



HIGHLAND TRAIL RIDERS
February 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:27 p.m. Attending were Wendy Golding, Jack Gillies, Sally Oberg, Jane Brown, Dave Snyder, Donna Snyder, and Walt Cook.

DNR Status – there was a second meeting attended by the same Board members that went to the first meeting. According to Bill, there will never be a second campground for regular campers. Bill suggested that we share the campground with regulars and let them camp during June, July and August, when it's too buggy for riding. They want us to show usage, so we will have campouts for the May, September and possibly the October rides. Also, the Tennessee Walking Association wants to hold a Judged Trail Ride at our park on May 21/22. Donna and Dave will camp with them, and this would increase our usage of the park. Dave has to see if we need an event permit from Bill. The DNR will waive \$8 per site registration fee. The entire campground fee will be \$900 and Dave wants to get it in ASAP to show desire to fill the campground.

The DNR is still interested in adding electricity to the campground, but nothing will be done this year. Proceeding with adding electricity will depend on our usage first and then we can see into pricing and how to get matching funds. A motion was made by Dave that we pay the DNR as soon as possible to lock in our dates. The motion was seconded by Donna, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Corals – There was a discussion of the use of corals while camping. Sally announced that the DNR has stated there are to be no fences in the campground. Because we have two sites that have no picket poles, an equine camper would have a good argument for the use of a soft coral on those two sites.

Dave will send out further emails to Shiawassee Trail Riders, the Michigan Trail Riders, and other trail groups to see if we can get more campers.

Our April meeting will be used to finalize campouts, and the goals meeting will be to discuss updating by-laws.

P Trail – The old "P" trail was discussed at the second DNR meeting. Bill says there is no such thing trail as it was decommissioned based on a concession made for the dog trial people. Donna went to a separate DNR trail meeting for defining necessary items for each trail use by each type of group. This will help the DNR learn the proper language/meanings for each use group.

There was no Treasurer Report because Treasurer is on vacation.

Michigan Horse Counsel – Sally talked about the recent takeover by some people who took over the Counsel last year. The correct people have an attorney involved, and they are asking all trail groups to come back and sign up again. Wendy moved that we re-sign up for membership in the Michigan Horse Counsel. The motion was seconded by Jack and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Wendy A. Golding, Secretary