



**HIGHLAND TRAIL RIDERS**  
**January 14, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Attending were Wendy Golding, Jacqui MacAtee, Sally Oberg, Jane Brown, Dave Snyder, Donna Snyder, Joyce Love, Roxanne Miller, Beth Jansen and Walt Cook.

To recap, last summer there was an email from the DNR regarding the use of equine/non-equine campsites in one area. There was much disagreement about that from equine members because non-equine campers are a hazard to horses. In the fall, members were asked to comment on why having both types of campers together doesn't work. The DNR had a meeting with several members of our Board and other DNR staff in December regarding the camping issue. As a result of this meeting, the DNR is considering having an equine campground only with electricity, water, etc. There will be another meeting in late January to discuss options. We would have to contribute some of the money towards whatever is decided.

Bill wants proof that we can fill it twice a season such as our May and September events. We would have dinner on Friday, Saturday breakfast, Saturday dinner – similar to Pontiac Lake weekend campouts. We will need more workers to help us put these events on. In order to get the electricity, we need to fundraise now (need \$3k to \$5k per site) and hope that DNR will match it. Upon motion made by Wendy, seconded by Jacqui, it was moved that we host two, two-night events in May and September (Friday night through Sunday noon), including some meals, charging for the event (\$20/person) plus \$5 per meal for day riders plus \$44 for site rental (total \$64.00). It was unanimously approved. Amounts are subject to future meetings and may be changed before finalizing. Jacqui will lead the event meeting.

Donna drafted a Saddle Up article, which she passed around, and she has also put our membership form in the Saddle Up magazine. The March article will contain details about May and September campouts if we go forward with DNR approval.

Goals meeting will be February 21, 2016, at 1 p.m. at Wendy Golding's house. Chili provided. Details will be coming. Next meeting February 11, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Wendy A. Golding, Secretary