

UMECRA Board Meeting

January 22, 2022

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

Absent: Lynda Zimmerman; Rider Representative

Guest: Dr. Wes Elford

Location: Best Western, La Crescent, MN.

Call to Order: 7:00 a.m. CST

Approval of Minutes: November 13, 2022 BoD minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurers Report: Deb shared details of the report and answered questions. No additions/corrections, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Secretary Report: Janet presented a trail grant request from Bev Specht for signage and winter trail work at St. Croix State Park. Deb motioned to approve; Jen seconded. Grant approved.

Sanctioning Coordinator Report: Theresa presented an update on the 2022 ride calendar. Theresa motioned to approve the schedule as presented for forwarding to the annual meeting. Peggy seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the members of the board. Deb will be sending invoices for the rides by email to each ride manager.

Presidents Report: Jon distributed a letter he received from the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin detailing the balance of the scholarship fund (\$112,756.14) and the amount available for this year's scholarships (\$6,422.27). He also shared a copy of the letter he received from the Northern Kettle Moraine Horse Association thanking UMECRA for their contribution to NKMH trails project. Jon briefly reviewed the US Equestrian Federation plan that was presented Friday evening and suggested that this should be placed on the boards March meeting agenda for further discussion by the board.

Committee Reports:

- Standardize Veterinarian Checks: Dr. Lorenz reported on the effort to standardize veterinarian checks. She will present a rough draft of the proposal to the board through the IO account and add it to the agenda for the March meeting. Dr. Elford reviewed the purpose for his recommendation of this process. Board discussion concluded that there will need to be more work done on the committee before any changes or a proposal will be ready.
- New Member Packet: Deb stated that she has been unable to work on this project due to time constraints. It was suggested that new members names could be mentioned on Facebook account and in the newsletter as a welcome. Peggy will work with Deb and others to place names of new members in the newsletter. Sarah and Janet will help with the new member project.

Old Business:

- Review of proposals for the Annual Meeting: 1) Metabolic Considerations in Competitive Trail Proposal for Competitive Rules 4-A- 4 and 4-B-1 of Veterinary Requirements – judging competitive horses; 2) Change to General Rule 4-M under Rider Requirements; and 3) Requiring Helmets Proposal were reviewed for presentation at the annual meeting. Jon presented a motion on behalf of Lynda Zimmerman to amend the helmet proposal by adding the following statement: *“In the interest of rider safety, ASTM helmets approved for equestrian use are highly recommended.”* Theresa seconded the motion to amend and discussion followed. The vote to amend the proposal failed and will go forward and as written.
- Family Award: Jon provided the language describing the nomination process for the Jan Scott Family award. He suggested that the reference to the “secretary/treasurer” be omitted since there isn’t any reason for either individual to be involved with the nomination process. Board discussed addition of a timeline for when the nomination needed to be submitted. Nicole and Jon will contact Robin and follow up on this award at the March BoD meeting.

New Business:

- 2023 Convention: The location of the 2023 convention, per the rotating schedule, is in IL. Kim has identified a potential site in Dubuque, IA, just outside the IL border. She will bring more info to the March BoD meeting.
- Traveling Trophies: Jan Sasena, UMECRA Awards Coordinator, has purchased plaques for this year’s winners of the Endurance and Competitive Rookie awards. The board will need to decide if it wants to continue with traveling trophies or another award (current trophies have no more available space for names of winners).
- Audit/Review of Treasurers Records: Linda Mowrer and the audit committee will meet following the conclusion of this meeting to review the treasurers’ records. Linda will report on the audit at the annual meeting.
- International Competition Fund: Jon reviewed the current status of the fund and balance; (\$5,813.69) Contributions to this fund have been suspended since 2016 due to the lack of international competition. Suspended funds are currently going to the trails fund.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Deb motioned to adjourn, Peggy second, approved.