

Kensington Trail Riders Association
Minutes of Annual Meeting on January 17, 2011

Board Members Present: Bill Gunn, Sandy Navetta, Jeanie Kelleher, Patti Perushak, Keria Rossin, Judy Seifried, Sandi Barnes, Carrie Tokarczyk, Kim Liebowitz

Board Members Absent: Joann George, Lisa Long, Beth Kelly, Rendy Kondrath

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 pm. A quorum was present to vote on matters coming before the Board. A motion was made by Patti and seconded by Jeanie to accept the minutes from the last meeting without changes.

Reports:

1. The Chairperson,
Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Work Bee Committee and Newsletter Committees had nothing to report.

2. Treasurer – Kim
reported that at the end of December we had \$2,433.31. In November and December we paid out \$200 as a deposit to the Lazy J for the banquet; \$80 to reimburse Judy for changes paid to Saddle Up Magazine; and \$143.42 to Judy for various office expenses including mailing membership renewals. (We also received approximately \$630 in membership renewals and a \$25.00 donation bringing our balance to \$2,864.89 on January 13, 2011).

3. The Membership
committee noted that 35 memberships were renewed. A discussion was conducted on what is a business membership and what are the advantages. It was suggested that business members be able to put literature on the KTRA table at various events, at a table at the Annual Meeting/Square Dance, and have an ad on our website.

4. The Publicity
Committee noted that we will mentioned in the Michigan Horse Coalition Hay Bank article that Sharon Green will be writing for the Oakland Press and the Milford Times.

New Business:

1. Square Dance: A
discussion was held on whether to purchase food from Lazy J or have the board members prepare food. Kim stated that the Lazy J had a few options – a pizza option (\$6 per person) or a slightly more expensive cold cut option (\$10 per person). After discussion, the board decided on the pizza option. The board further discussed the price per ticket for the dance. It was noted that Lazy J's charge per person would be \$15 (which includes the caller). With the pizza option at \$6 and the unlimited non-alcoholic beverages at \$4, the total per person charge would be \$10. The board discussed charging \$25 or \$20 per person and in the end voted for the \$25 charge (with one dissention). Kim will speak with Lazy J to see if there is children's pricing. It was decided to have a silent auction similar to those held in the past but with minimum beginning bids on the items. Board members were asked to donate items and an email will be sent to the membership at large asking for donations. A banquet committee was assembled to run the silent auction consisting of Kim, Sandy, Carrie and Jeanie.

2. May Camping
Event: The new camping event dates will be May 20 to 22. We have 11 reservations to date. Bill is asking that the cut-off payment date be two weeks before the event (approximately May 6). He also requested that we raise our prices for food by \$5 for a total of \$10 per person. Another idea suggested was that we raise the price of camping to \$18 a night - \$15 going to the park and \$3 going to the club. It was agreed that we host a pig roast and a decision will be forthcoming on whether to buy one or to raise a pig from Kensington Farm Center. (Bill has someone who will raise the pig for us). Musicians were discussed and last year's rate was \$250 for two musicians for two hours. Bill noted that several folks were concerned about alcohol and children and it was suggested that campers with children be concentrated into one area. The Orienteering event will be held on Saturday. Sandi Barnes will head it up. A suggested price is \$5 per person. Sandi will be meeting with Karen to discuss logistics and to possibly get sponsors. It was thought that Orienteering be held in the afternoon and that the pig roast follow at 5:00 PM.

3. Parades: Prizes
for parade costumes was discussed and it was decided that at this time prizes would not be given. It was also noted that there were some people on the grass during the Thanksgiving Day parade and we were asked to ensure that that does not happen in the future.

4. Number on the
Board: A motion was made by Patti, and seconded by Jeanie, to reduce the board number to 11.

5. Election of
Officers: With Sandy Navetta's withdrawal from the board, we will need to elect a new Vice President and someone to handle the Info Share. Kim L will become our new Vice President and will take over the Info Share. There will be three new incoming board members to vote on (Bruce Darr, Debbie Cavallaro, and Ken Peltier) and two members who will be seeking renewal (Carrie Tokarczyk and Keria Rossin). Sandy will circulate an email to the general membership requesting their vote.

6. Michigan Horse
Council Membership: The membership is \$35.00 a year. Patti made a motion, seconded by Bill, and unanimously approved that we become members of the Michigan Horse Council.

7. Saddle Up Ad:
Our ad will be in the January issue and on their website.

8. Website update:
Kim Veenstra will update the website for a one-time fee of \$300 and will maintain it for free for a KTRA membership. The board unanimously voted in favor of Kim redoing the website.

There will be no February meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, March 21, at 6:30 pm at Kensington, either the Farm Center or at the Snack Bar.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Keria Rossin Chuhran, Secretary