



January 2024 NEWSLETTER



Our next General Meeting is Wednesday, January 10th, 2024
We will meet at Tacos El Norte, 401 N Riverside Dr., Gurnee, Illinois
The meeting room opens at 6:00pm if you would like to dine prior to the meeting.
Meeting will begin promptly at 7:00pm.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT CHANGES

To Members of our Lake County Mounted Posse,

Your board members would like to propose a modification to our Standing Procedures pertaining to the requirements of our associates to achieve full membership.

As board members (many long serving) we have encountered through time various shortcomings for engaged associates not meeting requirements. For instance one example: an associate can ride in 3 parades, help with associate playday and horse show but miss the January, February, March meeting requirement and be denied their full membership, having to wait another year to meet the requirement.

We believe these proposed changes will allow for more flexibility to meet requirements, incentivize participation in Posse horse events, and will hopefully be more attractive to new horse enthusiasts that are considering joining our club.

Your responsibility as members is to review the proposal and if you are present at the January meeting cast your vote. Our current standing procedures are in the Posse Directory.

Any Questions: email Beth Santi, our secretary who will share with board members.

Proposed new requirements:

ASSOCIATES, in order to obtain full membership, must complete the following during their associate year*:

- Attend at least one (1) general membership meeting during their associate year.
- Assist with the "Associate Members Play Day", if one is scheduled.
- Assist with the annual Horse Show, if one is scheduled.
- Attend at least three other events.

SUMMARY: Six appearances required of an Associate Member in the year of associate membership.

*Associate year begins the date on the membership application.



TRIVIA TIME

Trivia Rules are:

1. Upon receipt of newsletter trivia questions, TEXT (or leave message if unable to text) your answer and your last name (one vote per membership family) to Kim 224-538-0336. Deadline (ALL months) 2nd Wednesday high noon.
2. For all those with the correct answer(s), your last name will be entered in a drawing at the general meetings (or by the board meeting on summer months). IF there is a prize that cannot be mailed, and member is not present, we will text them that they won, and then it's up to them to arrange to pick up.

QUESTION FOR JANUARY: Since the Posse's inception we have had the good fortune that multiple members have served as President more than once! Our bylaws specify a president cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. We have had 5 presidents serve 2 consecutive terms. Which president served two consecutive terms in a row TWICE?

It's okay and even encouraged to phone a Posse member who you think may know the answer.

Answer for December: Jan 1st, Dave Skofstad was the only rider at the unofficial New Year's Day Posse ride. The temperature that day was 8 below zero. A frozen donkey ice cube was presented. Winner was Donna Rieter. She won a Posse red neck warmer.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

01/10 **General Meeting** - Taco's El Norte in Gurnee. Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 but come early and eat dinner. Room opens at 6:00.

01/24 **Board Meeting (moving to 4th Wed of each month)** – 7:00 pm Thirsty Horse. If you would like to attend a Board Meeting, please contact Jennifer Friel and she will add you to the agenda. Be sure to let her know what you would like to discuss with the board.

01/28 **4H Tack Sale** – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Wilmot High School; 11112 308th Ave, Wilmot WI 53192. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Beth Santi if interested.

NOTE: We will be discussing dates for rides at the January general meeting.

OFFICERS FOR 2024

Jennifer Friel - President
Debi Neuman – Vice President
Beth Santi - Secretary
Ghislaine deKoning – Treasurer

If you have any membership questions or concerns, please feel comfortable to contact any officer and we will help however we can.

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

The membership cannot thrive without the help from our members on various committee jobs. **We need volunteers** to help out in these roles. Please contact Jennifer Friel or Debi Neuman if you are interested in helping out. The Board will help you all the way. Thank you so much.

Committee	Chair(s)	Team
Associate Liaison/Resources		
Communications/Website		
Fall Ride		
Holiday Party		
Horse Show		
Legislative Committee		
Non-Riding Events		
Parades		
Play Days		
Posse Apparel		
Trail Rides		

Please Renew Your Membership for 2024

Please get your membership forms and dues turned in!

The February General Meeting is the deadline to guarantee your name is printed in the Directory.

Send your Membership renewal and signed Waiver to:

Beth Santi
29103 112th Place
Trevor, WI 53179

Make checks to: LCMP

Form attached at the end of the newsletter

Holiday Party

We had 82 people attend the holiday party



WEBSITE and FB INFORMATION

www.lcmp.info

friel.horses1996@gmail.com

For our Facebook page and our website, please send to us pictures from your rides or other activities you have done this season. We want all members and potential members to see what we are up to and that the club is still riding and active. If you are planning, spur of the moment, to go out and ride the trails, send us a message and we will post it on Facebook. The board voted that it doesn't have to be a LCMP sponsored event to post this on our Facebook page. Some members may not be able to join a club ride but may have the time to ride at another time. This is also a way to stay connected with our members and to not have to ride alone.



Posse Wear

The link for Besco can be found at www.bescoawards.com
The website will be linked to our Web Page when the page is finished

Anie's Jams and Jellies

Anie makes the best Jams and Jellies! She donates a percentage of sales to the Posse. Come to the General Meetings and Horse Show to buy her Jams and Jellies.

HB Laser Art

Bill and Heide Milke have all your signage needs, awards, stall plates and much more. Check out their web site at laserartusa.com



2024 LCMP APPLICATION / RENEWAL & RELEASE FORM

Name: _____
 (If an Associate - Sponsor's Name) _____
 Phone Number (home): _____ Cell Number: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 E-Mail address (**PRINT CLEARLY**): _____

If you do **NOT** wish to have your name, address, phone number, or email listed in our club directory, please indicate here what you **DO NOT** want listed: _____

Do you permit contact information above to be emailed to membership for proofing? Yes No

How many horses does your family currently own? _____

The newsletter is available 24/7 via our website...www.lcmp.info. and is emailed to the address you provide.

HARD COPY of the monthly newsletter will no longer be mailed. IF you **DO NOT** have internet access please check here:

Our secretary will contact you to make arrangements to get the newsletter to you.

- Family membership** including dependent* children under the age of 21.....\$70.00
- Single membership** including member's dependent* children under the age of 21 AND including companion.....\$70.00
- Associate membership** (family or single details as above)\$70.00

* Dependent children defined as unmarried & living at home.

MAKE PAYMENT TO: LAKE COUNTY MOUNTED POSSE
SEND TO SECRETARY: Beth Santi 29103 112th Pl. Trevor, WI 53179

Posse functions are volunteer dependent. Please indicate below where you would be interested in volunteering:

- HORSE SHOW _____
- CLINICS _____
- PLAYDAYS _____
- PARADES _____
- SPONSOR TRAIL RIDE _____
- FALL RIDE _____
- GUEST SPEAKERS _____
- CHRISTMAS PARTY _____
- Interested in learning about serving as Officer or Director

Please Sign Release other side

RELEASE, WAIVER, HOLD HARMLESS, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

The undersigned, as a Participant/Spectator/Visitor/Guest/Client (collectively "Participant"), on his/her own behalf and, if applicable, as the Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) of a minor Participant (minor included as "Participant"), for good and valuable consideration, agrees to the following terms and conditions of this Release, Waiver, Hold Harmless, and Indemnification Agreement ("Agreement"):

1. **Assumption of Risk and Waiver:** Participant understands and accepts the risks of engaging in Equine Activities, while mounted or unmounted, as well as merely being near a horse, mule, or pony (collectively "equine"), including: (i) The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (for example: jump, run, kick, buck, bolt, spin, rear up, strike, bite, etc.); (ii) The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds (for example: machinery, equipment, doors opening and closing, snow and ice falling, rain, wind, thunder, voices, etc.), sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, other animals, or other things; (iii) Certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) Collisions with other equines or objects; and (v) The potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to Participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal, not acting within his or her ability, or riding while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Participant agrees that engaging in equine activities under this Agreement includes, but is in no way limited to, those defined in the Illinois Equine Activity Liability Act, as well as riding another's equine, petting, leading, driving, feeding, watching, transporting, and otherwise interacting with or merely being in the vicinity of equines ("Equine Activities"). Participant understands the injuries, death, loss (both personal and property), and property damage that may result from the accepted risks of engaging in Equine Activities or just being near an equine, that equines are powerful and have the potential to be dangerous, even without warning, and that the risks listed in this Agreement are just a sampling and Participant is not relying on Released Parties (as defined below) to list all possible equine-related risks. Participant therefore agrees, on his/her own behalf and on behalf of his/her minor Participant, that he/she understands and agrees to assume the risks and dangers inherent in Equine Activities, agrees to at all times to be responsible for Participant's personal safety, remain financially responsible for Participant's medical expenses, and waives Participant's right to any claims arising from participation in or observation of any Equine Activities, riding a horse belonging to Participant or someone else, whether on or off the property where the horse is stabled and/or transported to, being near an equine, or merely being present on real property owned, leased, rented, borrowed, visited, organized upon, trail riding across, or otherwise occupied by Lake County Mounted Posse, and its respective officers, directors, guarantors, indemnitors, agents, employees, volunteers, independent contractors, guests, visitors, invitees, trainers, organizers, guides, and others acting on their behalf (collectively "Released Parties") regardless of whether or not Participant's presence on such real property is related to equines or Equine Activities.

2. **Release, Hold Harmless, Indemnification:** Participant agrees to release and hold Released Parties harmless for any illness, injury, death, damage, or other loss (collectively "Loss") incurred, by Participant, or to Participant's property, unless caused by Released Parties' willful and wanton misconduct. Participant agrees to indemnify Released Parties against any Loss sustained or suffered by any third party, whether caused by Participant directly or indirectly, and which includes reimbursement of Released Parties' attorneys' fees.

3. **Governing Law and Time Limitation:** This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. All disputes relating to the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the state court in Lake County, Illinois. The parties hereto hereby submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the Court for such purpose. Participant agrees that any and all claims and/or causes of action for Loss by Participant against the Released Parties must be brought within one (1) year of the date accrued and any claim for personal property Loss is limited to \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars).

4. **Attorneys' Fees:** Participant agrees to reimburse Released Parties for any and all attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Released Parties in enforcing the terms of this Agreement and/or in defending or prosecuting any claims or causes of action involving, or in any way relating to, Participant.

5. **Participant Certification:** Participant certifies that he/she has read this entire Agreement and understands, agrees, and intends on his/her own behalf, and on behalf of minor Participant, spouse, heirs, agents, representatives, relatives, successors, and assigns, to be bound by all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

WARNING UNDER THE EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT, EACH PARTICIPANT WHO ENGAGES IN AN EQUINE ACTIVITY EXPRESSLY ASSUMES THE RISKS OF ENGAGING IN AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURY, LOSS, OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY RESULTING FROM THE RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES

Signature required by all members, companions, and dependents.

(Participant signing on own behalf **and** as Add'l Parent/Legal Guardian of Minor Participant)

Signature

Print Name

Date
