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MSMPA January 10th, 2024, Secretary Minutes-

On January 10th, the meeting was called to order by President Tony Schwering at 7:00 pm, at the Waseca County East Annex, in Waseca, MN as well as via Google Meets online. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 17 members in attendance, representing Waseca, Steele, Nicollet, LeSueur, and Hennepin Counties.

The **Treasurer's report** was read by ShaLee, with a Checking account balance of \$6,142.17,

The **Savings Account** has a current balance of \$1359.08.

The **Disaster Fund** has \$310.00. *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, who may be in a special time of need. The Disaster Fund is in the Savings Account, to keep this separate from the Checking Account.*

ShaLee W has submitted 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. ShaLee received a letter in the mail the first week of January, explaining they needed more information by December 12, 2023. ShaLee did fax back the additional information on 01/09/2024. Status: Still Pending

MSMPA Scholarship: Marty M. is the Chairman of this Scholarship Fund. The account is held at the MidCountry Bank.

Current Balance: \$9,128.97.

2024 Scholarship applications are due by February 1st, 2024.

Don Eustice Scholarship: Becky S gave the updated Current balance of the Don Eustice Scholarship Fund, held at the United Prairie Bank: \$29,266.10, with an interest rate of .03%

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.

MSMPA Annual Convention

Hosting County: Sibley
County Mounted Posse

April 6th, 2024

Arlington Community
Center

204 W. Shamrock Dr
Arlington, MN 55307

The time has come, where we get to see all our fellow MN State Mounted Posse Members, catch up on the past year, talk about exciting news and happenings in our area, have fun, laughs, and great food! Don't forget about our Annual Auctions, Raffles, Scrapbooks, County Posse Members of the Year Awards, Scholarship Award Recipients, and so much more!! So, grab your fellow members, your significant others, and your County Leaders and join us for the 2024 Annual MN State Posse Convention!

We can't wait to see you All!

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 investigate options of offering scholarships, from this fund to current MSMPA members towards Posse training, such as Sensory & Search & Rescue. Joe S has said that the Association can decide how the funds are dispersed. We discussed setting up a trial year for 2024, to allow active MSMPA County Members to apply for scholarships towards Mounted Patrol training. More information to come.

Publicity- Please submit any training, events, or photos to msspapublications@gmail.com to be shared on the State's website and/or the Facebook Page.

The website has been updated with a fresh new look!

Our Facebook page currently has 891 followers.

The **Annual MSMPA State Convention** will be hosted by Sibley County, on April 6th, 2024. The location is the Arlington Community Center, 204 W. Shamrock Dr, Arlington, MN. Each County is asked to bring 3 silent auction items and 3 live auction items.

MSMPA Annual Wagon Train for Youth was hosted by LeSueur County Mounted Posse, September 8th-10th, 2023. A generous donation of \$6,331.25 was donated to the Children's Hospitals & Clinics of MN.

The 2024 Wagon Train for Youth will be hosted by Goodhue County.

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

Below is a current list of Counties with up-to-date, paid memberships for 2024.

Waseca County, Nicollet County, & Goodhue County

~ 2024 Membership Dues are due to ShaLee White by February 1st, 2024. If you have questions, please contact msspapublications@gmail.com

~ Reminder: Dues must be current 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.

Mary Purfeerst asked if we would be interested in putting an Ad in the MN Trail Riders Association booklet, which is sent out to about 350 houses, 4 times a year. A half-page ad would be about \$250.

- a. Discussion was had and at this time we are going to wait on this idea.

Kay Klein asked about us having a Booth at the Minnesota Sheriff's Association Convention, where we can get the word out to other sheriffs, etc. We will be looking into this option further and getting details.

ShaLee White mentioned that she felt the demonstration at the MN Horse Expo was great exposure to many guests as was done in 2017. Many agreed. Kay Klein agreed to check with the MN Horse Expo on logistics, price, time of demo, etc. The consensus about having a booth at the Expo was not the best money spent, or getting people interested.

Our Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm with a motion made by Bob Kahlow and 2nd by Kay Klein.

The next MSMPA Quarterly meeting will be Wednesday, March 6th, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Waseca East Annex & Google Meets option.

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 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