

Waska Riders Saddle Club Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2009

The July 27, 2009 meeting of the Waska Riders Saddle Club was called to order by President Byron Lutterman at 8:10 p.m. There were 14 members in attendance. The Secretary's Report was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented by Bridget Gallagher.

Committee Reports

Show Committee: Chris Staebler reported on the open horse show. We had a great show with more pleasure entries than we have seen in recent years. Our game entries were down from normal, but not significantly. This may have been attributed to the fact that it was the 4th of July. At this time, the show has a net profit of about \$1650, with a few outstanding bills to be paid. This includes about \$320 in profits from the concession stand. We received just over \$1000 in sponsorships and the entries totaled \$2600. We paid back just under half of that amount, including the \$100 added money for two pleasure classes. The club discussed how the profit this year compares to other years. Offering paybacks limits how much we can make on each class, but the members agreed that not offering payback prizes would really hurt the attendance. People seem to appreciate the paybacks and the nice high point awards we offer. We also have always had a good well-run show that helps us keep our entries up. The club discussed some of the outstanding bills, including reimbursement to Chris for the judge's hotel and payment for the high point awards. Steve Anderson moved to send a \$25 Pizza Ranch gift certificate to Bruce Cerney, the firefighter who came to water the arena during the open show, and a \$50 donation to the Fire Department. Seconded by Kay, the motion passed unanimously. Bridget Gallagher moved to pay the Fair Board \$25 in fees collected for camping at the fairgrounds during the open show. Seconded by Nancy Determan, the motion passed unanimously. John Blair moved to donate \$25 to Larry Gabrielson for the use of his 4-wheeler and drag during the open show. On a second by Bridget Gallagher, the motion passed unanimously.

Trail Committee: Kristin Gabrielson said she would look into getting a trail ride scheduled at Andes Tower Hills this fall. It was suggested that she look into the possibility of having the club's annual ride there, and having them cater the Saturday night meal.

Education Committee: Kristin also reported that Andrew Hinrichs, from the Red Horse Ranch Arena in Fergus Falls, would be willing to offer a clinic in the fall or next year. He would come for a minimum of 4 hours and charges \$30 per hour. Nancy Determan noted that Dennis Auslam of Redwood Falls has a Challenge Course at his facility and would host a club clinic. She will check and report on the details. He may also be willing to speak at a future meeting.

Parade Committee: Chris asked for clarification on the date of the Lowry Days parade. Steve Anderson verified that August 15, the date reported in the July newsletter, is correct. The Pope County Tribune printed the wrong dates. The parade starts at 3:30. Riders should assemble near the elevator in Lowry at 3:00 on August 15.

There was a great turnout of 21 horses at the Waterama parade.

Correspondence

Congratulations to Toni & Doug Moscho, who welcome baby boy Tyler Lee, born on July 23. The club will send a card and gift.

Old Business

There was discussion on a proposed helmet rule for the club. Members present gave their opinions on this issue, which will be voted on at the September meeting if necessary. Most seemed in favor of leaving the decision up to the individual.

Bridget arranged to get the plans for a new crow's nest from Gabrielsons, who wrote a grant and constructed one in Douglas County. Bridget will then work with the 4-H Federation and other possible donors and develop a grant proposal for a similar one for Pope County.

Kristin Gabrielson noted that Joann Kram will be the judge at the August 23 fun show.

Bridget ordered logo shirts for a few people who were interested at the last meeting. She will let them know when the shirts are done.

New Business

Steve commented that the club may want to consider a change in parade attire/uniforms for next year. He noted that the leg wraps seem to cause problems at every parade and he suggested blue western shirts instead of the white polos for more eye appeal. Other potential options were discussed and the club may want to consider a change for 2010 at the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.