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### MSMPA June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Secretary Minutes-

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, the meeting was called to order by President Tony Schwering at 7:00pm, at the Crooked Pint, in Faribault, MN. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 9 members in attendance. The **Treasurers' report** was read by ShaLee, with a Checking account balance of \$6,226.26, We discussed the amount that is designated to the Disaster Fund. Because ShaLee has just taken over the account in March of 2023, and we are working on collecting past due Membership Dues, it was decided we would start the Disaster Fund with the amount collected beginning January 2023. 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. As of June 7<sup>th</sup>, the 2023 **Disaster Fund** has \$360.00. The Disaster Fund will be deposited in to the Savings Account, to keep this separate from the Checking Account. The **Savings Account** has a current balance of \$1,047.85. 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 Business Filing & Renewal with the Secretary of State has been filed and is good till 12/31/2024.

The board members met on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to discuss the mandatory amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to comply with the IRS 501(c)(3) filing, adding: Cost- \$55.00

- a. *Article XII: Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for the public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then*

## 40<sup>th</sup> Annual MSMPA 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!

*located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. This was approved and amended by the SOS, on 04/20/2023.*

**MSMPA Scholarship:** Marty M. gave us an update to let us know that the Current Balance of the MSMPA Scholarship is Fund: \$9,128.43. She had received an invoice from Waseca County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, for the Scholarship Winner's Convention Dinner and wanted to know if she was to pay this, or the State's General Fund. There was a vote motioned by Marty M and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky S that All Scholarship Winners' Convention Dinners will be paid for by the MSMPA General Fund. All in attendance approved this decision. ShaLee will get a check to the Waseca County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, for the 2023 Scholarship Dinners, totalling \$175.00.

2023 Scholarship Winners- Jady White- Waseca County, Kayleigh Dietle - Sibley County, Bode O'Neil - Goodhue County, Murray Wells- Goodhue County, Miya Weber- Steele County

**Don Eustice Scholarship:** Becky S gave the updated Current balance of the Don Eustice Scholarship Fund: \$28,260.25. Becky received a \$1,000 check from Sibley County, for their donation from the 2022 Annual Wagon Train for Youth, which will bring this total to \$29,260.25.

2023 Scholarship Winner- Murray Wells- Goodhue County (\$750.00)

Becky is going to check around with other banks to see if she can get a better rate than .05% interest on this savings account with United Prairie.

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.

**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.

The **Annual MSMPA State Convention** will be hosted by Sibley County in 2024.

**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;** We are working on finding a new location to have our quarterly meetings. We would like to be able to have a place that is quiet and can accommodate a Zoom/Google Meets meeting to have more members in attendance. Mary P is going to check with her brother, for some options in Faribault, MN.

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

Below is a current list of Counties with up to date, paid memberships for 2023 (as of 06/12/2023).

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

~ If your county is not listed, and you believe it should be, please contact

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~ 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 Marty M and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Kahlow.

The next MSMPA Quarterly meeting will be Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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

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

There are several reasons to join the MSMPA but below are just a few reasons...

- **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