

UMECRA 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Present: Jon Wagner, President; Linda Mowrer, Vice President; Janet Sarver, Secretary; Deb Moe, Treasurer; Theresa Meyer, Past President; Dr. Jennifer Lorenz, Veterinary Representative; Barb Gardner and Peggy Pasillas, Directors at Large; Regional Directors Nicole Mauser-Storer, IL; Sarah Maass, MN, Sandy Wright, MI, Laurie Henschel, WI; Kim Fosler, Jen Moore, Maxine Bernsdorf, Rider Representatives.

Missing: Lynda Zimmerman, Rider Representative.

Location: Best Western at La Crescent MN

1pm Meeting called to order by President Jon Wagner.

Jon Wagner announced that there needs to be 15 rides for a quorum.

Roll Call : Janet Sarver took the roll call. 26 rides represented with a total of 51 delegates and 54 eligible voting delegates.

Last year annual meeting minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

Secretary Report

Janet Sarver read off the three trail grant approvals for the past year. The approvals were granted for 1) Installation of electricity at the New Prospect Horse Riders Campground in the Kettle Moraine State Forest, Wisconsin; 2) Rock River Trails Horseman's Association in Illinois; 3) Groomed winter trails at St. Croix State Park, Minnesota.

Treasurer's report

Deb Moe presented the report for review and questions. Elinore Tonsor questioned the increase in overall assets. Jon Wagner stated that the lack of a convention and changes due to COVID impacted the final line. Linda Mowrer approved the report, Ann Marie seconded. Report approved.

Sanctioning

Theresa Meyer reviewed the requirements to obtain insurance. Any additional days of coverage or changes to additional insured names need to be requested by February 1st. Ride flyers are also due at that date. Deb Moe reminded ride managers to pay sanctioning fees by February 1st. She stated that she will be sending out invoices. Nicole Mauser-Storer stated that the ride calendar and flyers will be on the UMECRA website soon after. Theresa Meyer read through the draft of the 2022 UMECRA ride calendar and summarized any changes in dates, names, lengths of rides offered etc. Elinore Tonsor asked about the process for a ride to take an open weekend. Theresa Meyer moved, Peggy Pasillas seconded the 2022 ride schedule. Unanimous vote to passing report.

Presidents Report

Current membership numbers have remains stable. Jon Wagner reviewed a report from Nicole Mauser-Storer. Total ride entries for 2021 were displayed in a graph from 2007 to 2021. There has been a decrease of 1000 entries over the past 14 years. Jon Wagner reported that it is difficult to compare this decrease in entries with numbers of members, however it could be a change in how people ride or some active riders who have slowed down. Review of entries for all divisions was also reviewed.

Scholarship fund – Jon Wagner reviewed the balance of this fund. The balances for both the Scholarship Fund (\$112,756.14) and the ICF fund (\$5,813.69) were shared with the membership. He encouraged people to apply for these scholarships. Applicants must be a member of UMECRA for 2 years with a minimum of 25 completed rides. There is no age limit.

Committee Reports

- Audit Committee report. Linda Mower stated that Deb Moe has created a very clean report. Alice Hubert asked if the board has considered the need for an official audit by an external company. Jon Wagner indicated unless there is a need for an external review, the board audit review is sufficient.
- International Competition Fund. Jon Wagner stated that in 2016 there was a vote to stop contributing to this fund. The only activity was at last year's annual meeting where the membership approved taking \$1000 from that fund and putting it into the awards fund. There is a possibility of UMECRA supporting international rides in the future.
- Bylaws/Rules. Jon Wagner stated that there is an active committee in this area and encouraged members to contact the board with any questions or concerns.

Old Business

Out of Region Rides – Jon Wagner stated that the board has reviewed this topic and passed a motion to postpone indefinitely any consideration for these rides

New Business

2023 Convention will be hosted by Illinois and will be organized by Kim Fosler and Tony Troyer. They are looking at a convention center in Dubuque IA and will send more information at a later date.

Metabolic Considerations in Competitive Trail Proposal. Theresa Meyer stated that there was a suggestion to add metabolic parameters to competitive rides. Theresa and Dr. Lorenz presented a proposal in this area. Theresa made a motion to combine both motions of tack galls and wounds and metabolic parameters into one motion for voting. Seconded by Peggy Pasillas. Discussion. Vote taken and motion passed as presented by voice vote. The new language will be:

4. Veterinary requirements - judging competitive horses.

4) Saddle and Cinch Sores; **Tack Galls and Wounds**; those which develop during the course of the ride or those previously present which progress. **(2022)**

B. Condition;

- 1) Evidence of Fatigue and Inability to Carry On: This should include an evaluation of depression, lack of desire to eat and drink, and diseases associated with exhaustion such as spasm, azoturia, colic and abnormal heart sounds. **Metabolic parameter considerations: hydration status (skin tenting, mucous membrane, capillary refill, and jugular refill), bowel sounds. Other parameters may be evaluated including muscle soreness, muscle cramping, coordination, urine color, respiration character, sweat, salivation, etc. The horse must be metabolically stable and demonstrate fitness to continue. (2022)**

Rider Requirement Proposal. Nicole Mauser-Storer explained that there was some discussion about when ride results become official. It was decided that this needs to be more specific and define the UMECRA website as the official site for publication. The responsibility will be on the rider to check their points on the website. The language will also need to be updated to remove the Secretary and add in the Webmaster. Jon Wagner made a motion, Linda Mowrer seconded. No objections, approved by unanimous consent. The bylaw change in this area is also needed. Linda Mowrer motioned for this change, Bonnie Mielke seconded. A voice vote was unanimous in support.

M. The UMECRA website: www.umecra.com, shall serve as the official process of notification of ride results and point standings. Ride results and points printed therein become official 30 days after the publication date to the website (Publication dates will be logged on the site.) Riders are responsible for checking ride results and point standings for any potential errors in a timely manner and must report any suspected errors to the Points Keeper and Ride Manager within the 30 days of the publication date. Any discrepancies in the attempts by the Points Keeper, rider and/or the Ride Manager to resolve any suspected errors must be forwarded to the UMECRA Secretary. The UMECRA Secretary will inform the Executive Board of Directors of such discrepancies. The UMECRA Board of Directors will be responsible for the final resolution of these issues in a timely fashion. (2020) (2022)

Due to the passing of this language, a Bylaw change was made to Article VI, Sec.5(b)

The Points-Keeper will keep track of season rider points and division standings and provide them to the **Webmaster and** Newsletter Editor(s) for publication. Points-Keeper will also keep track of horse and rider mileages seasonally and for lifetime records. The Points-Keeper shall be responsible for record-keeping related to awards at season end, as approved by the Board. (2022)

Requiring Helmet's Proposal. Jon Wagner stated that the board agreed to bring this proposal to the membership. Jen Moore read the change in the wording that was approved at the board. Linda Mowrer approved, Jen Moore seconded. The proposal reads as follows:

Ride Requirements: 4.N: All riders, drivers and drivers' grooms are required to wear a helmet.

Discussion. Deb Moe called the question. Seconded. The question was approved to be called. Motion failed.

Elections

President – Theresa Meyer and Sarah Mowrer were nominated. Vote counted Sarah Mowrer is the new president.

Rider Representatives – Kim Fosler, Linda Jacobson, Dr. Wes Elford and Tracy Johnson.

Veterinarian Representative – Dr. Jen Lorenz nominated by Barb Gardiner, seconded. Elected.

MN Representative – Peggy Pasillas nominated Sarah Maass, Ken Meyer seconded. Elected.

WI Representative – Linda Jacobson nominated Barb Gardiner, seconded. Elected.

Director at Large – Jen Moore nominated Theresa Meyer, Deb Moe seconded. Tony Troyer nominated by Jennifer Haras. Seconded. Theresa Meyer elected.

The board would like to extend a thank you and appreciation to the people who are leaving the board; Jen Moore, Laurie Henschel, Lynda Zimmerman and Maxine Bernsdorf.

Announcements

Motion to adjourn by Jon Wagner, seconded by Linda Mowrer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:26pm .