



IHTA MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2017

ISRA Park Modern Cabin

Called to order at 6:37 pm

- Attendance- Kristie Walls, Robbin Stout, Carrie Platte, Greg Skeide, Sue Manes, Maggie VanDyken, Chris Osmolinski, Lea Burger, & Nancy Simmonds, and general members Curt Walls and Nicole Thompson.
- Treasure report printed and passed around for approval-passed
 - January beginning balance \$3339.02 ending balance \$3210.11
 - February beginning balance \$3210.11 ending balance \$3520.11
- Merchandise report- New jackets- sample passed around looks nice. Bought for \$17 and sell for \$25. Suggestion was made to look into a different embroidery company next time. This company doesn't do digital printing and they couldn't get the letters big enough for the sleeves.

New banner for poker ride is done and looks great. Would it be possible to put on the trailer or make a nice post to display it on? Will discuss more later.

Maggie needs to do inventory on our clothing merchandise. Game plan is to meet at the Ionia tack sale on Saturday 3-25-17 at 2 PM while we pack up, we can count and tally our merchandise. Maggie to give address to Robbin to pick the trailer up for the tack sale. Robbin was not made aware that Maggie had the trailer and needs access to it prior to Saturday for the tack sale.

- Trevor-
 - Ovid Elsie is selling a really nice rustic cabin for \$8,000. The one the meeting is held in cost \$160,000 for prisoners to make. This would be a steal if we could raise \$4,000 and get a matching grant for the other \$4,000. Trevor will e-mail pictures and info to Kristie. Would like to start fund raising this Saturday at the tack sale, but may have to wait for DNR go-ahead. Nothing fully agreed upon just brainstorming at this point. Much excitement for the possibility to put it on site 117. Could we add electricity or use an RV generator, or keep it rustic. As of right now it would be a rustic cabin.
 - Volunteer hours needed- gave to Kristie at the end of meeting will give to Trevor
 - Printed 10 waivers of liability for us to cover for the entire year.
 - The first IHTA meeting was called to order in 1986
- Work bee- It looks like rain this weekend. Robbin and Kristie will make a decision to move forward or cancel it by 5 PM on Saturday the 25th. If it's just a drizzle no big deal. If it's too wet we can't get back to the trails. Carrie and Nicole will attempt a scout ride on Friday March 24th. They will take a map and document findings.



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- Pic of Brighton's sign-in kiosk- Received a couple options. Picture of park map and put in a picture frame. We will put it nicely on a pole. TSC will be willing to donate post and chains if we give him a letter on our letter head. Kristie is willing to do that for us since she has some letter head.
- Sign in day stage area- Would like to include name (optional), how many horses, date, and where from to include city, state, and Zip.
- Field Trials April 14 and 15 to scout??? Looks like the 14 as of now
- Forbidden Trail ride- Check in at site 138 (host site). Annual meeting to follow immediately after provided lunch. Will be kept very short so we can enjoy riding as well. Board members will bring sweet treats please.
- Annual meeting- election - (Sue, Maggie, Chris, Carrie & Greg are up for re-election positions.) Nicole Thompson was voted as our tenth board member; also for secretary.
- Flyers for Harvest Fest and Chili Cookoff- Need to get flyers made soon. Keep same flyer and just change the date on it. Would like to do a flat rate to reduce confusion. \$8 flat rate per person and they can eat and put in a chili as well. Will have someone walking around selling the tickets versus selling at register. This will reduce confusion. People pay at the table for the chili.
- 50/50 Raffle Permit - \$15 for 3 dates, plus \$5 each additional. Going to apply for 2017.
- Board member survey- Only 3 people responded out of the entire board. Nicole's will be e-mailed and needs to be completed by the end of the weekend. This is all anonymous. It gives us an opportunity
- to air frustrations and concerns. Also to voice an opinion on the direction we want the board to go. Results will be given in a teambuilding engagement opportunity.
- Trevor will be back fulltime April 22 2017.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday April 11th at 6:30.
- All membership survey will be sent out after the board survey is completed and team building event is completed.

Adjourned: 8:40 pm