

## January 23, 2021 UMECRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held via ZOOM, and called to order by President Jon Wagner at 7:09 am CST. Also attending virtually were board members Sandra Wright, Lynda Zimmerman, Deb Moe, Tony Troyer, Maxine Bernsdorf, Jen Moore, Dr. Jennifer Lorenz, Peggy Pasillas, Kim Fosler, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Laurie Henschel, Theresa Meyer, Sarah Maass, Bill Suskey, and Bruce Birr. Non-board persons in attendance were Robin Schadt, Katie Vogl, and (for a portion of the meeting) Diane Meinders. The meeting was also live-streamed and recorded for those so interested.

The **Treasurer's report** (attached -- P&L and Balance Sheet) was presented by treasurer Deb Moe, and was accepted by Unanimous Consent.

Theresa presented the **Ride Schedule** for review and forwarding to the annual meeting, approved by Unanimous Consent of the Board of Directors.

The **Tech Committee** presented last-minute information and details on how the virtual annual meeting would take place, details were discussed and confirmed.

**Additional LD miles proposal:** Tony moved to include Kim's proposal to the agenda for the annual meeting. The proposal (attached below) was discussed and clarified, and approved by Unanimous Consent, to include it in the annual meeting agenda.

**Bylaw change, Fee Increases, Minimum Miles, and the LD Proposals:** These were reviewed by the board and will be forwarded as drafted, to the annual meeting (draft proposals are available in the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting).

There were no questions or discussion on agenda items of **Elections**, and **Other**, and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 am CST upon motion of Peggy, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony.

/s/ Jon Wagner UMECRA President

# LIMITED DISTANCE PROPOSAL (Fosler)

**Purpose:** To approve an additional 6 award placements in the Senior Limited Distance category.

**Details of the proposal:** Change the current system of using **points to determine final placings**, to using **total miles accumulated**, which would be performed on a **one-year trial basis**. Placings would be awarded according to the total number of miles a rider and horse team successfully complete in Limited Distance events over the course of the ride season. Awards would be given to the 16 teams with the highest number of miles, ranked accordingly from 1<sup>st</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> place. A **minimum mileage requirement of 175 miles** must be successfully completed by the team to qualify for an award. Ties would be decided by total points the team received for placements at individual rides.

In addition to changing to a miles-based awards system, the proposal also proposes that the current number of Restricted Mileage Awards be reduced **from 6 awards** in each category, (End., Comp., and LD) **to 5 awards** in each category. The reduction in costs to 5 Restricted Mileage awards would be used to help offset the costs of 6 additional Senior LD awards.

This proposal would also **have minimum mileage standards to qualify for all Restricted Mileage awards**. A minimum mileage requirement of 125 miles in Comp and LD with maximum miles remaining at 195 miles. The minimum mileage requirement of 175 miles in Endurance with maximum miles remaining at 295 miles.

- The High Point/Top Ten Award categories of Endurance and Competitive Trail programs would remain the way they currently are, **no changes** to either category are necessary with this proposal.
- Restricted Mileage awards would still be determined by points in all categories but with **a higher standard of achievement** to qualify for an award with minimum mileage requirements in place.
- The proposal does not require any changes in the way Ride Managers report ride results or how placements at individual rides are determined.
- There are **no additional costs incurred** by the Ride Manager with this proposal.
- Cost of additional 6 Senior LD awards is reduced by reallocating the savings in fewer Restricted Mileage awards.
- AERC originally designed LD rides to be used as training rides for the longer distance rides and this proposal supports the basic principles of “To Finish is To Win,” the importance of “being fit to continue,” as well as “longevity” and “Perseverance”.
- If the proposal is approved but is shown to be unsuccessful after the trial period, it is simple to return to the previous system of determining awards.

Like any proposal, COVID-19 and the uncertainty it imposes, should be considered as to when to implement this proposal.

