



IHTA MINUTES

March 17, 2020

Headquarters ISRA

Started at: 6:34 Attendance: Mickey Dawson, Chris Blievernicht, Nancy Simmonds, Jennifer Ross, and Kristie Walls were all present. Lea Burger and Maggie VanDyken were excused.

Treasurer's Report: Three months were reported to catch up over winter. Nancy moved and Mickey seconded, we unanimously approved the report.

Merchandise Report: no activity since fall.

Membership Report: 7 brand new, 2 came back + 53 renewals.

Trevor: By Pass signs & Confidence Course Sign(s) will be here in May. Motion Lights are not yet installed. Sign in Mailbox has not yet been lowered one foot. The State is limiting events to groups of 50, so it's questionable whether the FTR will happen, depending on the length of the Covid-19 situation. Those of us with chainsaw certificates may need to sit through another training, and all quads and side-by-sides will need ORV decals and licenses, and whatever protective equipment is legally required must be used on your equipment. Ionia has been awarded \$95,000 for electric in the horse campground . Trevor is working on trying to coordinate the work alongside the work slated to be done in the modern camp. Before we push the schedule for the electrical, we are trying to get approval for 4 additional mile added to our trails. We have a new equestrian parking area you'll find just before the beach drive, on the opposite side of the road. This will make it easier to ride the west end of the park without having to traverse all the way from the Primary Day Staging. This lot is 100x140 and will be ready in early May.

The well failed in the org camp last fall, and the vault toilets are a wreck. The state has elected to not fix the well, and not replace the vault toilets. The area will be open for 2020 and will be available by special use permit in 2021 going forward, and the park will keep the area mowed enough to keep it useable.

At this time, the park is down 2 rangers. If you know someone suitable – have them contact the park and apply.

The barn at the new overflow parking, just past the arena, may be open to repurposing. Thoughts are stalls, or stalls and a rental cabin, with solar panels on the roof to power the electric for it. The building is 28.5 x 51, so that is our limitation.

Events:

Workbee – April 4, rain date April 18 // Permanent picket cables, Pavilion eye bolts
Two new corrals with mat and aggregate. . . pending weather and Covid-19 issue.

FTR – We have one shirt sponsor, and we will seek a couple more. If you have an equine related business and would like to support our event please contact Kristie or Mickey.

CCO – Will be the same price as last year

Old Business:

Excavation on Confidence Course – rescheduling with our contractor, Peak bridge was removed, needs re-work.

Trailer clean out, tabled for warmer weather Kristie, Mickey, and Maggie will do soon.

Two taller wheel barrows – have been purchased and delivered to the park for stenciling.

Friends Summit March 6&7 Kristie cancelled

Plastic Chain - We decided not to use for by pass at big step, or the pine weave. New signs will define better, and we will just use plastic tape again for the pine weave.

New Business:

Buy Material for Rock Grizzly – unanimously approved spending \$1000 buying material to build it.

Allegan Pleasure Riders seeking items for gift basket / prizes for April (now August) ride. We will supply two bandannas and a visor to add to their package. Kristie will mail them.

Chad Simpson has personally offered \$250 to any group hosting a youth ride – for food. Kristie will check in with the Ionia 4-H to see if they would like to have some fun games in the arena with a free lunch and a short trail ride on the cart trail.

Chris Blievernicht, our board member, gave a really interesting presentation on the Trailforks mapping app. It can be used from your phone or a computer. He has uploaded ALL the DNR trail maps in Michigan to the app. If you load the app, and upload all the maps to your phone, you can turn off your data and the trails will still be available. At the top of the page, there is a drop down where you can select Horse. You can follow your ride and find your way back in a new park. Check It Out!

Adjourned: 8:45