

Minot Trail Riders Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

Fall 2026

Date: October 2nd, 2026

Meeting called to order: Approximately 7:00 PM

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the previous annual meeting were presented for approval.

Motion to approve by Lori, seconded by Lauren. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report & Financial Review

The Treasurer's Report was presented and financial activity for the year was reviewed, including current balances, event income and year-end expenses.

- Third quarter financials - savings balance: \$3,334.71, checking account balance: \$39,953.38.
- Season income and expenses, including Wednesday night events, horse shows and cookshack activity, were discussed.
- Investments completed during 2026 included the new club mower, arena sand/footing improvements, and the Liz Christianson Memorial Bench.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Lonna Jo Brown, seconded by Megan Ward.

Motion carried.

Old Business & 2026 Season Review

Wednesday Night Play Days

The group reviewed Wednesday night events, including participation, volunteers, and ideas for improvement. Members were reminded that a comment box was installed this summer for feedback and were also encouraged to use the website, email, or in-person discussions to share suggestions.

Clinics & Special Events

The Kerry Kuhn Clinic was reviewed, including attendance and overall feedback.

The group also reviewed the combined August horse show weekend, including:

- Obstacle Clinic
- Liz Christianson Extreme Obstacle Challenge
- Ranch Horse Versatility competition

NWSCA Show Cancellation

The weather-related cancellation of the NWSCA show was discussed.

Volunteer Recognition

Wednesday night and horse show volunteers, gate keepers, ring crew, timers, event staff, crow's nest scribes, and NDSF barn cleanup volunteers were recognized.

Kenny Hennessy Recognition

Kenny Hennessy was recognized with a Lifetime TrailBoss Meal Pass for future cookshack meals.

New Business

Fall Cleanup Day

Fall cleanup day was scheduled for October 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM. Work was to include arena rail maintenance, winterizing equipment, grounds cleanup and general facility preparation for winter.

Badlands Circuit Rodeo Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Badlands Circuit Rodeo on October 9, 10 and 11 to help with gate admissions and 50/50 raffle ticket sales.

2026 NDSF Barn Cleanup Contract

The group reviewed the 2026 NDSF barn cleanup contract, including the increased contract amount and free fair gate passes for participating volunteers.

Cookshack Operations

Cookshack staffing and volunteer participation were discussed, including possible ideas for improving participation and the possibility of a volunteer buyout option for families unable to work assigned shifts.

Annual Banquet / Permanent Calendar Discussion

The timing of future annual meetings and awards banquets was discussed, including whether the event should remain in the fall or be moved to February of the following year as it was in the past. Location and communication were also discussed.

Future Clinics

Ideas for future clinics and events were discussed, including possible interest in horsemanship, ranch riding/reining, barrel racing, cattle work and other events.

Outgoing Board Member Recognition

Outgoing board members who were not seeking reelection were recognized for their service.

Board Elections

Three board seats were open. Ballots were distributed and members voted for three board members.

The newly elected board members were:

- Myles Hanson
- Lauren Wake
- Stephanie Fitzgerald

Door Prizes

Door prizes were given away during the evening, including hats and hoodies.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ashley, seconded by Lauren Wake. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 9pm