



## Red Flannel Saddle Club General Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 16, 2024

6:30pm

Red Flannel Saddle Club, Sand Lake



1. Call to Order - 6:30pm
  - i. Members in attendance: Elizabeth D., Alivia Groce, Tammy Wilson, Laurie Magoon, Marilyn, Allyson Badge, Amanda Ives, Kami DeWitt, Rita Bagge, Harmony Verburg, Betty Verburg, Jennifer Morton, Katy Morton, Delaney Keech, Sam Veltema, Lori Prince, Taylor Visser, Alison Fisk
  - ii. Absent: Tanya Badge, Elli Bachar
2. Secretary's Report - Motion to approve: Kami Second: Marilyn
3. Treasurer's Report - 8/8/24 Nelson Township Taxes states Bill check # 5350. We need to revise the End of Show paperwork to simplify the document. Motion to approve with changes: Kami Second: Alivia Groce - Motion carried.
4. Committee Reports
  - o Website: (Kami)
    - i. Kami is not happy with this site vs the Wild Apricot site. We can not pull a summary of who is a member and who is not a member, who their point horse is and if it is the same horse. Kami would like to make a proposal to switch back to Wild Apricot which is \$500.00/year. We paid Jake \$2000.00 to set up our current site. - Laurie would like to table this until next meeting so we can have all of the numbers to figure out our budget.
  - o Advertising / Sponsorships: (Taylor/Liz D.)
    - i. Liz D doesn't have access to the sponsorship docs in the drive. She needs access so she can contact old sponsors to see if they are interested in renewing their sponsorships. Kami to check the drive and see if she can share something with Liz D.
  - o Public Relations: (Sam)
    - i. We need some signs that state "No further vehicles beyond this point". There was someone driving around behind the bathroom on Sunday. We had a rider with excessive spurring and we need to be aware of how we treat our animals.
  - o Show Committees:
    - i. Casual Pleasure: (Taylor & Amanda)
      1. Looking on track.
    - ii. Red Thing: (Laurie, Lori, & Kami)
      1. Going great, had a good size turnout on Saturday (9/14/24), Judge was from the thumb area, gave great feedback to the riders. Good feedback about the grounds upkeep and the grounds. No bad feedback was given.
    - iii. Speed: (Laurie, Lori, & Kami)
      1. The show on Sunday went very well, we had a HUGE turnout, we were able to take time to water, we were done about the same time that we normally do.
    - iv. Christmas In July: (Taylor & Amanda)
      1. All went well.
    - v. Ranch Show: (Laurie & Kami)
      1. Pretty good at being ready, a lot of feedback has come in with people excited about the new date! Hoping for a great turnout!
    - vi. Jr. Board Members

1. Pleasure shows go good (From Alivia), all 3 that are here have stepped up a lot and we are super proud of them. We had a motion to switch Delaney to our Red Thing Show instead of the float, and move Elli to the show float.

#### 5. Grounds Usage

- People have asked about using the arena to show/sell a horse. Informed them that they must have a liability and a Coggins to show/use our arena. You must be a member or be sponsored by a member that is present when you are there to use the grounds. This also must be approved by Laurie Magoon so we know who is at the grounds and at what time.

#### 6. Old Business:

- PO Box information
  - i. Not been set up yet. Alison Fisk is working on that. Needs help with information. Looking at PO Box #3.
- PA System Update
  - i. Taylor had Boist Systems come out and take a look at the system. They quoted us \$7000.00 for all new system/speakers/labor. Taylor did not ask about non-profit discounts. This was for a top of the line system that we could turn off certain speakers. Radio, Bluetooth...you don't have to turn off the music to talk it will automatically cut the music to hear the mic. They will adjust the speakers and set everything up for us. No worry about batteries for the mic as the batteries plug into the system. We would like to table until next time...would like Taylor to get us a good/better/best quote for us so we can decide what system we want to go through.
- Grounds Update for mowing
  - i. Grounds look amazing, it was a learning curve for them to figure out what all we wanted done. Laurie would like to propose we offer a flat \$200.00 to add in dragging all 3 arena areas. Kami makes a motion we ask Marcos to do the dragging addition, Sam 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
- New tractor shed update
  - i. Kami, Laurie, and Marilyn decided to put it from the kitchen area over. Contacting Dean's about setting up the time to get them out to make the site for it.

#### 7. New Business

- Playhouse
  - i. Thank you to the Verburgs and J.DeWitt Communications for donating and setting the playhouse.
- Arenas/Dragging off weeks
  - i. Drag before or after practice, do not set patterns where they are supposed to go to help with the ground
- New Shirts
  - i. We ordered shirts on August 24th and the payment was not paid until 9/16/24. We need to do something better for her so that we can keep doing business with her. We would like to get a quote from her ahead of time so we can pay when we pick them up.
- Taxes Due
  - i. Marilyn paid them.
- Trail Clinic for Next Year
  - i. Taylor has a trail clinic on Sunday at the grounds for MIHA riders going to regionals. We would like to open it up to everyone if we have enough interest.

#### 8. Open Forum:

- Would like to look into possibly painting poles...maybe have a worker bee for pole painting. We have 8 new poles and some old ones that we can paint as well so they are more visible.

- Liz Letter brought up a good point about possibly putting in a hitching post near the hose for a quick tie to be able to hose off your horse. Per Kami it would be a good idea to wait until we get the shed in place so we don't have any issues.
- Taylor suggests a sign for the playset that say's "play at your own risk"
- Allyson Badge has offered to organize the waiver's and put them in alphabetic order.
- We talked to the neighbor on Sunday because we were going to be running close to our turn off time and wanted to let them know we were running a little longer and just wanted to make sure they were ok with it. He said it was fine but was asking why we had a show this weekend due to the Youth Hunt weekend. We looked at our paperwork from 2011 (which is the most recent paperwork we have) and it says nothing about us not showing during the Youth Hunt. But there is something stating we might have 3 Saturday's in September that might go longer due to the MIHA show and that we don't have a show on the last Sunday of September. We need to make sure that we don't plan a show for the last Sunday of the month of September.
- Roof for the cookshack...Lori is still trying to get her brother to contact her back about the repairs needed. We also needed to get the door repaired on the entry booth. Roof needs to be done before winter so we don't come back in the spring with a collapsed roof.
- Taylor has stepped down from her position as treasurer/and board member at the end of the year (Banquet). She is also going to step down from her show chair position for next year. She also is stepping down from judges. Kami asked Amanda if she could take that on and Amanda accepted. Taylor has said if Amanda needs any help than she would help out.
- Elizabeth D has offered to step up and help out with Show Chair for next year with the Casual Pleasure Series.

9. Awards:

- Committee - Amanda, Laurie, Betty, Kami. Tammy and Jenifer have offered to help as well.
- Awards Committee Date: Cedar Springs Brewing Company - 6pm Wed 9/25/24

10. Next Meeting: - Monday, October 21, 2024 @ 6:30pm

11. Adjourned! - Motion to Adjourn: Alivia Second: Betty