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### MSMPA September 6th, 2023 Secretary Minutes-

On September 6th, the meeting was called to order by President Tony Schwering at 7:00pm, at the Waseca County East Annex, in Waseca, MN as well as via GoogleMeets online. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 12 members in attendance, representing Waseca, Steele, Nicollet, LeSueur, and Crow Wing Counties.

The **Treasurers' report** was read by ShaLee, with a Checking account balance of \$6,091.26,

The **Savings Account** has a current balance of \$1,568.29. The **Disaster Fund** has \$520.00. *The Disaster Fund is supplied by \$20 of each County's annual membership dues, and is used to provide a donation or gift to a Member of a MSMPA Membership County, whom may be in a special time of need. The Disaster Fund is in the Savings Account, to keep this separate from the Checking Account.* A \$250 check was issued to Tom Hager, for a memorial, for his brother Tim Hager, a prior Posse member.

ShaLee W has submitted the Form 1023 to the IRS to have the 501(c)(3) Reinstated. 4-24-2023. Per the IRS website Could take up to 180 days to get an updated status. Cost: \$600.00. The current status has not yet been updated with the IRS website.

**MSMPA Scholarship:** Marty M. was not in attendance for an update on the Current Balance of the MSMPA Scholarship is Fund.

The prior balance (6/2023) was: \$9,128.43.

2024 Scholarship applications are due by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**Don Eustice Scholarship:** Becky S gave the updated Current balance of the Don Eustice Scholarship Fund: \$29,262.46.

Becky is going to check around with other banks to see if she can get a better rate than .003% interest on this savings account with United Prairie. Bob Kahlow mentioned moving \$20,000 to a CD account, to earn more money for the account.

## **Wagon Train For Youth**

Le Sueur County Sheriff, Pat Smith Sr., and Waseca County Sheriff Don Eustice started a boys group home in Waseca in 1975, to serve both counties for wayward boys. The grant that helped get the Waseca-Le Sueur county Boys Home established, was applied for by Don. This later expanded into several counties in MN known as Youth Ranches of MN.

On September 4th, 1976, Don went, with deputy, Mert Schwartz, to serve a commitment paper to a mentally-ill man in Waseca County. The man had known Don for a long time-in fact, he had brought garden produce to the jail the previous week. When Don and deputy Mert arrived at the farmhouse, they called the man to come outside - he opened the door, raised up his shot gun, and shot Don in the chest.

The Wagon Train has continued, started by Mert, in Don's honor, for 40 years to raise money to help our youth. \$1,000 goes to the MN State Mounted Posse Association's Donald Eustice Memorial Scholarship Fund to award members and/or family members who further their education in Law Enforcement. Most recently, the Children's Hospital and Clinics of Minnesota have received the remaining money donated to help families that need medical help and need to stay at the Ronald McDonald House.

Today, Posse Members, Equine Enthusiasts, and their communities all join together in the MN State Mounted Posse Associations largest Fundraiser of the year, to continue to raise money for our Youth and their families!

We are excited to be giving our donation to the Children's Hospitals and Clinics of MN, again this year!! We hope you will join us this year at this Amazing event!

Sincerely,

*ShaLee White*

President – Tony Schwering  
Publicity Director – ShaLee White  
1st VP – Tim Briard  
2nd VP – Tom Hager  
3rd VP – Bob Kahlow  
Sec/Treas – ShaLee White

It has been discussed at several past meetings over the last two years, to look into options of offering scholarships, from this fund, to current MSMPA members towards Posse trainings, such as Sensory & Search & Rescue. Joe S has contacted the family of Donald Eustice to verify we can use the funds in this manner. He is waiting to get an answer back to confirm. Sheriff Dulas, from Waseca County will contact the Don Eustice Family to have them get in contact with Joe Schwering.

**Publicity-** Please submit any trainings, events, or photos to [msmpapublications@gmail.com](mailto:msmpapublications@gmail.com) to be shared on the State's website and/or the Facebook Page.

ShaLee will be reimbursed for the website renewal & web camera for meetings. \$85.09

The **Annual MSMPA State Convention** will be hosted by Sibley County, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Location is the Arlington Community Center, 204 W. Shamrock Dr, Arlington, MN.

**MSMPA Annual Wagon Train for Youth** will be hosted by LeSueur County Mounted Posse. Dates of the event are September 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Stay tuned for more updates.

**New Quarterly Meeting Location;** Meetings have currently been moved to Waseca County East Annex, Waseca, MN. We will also be adding a Google Meets option, for those who cannot attend in person.

**Membership Dues:** Please be sure your current County Roster, with names, email addresses, and mailing addresses are sent with your membership payments, by February 1st.

Below is a current list of Counties with up to date, paid memberships for 2023 (as of 11/11/2023).

**Benton County, Crow Wing County, Goodhue County, Hennepin County, LeSueur County, Nicollet, Scott, Sibley County, Steele County, Waseca County, & Winona County**

~ 2024 Membership Dues are due to ShaLee White by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. If you have questions, please contact [msmpapublications@gmail.com](mailto:msmpapublications@gmail.com)

~ Reminder: Dues must be current in order to Vote on subjects during meetings, host the Annual Wagon Train For Youth, host The MSMPA Posse Convention, and have members from your County eligible to receive Scholarship Funds.

Our Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm with a motion made by Bob Kahlow and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Troy Keane.

The next MSMPA Quarterly meeting will be Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Waseca East Annex.

# Why be a member of the Minnesota Sheriff's Mounted Posse Association?

There are several reason's to join the MSMPA but below are just a few reason...

- **Networking!** Meet several other Sheriff's Posse Members from around the State and get helpful hints, tricks, and training for your county while sharing with others as well! Meet Lots of NEW friends!
- Have access for You, Your Children & Grandchildren, and your County Sheriff's Office to **Scholarships** towards further education.
  - Learn about **trainings** hosted by other counties.
- Host the **Annual Wagon Train for Youth** in your county to raise funds for the MN Children's Hospitals & Clinics & the Donald Eustice Scholarship Fund.

Great public awareness about your County Posse.
- Host the **Annual MSMPA Convention**. \$1,500 of proceeds goes towards the MSMPA Scholarship Fund and \$500 goes in to the MSMPA general fund, and the remaining funds go to *Your County*.
  - Advertising of your County on the MSMPA Website
  - Advertising of your County on the MSMPA Facebook Page