

Manitoba Trail Riding Club
June 3, 2025
6:30 – 7:45
Hosted by Iris

Present: Brenda Tolpa, Iris Oleksuk, Angela Roberts, Linda Gillies, Kari Hasselriis, Mary Anne Kirk, Terry McKee

Regrets: Emma Klos

Absent: Erin Tyminski-Goch

Call to Order: 6:34 pm **Chair:** Kari Hasselriis

1. Previous Minutes: March minutes were approved by Angela and Terry.

2. Additions to the agenda: Prizes for Dianne's September ride

3. Treasurer's Report and Membership Update

3.1 Financial Update

- GIC \$2,277.66
- Chequing \$2,504.16
- Bills: None submitted at or for this meeting

3.2 Membership Update

2 family and 13 single for a total of 17.

4. Belair Forest – May Rides and Possible August Ride

- Ashley's May 11 was cancelled two days before the ride. The ride was a go with 12 riders. However, two riders cancelled their registration, and the forecast of 34C led to the 25 milers bumping down to a lesser distance. As a result, the ride manager, Ashley, decided it was in the best interest of the horses and club to cancel the ride. The board supported her decision.
- Kari's May 24 ride was cancelled due to the fire restrictions and fact that the Belair trails were closed to all traffic.
- Kari has offered to manage a ride on Saturday, August 30 at Belair, and she will confirm it is a go by the beginning of August. Volunteers are in place, and she's waiting to hear back from Dr. Neil if he can vet.
- Kari will ask Manitoba Conservation to honour the fees MTRC paid for the May 24 ride that was cancelled for no fault of its own. She'll contact Chris Matthewson at MB Conversation when the current wildfires are under control and the forest is open again to traffic.

Actions:

Kari will confirm by Tuesday, August 5 whether she will or will not put on a ride at Belair on Saturday, August 30.

5. Changes in MTRC board membership

- MTRC learned in April that its member-at-large did not yet have her club membership. Being a member of the club is required for all board members. Item 8(b) in the club by-laws states: The qualification for the Director shall be that he or she be a member in good standing of the Association.
- She was asked twice to purchase a membership, as required by the by-laws, but as no membership was bought, the board had to remove her from the position. Therefore, the director position of member-at-large is vacant. The position remains empty until the fall AGM elections.
- MTRC noted that its secretary was absent from this June 3 meeting without having sent regrets. The secretary has previously missed, without sending regrets, the February meeting, although she did contact the president with an explanation after the meeting had ended.
- Tonight's meeting participants agreed that the secretary has been absent from her duties, based on by-law 11(c): The Secretary shall attend all sessions of the board and all meetings of the board... and record all votes and minutes of all proceedings... The secretary has yet to submit any minutes; they have been completed by the president.

Actions:

Kari will email the secretary and remind her of her duties. She'll ask her if she's okay to continue in the position for the rest of her term.

6. By-law Review

- Kari raised two concerns with the current by-laws:
 1. 8(f) is no longer suitable with the option to have meetings in person and with Zoom. The group discussed the need to update the language to reflect how people attend meetings and how they communicate their attendance.
 2. There is no firm timeline in the by-laws that state when a newly voted member of the board of directors must have their membership dues paid by.

Actions:

At the September meeting, the board will finalize the language for the two by-law updates and distribute them to the membership for voting at the fall AGM.

7. 2026 Information Event Idea

- Kari acknowledged that as a result of the past two years of ride challenges at Belair, she is not very keen to try a third spring ride in 2026. As not many people are expressing interest in putting on rides at the moment, Kari proposed an idea at Birds Hill Park in May 2026 that has

four stations where people can learn about CTR. It would be followed a week or two later with a ride at BHP. This event might realistically be the only MTRC event in 2026 if no one volunteers to manage a ride.

Actions:

The board will discuss this idea later in the season to gauge interest and motivation.

8. 2025 Grey Cup Raffle Update

- Kari is no longer able to apply for the license for the Grey Cup raffle as she is currently employed with LGCA.

Actions:

Kari will email all the information to Iris, who volunteered to complete the raffle application.

9. MHC AGM News

- Emma and Kari attended the MHC virtual AGM. Kari informed tonight's group about the Manitoba Summer Games and the Prairie Crocus Competition. The group agreed that sanctioning the August 30 ride (if it happens) would be a good gesture to support MHC and its effort to promote grassroots competition in the province.

10. Addition to the Agenda

- Kari reached out to Dianne, who is the September ride manager for MTRC. Dianne indicated she'd like help in gathering prizes or sponsorship for the ride.

Actions:

Tonight's group are willing to help Dianne in a hunt for goodies and will see what they can come up with from donors.

11. Next Meeting Date and Time

- Thursday, August 28 at 6:30 on Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm. Motioned by Linda and seconded by Brenda.

Minutes by Kari