

## MINUTES of Prairie du Rocher Saddle Club

March 12, 2024

PDR Saddle Club opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Buddy Allscheid.

We welcomed new members from the ride including

- Cody Kennedy & Schela Burgdorf
- Marylou Kinsey
- Jeff Songer

**Call to order:** The March meeting of the Prairie du Rocher Saddle Club was held at Acorns in Waterloo, IL on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. The meeting convened at 7:30pm with President, Dave Lehr, Vice President Donna Reitz & Secretary-Treasurer Stephanie Keller presiding.

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes of the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by Sec. Stephanie Keller. Moved by Cody Bagnall and seconded by Amanda Braun to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was presented by Tres. Stephanie Keller. Beginning balance on February 13<sup>th</sup> was \$3,752.27. Deposits included Membership dues (\$145). **Balance on March 12, 2023 was \$3,897.27.** Bills submitted for payment included Meal for Niebruegge/Keller Ride (\$96.36), Secretary of State Non-Profit annual fee (\$11) and trailer supplies (\$39.03). Moved by Doug May and seconded by Pearl May to accept the treasurer's report as read and pay bills. Motion carried.

### Old Business

- **Saddle Club will be sponsoring the Peewee Speed buckle for 2024 Fair.** Purchase cost still pending.
- **Niebruegge/Keller Ride was held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.** We had a great showing with 32 riders and a great meal. Our youngest rider was 3 months old. Weather was beautiful and many were happy to have the Niebruegge River Bottoms ride back on the books.
- After discussion regarding the increased cost, it was Moved by Nathan Keller and Seconded by Amanda Braun that the club **Hire the Blossom City Band (Mandy Heinemann) with the fiddle player for \$800 for our January 2025 dance.** Discussion included having an additional fundraiser before or during the dance to help cover the cost. It was decided that fundraiser discussions could reconvene after BBQ in August. Motion passed.

### New Business:

- **BBQ Fundraiser at Rural King is set for Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>.** We will be needing help the day before peeling potatoes as the Kellers plan to make another large batch of potato salad. Please get the day on your calendars as lots of help is needed for the event!
- **Workday at Johnson Creek is set for May 4<sup>th</sup>.** We will be cleaning up trails and campsites – more details will be provided at the April meeting. There will be a ride Saturday afternoon and Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Meal will be provided Saturday evening. There is no drinkable water at Johnson Creek but the conservation will bring a water trailer for horses. See online for details.
- **Horse Show committee has tentatively set the PDRSC Benefit Horse Show for June 22<sup>nd</sup>.** We will have more details at the April meeting.
- Christy Buesch said Equine liability signs can be found at Rural King – there weren't many in stock but they [can be found online](#) as well.

## Announcements:

- **New Trailride! Ed & Gail Boyd are hosting a weekend Trailride at [Hayes Canyon](#) the weekend of June 28<sup>th</sup>.** We will ride on Saturday at 12pm and Sunday at 11am. Visit the website to reserve a spot. Members who do not camp Sunday night can still ride Sunday, but may be required to move to day parking. Dinner will be provided both Saturday & Sunday.
- **Buddy Allscheid passed away** this month. He was remembered by many for his efforts in putting together the 60 mile drive on Kaskaskia Trail in 2016 and will be greatly missed.
- Columbia FFA is doing a beef/hog raffle. If you'd like tickets reach out to Dave Lehr.
- **2024 Membership dues are up for renewal.** (Renewals are \$35 for families & \$20 for individuals). They can be mailed to:  
PDRSC  
4322 Kaskaskia Rd  
Waterloo, IL 62298
- **Amanda Braun has been certified as an Equine Massage Therapist.** Reach out to Amanda (618-806-1378) to get your horse scheduled for some great release by Balanced Equine Body Works.
- Contact David Lehr (792-4770) or Stephanie Keller (618-340-9898) to book an event.
- **Watch Facebook for pop-up rides** during nice weather!

**Adjournment:** Moved by Nathan Keller and seconded by Doug May to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.