



AUGUST 2025

August 5th at 6:00pm
Being held at Yankee Springs
Equestrian Campground

Public is welcome to attend

MEETING NOTES

This meeting was called to order at 6:12pm by President, Ron Walker.

Location: Yankee Springs Equestrian Campground

Attendance: Kathy, Carla W., Ron W., Sarah, Travis, Heather S., Heather W., Rickie, Jeanne, Ruth & Laura

Excused: Tom Chaffee, Ken Terpening

Attending Members: Dick Smith, John Soper, Kelli Norton

Consent Agenda: Kathy motioned to accept the treasurer & secretary report. Ruth 2nd the motion. All voted & approved.

Current Business:

We have 2 open board seats.

·Thank you, Kelli Norton, for attending this meeting and having interest in becoming a board member!

·Not in attendance, but running for a board seat, is also Kelly Kocis and former board member Jodi McKelvey.

·**Up for re-election:** Heather Ward, Rickie Ward, Ron Walker, Tom Chaffee, Sarah Buehler, Ken Terpening

A new Kiosk has been installed at the day use. Thank you to Grand Rapids Machine Repair, Grand Rapids Carvers & the Yankee Springs DNR for working together to build and install. We will be posting material to it soon (maps, contact information etc.)

2025 Upcoming Events & Information:

·October 11th (Saturday) Annual Halloween & Members Meeting

oThank you to our volunteers for putting on this large event!

oIf you wish to volunteer, please reach out. Many hands make light work. We will be decorating camp the day before (Friday, Oct. 10th) pending weather.

o Location: YSTRA Camp

o Registration for the Halloween Costume/Campsite will be open from 11 A.M.-1:15 P.M.

Campsite Contest= \$10 per site

Costume Contest= \$5 ages 0-8yrs \$10 ages 9 & up

Cash, check or PayPal Accepted

o 11:30 A.M. – Luncheon- Ron Walker serving pork butts.

o 12 P.M. Members Meeting and Election

o 1:30 P.M. Halloween Costume Judging Begins

o 0-8yrs of age- 1:30pm

9-12yrs of age- 1:45pm

13-15yrs of age- 2:00pm

16-19yrs of age- 2:15pm

Adults-2:30pm

o Campsite Judging will be immediately after the adult's costume contest.

o Costume Parade around camp also immediately after the adult costume contest.

o Winners/Prizes will be announced following the parade. Meet back at the pavilion.

New Business:

·Sarah provided the BOD with new merch options and prices. We need to go through the merch trailer and see what is there before we order.
New merch will be available at the October 11th event Old merch will be available at discounted prices at our October event.

·Carla brought up the old wooden YSTRA map at camp being outdated. We are still deciding on how to preserve that map (or if it should be preserved) before replacing it. Sarah will provide the BOD with quotes we had from last year for vinyl maps to be installed in the coming weeks.

Kathy reminded all that the Billy the kid trail is missing from the new maps. Sarah will try to get that added via GPS ASAP.

Trail Report:

The club would like to thank Don & Julie Suwyn for the tremendous amount of volunteer work they've put in clearing trails! Thank you both! You've gone above and beyond this spring and summer to help keep trails clear and useable for all!

9-Mile Update: The DNR will be putting in a temporary road in the current closed section (see current trail maps- section closed due to tornado this spring) and harvesting the downed timber for sale. Since this road already is on the current equestrian trail, it will be left to the equestrians to use after the timber sale. This opportunity will mean we will not have to do as much cutting back of brush each season since it will be a wider trail. Thank you to all of our DNR staff! There is no current timeline as to when this project will be completed. Stay tuned for details.

Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carla supported and 2nd the motion. All approved.

This meeting ended at 7:30 pm.

Regards,

Sarah Buehler YSTRA Secretary