



YANKEE SPRINGS TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 MEETING

This meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Ron Walker.

Location: Yankee Springs Equestrian Campground

Attendance: Ron & Carla Walker, Kathy Taylor, Rickie Ward, Travis & Sarah Buehler, Jeanne Burger, Laura Soper, Heather Slocum, Jodi McKelvey, Kelli Norton

Excused: Heather Ward, Ruth Terpening, Ken Terpening, Kelly C.

Member Attendance: Dick Smith & John Soper

Consent Agenda: Jodi motioned to accept the treasurer & secretary report. Kathy seconded the motion. All agreed.

Current Business

Ron: Solar well proposal to be brought up to the DNR again. Since the existing well is problematic, we will offer to supply the solar equipment if the State will provide a new well.

Fall Roadside Clean Up: Jeanne & Ruth performed this duty on Monday, the 21st of September. They collected 3 ½ bags of trash as they cleaned the roadsides of Yankee springs and Duffy road. They each worked 4 hours collecting roadside debris. Thank you both !

Tribute UPC's: Kathy asked Ron if he would look into the UPC's again with Tribute.

2025 Event Dates & Information

- October 10th (Saturday) Annual Halloween & Members Meeting
- Jodi to pick up prizes
- Ron to get "Use Permit"
- Sarah to re-order Halloween Ribbons, provide voting ballots & other necessary event forms for the day.

FRIDAY: October 9th

Camp, Pavilion & Trail decorating should be done in the afternoon pending weather.

Friday VOLUNTEERS: Please plan to begin decorating Friday, October 10th after 3pm weather permitting.

SATURDAY: October 10th

9:30am- Registration & Merch Tables will be cleaned off and we will begin getting merch out, event signs up, price sheets out for volunteers and organizing.

11:00am- Registration for Halloween & new YSTRA member signups officially opens!

o Sarah will be running the registration & Member sign up table. Members who will be voting should report to the registration table for their ballot.

o **Merch Table-** YSTRA Board Members Volunteers Needed

11:30am- LUNCHEON

o **Main Dish :** Pork Butts (Ron/Carla)

o **YSTRA** already has plates, cups, silverware and napkins in the trailer and Sarah has plenty at home she will bring.

o **All attendees- Please bring a dish to pass!**

12:00pm- Members Meeting & Board Election

o Members who are voting should have already received a ballot from the registration table. Sarah will have additional ballots for anyone who needs one.

o **Up for Re-election:** Heather Slocum, Carla Walker, Ruth Terpening, Laura Soper, Kathy Taylor, Travis Buehler, Jeanne Burger

1:15pm- Registration CLOSES for costume and campsite judging.

o **Judges should report to the registration table.** Sarah will have your judging forms available.
Volunteer Judges: Carla, Laura & 2 YSTRA Members from the Event

1:30pm- Costume Judging begins. See flyer for age group time slots

2:30pm- Costume Parade around camp. At this same time, judges will disperse to judge the campsites.

CAMP/Pavilion/Trail Clean Up- To start around 5:30 or 6pm (Before dark) Volunteers Needed!! All Hands On Deck to clean up!

Trick or treating at dusk & a bonfire will be going at the pavilion

Trail Report: Kelli reported that the 9-mile needs work. Ron plans on putting new markers up when time permits.

Ron noted that Gravel is needed for Corrals. The big tire in the obstacle course needs to be opened up and fixed. The solar lights in the pavilion were working last season, need to check to be sure they are still working this season (they were not on during the time of this meeting).

New Business: Kelli Norton- February 20th is a Tack Sale at the Barry Co. Expo Center. Good opportunity for YSTRA to have someone there for memberships.

YSTRA Board Member, Kelli Norton, will be stepping in to assist Sarah with the YSTRA website. This includes emailing membership reminders.

Sarah asked that ALL board members take a more active role in soliciting for memberships. Memberships are down this year due to Sarah taking a step back with her busy family. Memberships can be completed at ystra.org under the membership tab.

Board members requested a QR Code be created for membership. Please see the QR Code below.



New Business Continued:

Jeanne made a motion to get Don Suwyn a Gas card for all the work he and his wife, Julie, have been doing on the trails. A \$100 gas card will be gifted to the Suwyn's on behalf of YSTRA for all the work they've done over the past year+ on our trails. Thank you, Don & Julie! We appreciate your dedication to Yankee Springs Equestrian Trails!

Meeting Concluded: Carla motioned to close the meeting. Kathy supported.

The meeting was concluded at 7pm.

Thank you to everyone who could attend!

Regards,

Sarah Buehler

YSTRA Secretary