

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
YSTRA Board Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order: 6:05pm

Attendees: Kathy, Carla, Travis, Sarah, Ron, Heather S., Heather W. Rickie

Excused: Tom, Jeanne, Skip, Ruth, Ken

Attending Members: Dick Smith

- Kathy motioned to accept both the secretary & treasurer's reports from the prior meeting. Ricki supported. All agreed.
- Reminder, we still have an open seat on the BOD. If you are interested in being a YSTRA board member, please don't hesitate to reach out. We would love to have you!
- YSTRA needed to renew their MOU. All approved.
- Roadside clean up on Duffy was scheduled for Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Kathy is taking the lead on this. If you are able to come assist, wear gloves, bring trash bags. Kathy plans to start in the morning.
- Liability Insurance Review: **waiting to hear back from amy?** Carla motioned to join the MTHA group as they are offering new insurance that is much cheaper than our old provider. Ricki supported. All agreed.
- April 13<sup>th</sup>- Vaccine/ Coggins Clinic- happening this weekend. Stoney Hills veterinarians will be at 10370 W Parmalee Road, Middleville MI to host the annual clinic for YSTRA. This will run from 8am-12pm. Please see our website or Facebook page for further information. We will be providing coffee and donuts.
- Our DNR has purchased Kiosk display material for the new staging area. Ron will be assembling. Travis will be cutting plexi glass. Will inform all when it is ready/ installed.
- Proposed gate at new staging area- Our DNR has offered to gate off the new staging area and only have it open for use during the park hours. YSTRA unanimously voted NO to this addition. We feel that this will only cause additional issue for riders. And it may cause those who are damaging the area to try to go around the gates causing damage to more of the area. We would like to see surveillance cameras and warning signs put up in regards to prosecution of damaged property as well as follow through from DNR when/if anyone is caught.
- Trail report- No one from the board has recently ridden to give one. There is 1 tree on the 6 mile that a few trail users have reported as being down however it is easily gotten around.

- Land Manager- Reminder that the DNR land management team had proposed a powered well/ full filling station at the new staging area. Currently there is a hand pump. Without the powered well, people still cannot fill their trailers with water or re-fill to water their animals. The hand pump works fine, however it is very difficult to water multiple horses with a hand pump and you cannot fill a camper with it efficiently. We are waiting to find out when this project may begin.
  
- **2024 Event Dates:**
  - April 13<sup>th</sup> Vaccine/ Coggins Clinic (Buehler's- Chair)
  - May 5<sup>th</sup> Work Bee – meet at camp in the morning.
  - May 11<sup>th</sup> Members only chuck wagon ride (Walkers- Chair)
  - September 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (Walkers- Chair)
  - October 12<sup>th</sup> Halloween (Buehler's- Chair)

Detailed information about each event will be posted to ystra.org & our Facebook page. Paying members will also receive an additional email with all event information.

- **NEW BUSINESS**
  - Reminder: Report all volunteer hours to Ron
  - Travis requested that the electric fund numbers be taken off the treasurer's report and put into the general bank account. All approved.

The meeting closed at 7:11pm

Next meeting is TBD.

Regards,

Sarah Buehler

YSTRA Secretary