

# **GREAT LAKES DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION**

## **Approved Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 31, 2026 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**Doherty Hotel, Clare, Michigan**

- I. Call to order- President Jan Wylie
  - a. Meeting was called to order by Kristen Mikula @ 10:35 am.
- II. Roll call and reading/ approval of minutes - Secretary Jennifer Shooshanian
  - a. Roll Call: Linda & Donnie Hamrick, Diane Meinders, Michelle Weigand, Jeanne Aslakson, Jean Miller, Shannon Weston, Lisa Germann, Kristen Mikula, Diane Maxey, Layla Saatchi, Monir Azarmnia, Kathy Macki, Pat Wierengo, Emily Seidler, Audrey McMurry, Stephanie Boomguard, Sara Hall, Heather Neal
    - i. Arrived later: Jan Wylie, Becke Grams, Aurora Walsh, Bruce Birr, Dawn Bouwkamp, Cameron Lloyd, Gail Otto, Shayna Stagg, Hannah Nelson
  - b. Linda Hamrick motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Jeanne Aslakson seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- III. Treasurer's report- Treasurer Kristen Mikula
  - a. Kristen shared the summary of the account from January 1 to December 31, 2025.
  - b. A copy of this report is on file with the treasurer and secretary.
  - c. This included the accounting for 2024.
  - d. Jennifer Shooshanian motioned to approve the report as presented (which includes the account for 2024), Audrey McMurry seconded the motion, and the report was approved.
- IV. Committee reports
  - a. Executive (No Report)
  - b. Veterinarian (No Report)
  - c. Michigan Horse Council, Trails (No Report)
  - d. Finance (No Report)
  - e. Rider Reps (No Report)
  - f. Points and Mileage (No Report)
  - g. Grievance (No Report)
  - h. Awards (No Report)
  - i. Membership (No Report)
  - j. Newsletter (No Report)

- i. Sara Hall requested feedback and submissions for articles.
  - k. Promotions
    - i. Diane Meinders is currently working on the Michigan Expo sign-up.
      - 1. (There was additional discussion at the membership meeting)
  - l. Web Page (No Report)
- V. Old Business
  - a. Virtual Ride Updates
    - i. There was a detailed discussion at the membership meeting.
  - b. Action/Open Items Review
    - i. Completed at the membership meeting.
- I. New Business
  - a. Review the timeline document for updates.
    - i. Completed at the membership meeting.
  - b. Awards:
    - i. Budgeting for awards
      - 1. Discussed at the membership meeting.
  - c. Bylaws review.
    - i. Completed at the membership meeting.
  - d. Review ride schedule.
    - i. Completed at the membership meeting.
- II. Next meeting – TBD

Stephanie Boomguard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Macki seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Shooshanian