site 138 plus site 101 at no cost for hosting the event when the event is not on a holiday weekend. Jennifer Ross and Kristie Walls will take the Memorial weekend event. That means one or two OTHERS need to step up for each of the Forbidden Trail Ride, and the Chili Cookoff. Other volunteers will help the hosts with planning, as well as set up, a lunch break, and tear down (at the least) the day of the event.

We would like some new ideas for new event games. Bring ideas to the next meeting.

Change meeting night? We will stick with the 2nd Tuesday for now.

MTRA - Ron Walker spoke to the Michigan Trail Riders Association January meeting asking them to consider being the trail riders’ representative to government agencies. This would involve offering a “group” membership so smaller horse groups could join and be represented. Other benefits might include access to affordable event insurance for groups to host public events.

Ionia 4-H horse tack sale 3-17-18 - Nicole and Jennifer willing to man the booth. Approved for Nicole to pay the booth fee.

Adjourned: 9:10