

## UMECRA Board Meeting

11-12-22

Present: Present: Sarah Mowrer, President; Linda Mowrer, Vice President; Deb Moe, Treasurer; Janet Sarver, Secretary; Peggy Pasillas, Director at Large; Theresa Meyer, Director at Large; Dr. Jen Lorenz, Veterinary Representative; Linda Jacobson, Rider Representative, Tracy Johnson, Rider Representative; Barb Gardiner, Wisconsin Regional Director; Sarah Maass, Minnesota Regional Director; Sandra Wright, Michigan Regional Director (virtual), Nicole Mauser-Storer, Illinois Regional Director; Kim Fosler, Rider Representative

Absent: Jon Wagner, Past President; Dr. Wesley Elford, Rider Representative

Also attending: Robin Schadt, Points Keeper (virtual); Janette Sasena, Awards Chair

Meeting officially called to order 9:06 am by Sarah Mowrer

Minutes of the March 11, 2022 meeting were approved on the IO account and published in the newsletter and website.

**Treasurer Report** - Deb Moe stated that UMECRA lost a few members this year but 107 new members were added from the clinics. These new members are individuals who were given a complimentary membership from attending a clinic. These individuals will be tracked to see what year they joined and what clinic they attended. There were some rides that were a few days late in debts but Deb stated all of these should be paid soon. Overall profit/loss trends were reviewed. Peggy made a motion to accept the treasurers report. Barb seconded. Treasurer's report approved.

**Awards** – Janette Sasena reported that Elite 8 will have the choice of a jacket or a cooler. Restricted awards will be a wearable down blanket with different colors for divisions. Review of other awards. DRAW sponsors the junior high point award but unsure how often this happens so Barb will contact DRAW to follow up. Janette stated that awards have cost \$2700 so far and may be able to come in under budget. Discussion of the first ride t-shirt form. Theresa will make sure to put it in every ride manager packet for 2023. The first ride has to be endurance, LD or comp with a minimum of 25 miles. Drivers are included. Motion from Dr. Jennifer to include 10 mile minimum for the first time drivers to get a t-shirt. Barb seconded. Approved.

Discussion of travelling trophies. Agreed that these trophies will be kept by the secretary and put on display at convention. Discussion of number and types of awards and how to communicate these to members so they know what awards are out there and deadlines. The Shining Light Award used to have a sponsor that gave \$100 but UMECRA is now taking it over. Peggy and Janet will work on communication for these by December newsletter. Janette stated that Purina has given donations for the novice division in the past. Kim will contact the Purina representation to see if they will sponsor this award for 2022-2023.

**Vet Handbook** – Dr Jennifer Lorenz reviewed the current version of the handbook. She will incorporate any changes and resend out final document to the board. Reviewed veterinary ride agreement form being created for ride managers to give to vets.

11:06am break

11:20 start

**Rules committee** – Theresa reviewed the Rule Change Proposals.

Competitive Rides 3.B. Discussion of leg protection and hoof boots. Agreed that Version 1 will be the one presented for a vote at the convention. Motion by Theresa to accept wording. Peggy seconded. Approved.

Version 1

#### COMPETITIVE RIDES

##### 3. Rider Requirements

B. Devices which serve strictly as leg protection shall be penalized two points per leg per day. Examples include, but are not limited to bell boots, splint boots, wraps, sleeves or any device that was not manufactured to hold hoof protection in place. All types of hoof protection are permissible, including hoof boots with the manufacturer's associated parts. Boots and parts shall NOT extend above the pastern, or the boot will be subject to the two points per day per leg penalty. The judge may request to observe the area covered by the boot and/or the area under any leg protection at any time. If leg protection is not declared, see (H).

Current hoof boot rule:

#### COMPETITIVE RULE

##### 3. Rider Requirements

B. If boots, bandages, or wraps are used, the horse shall be penalized two points per leg per day. Boots and their permanent attachments designed to protect the sole of the hoof are permitted, and shall not be penalized. The judges may request to observe the area covered by the attached strap, keeper or gaiter at any time. If boots are not declared, see (H).

H. The penalty for failing to follow the above requirements: completion only, miles only or disqualification. (2014)

Sanctioning Requirements UMECRA RULES 2.O. Theresa presented the changes. Linda Mowrer made a motion to approve changes in wording of sanctioning fees. Peggy seconded. Approved.

#### SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS

##### 2. UMECRA RULES

O. All sanctioning fees ~~must be paid~~ **are due** by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. If not paid by this date, the ~~ride loses sanctioning for the year~~ Sanctioning Coordinator will send an email to the ride manager (call or letter sent by confirmation delivery) and document that contact has been made requesting the funds. **Late payments will be considered a re-sanctioning request and must be approved by the Board of Directors. Penalties for late**

**payments may include: delay in the posting of the ride flyer online, exclusion of the flyer from the ride book, and loss of ride sanctioning.** It is the ride manager's duty to contact the Sanctioning Coordinator and Treasurer if their contact information has been changed from the previous year.

Endurance Rule 7. Change of midride vet checks for a 100 mile from 3 to 4. Theresa motioned to approve this as written, Linda Mowrer seconded. Approved.

#### ENDURANCE RULE

7. There must be a minimum of two **midride** vet checks on a 50-mile ride and a minimum of ~~three~~ **four midride** checks on a 100-mile ride.

Competitive Driving Rule General Rules D. Linda Jacobsen interviewed drivers and the drivers agreed that any suggested change should come from the Midwest Distance Driving Association (MDDA). Drivers can also talk to the ride manager about any concerns. Tabled.

#### COMPETITIVE DRIVING RULES GENERAL RULES

D. Drivers should be started at 5 minute intervals. This may be shortened by a minute or two if number of entries exceeds 12.

Article VIII Membership Section 1 Eligibility – this be voted on by membership in January 2023. Board approved it at the March meeting.

#### ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY. Membership in this organization shall be limited to active members only. Such active memberships shall be granted to individuals, to families and to endurance and/or competitive trail rides.

(a) All persons shall be eligible for an individual membership.

(b) Family memberships shall consist of one or more related, or coupled as significant other, adults and/or children of such adults who are less than 18 years of age, all of whom reside in the same household.

(c) Endurance and/or competitive rides shall be granted a membership on proper application approved by the Board of Directors.

(d) Each member shall abide by the rules and regulations established by the corporation.

Section 2. DUES. No endurance or competitive trail ride, individual, or family shall become an active member of this organization unless or until it/s/he shall first pay to the corporation the annual dues which shall be set by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 3. RIDER REPRESENTATIVES. Individual members and family memberships of the corporation shall be entitled to vote for the four Rider Representatives who shall serve as delegates to the annual or special meetings of the corporation. Ride managers are not eligible to be elected as Rider Representatives. Family memberships shall be entitled to ~~as many votes, up to a maximum of two~~ **votes** per family membership ~~as there are adults within the family unit.~~

11:51 lunch break

Return to meeting 12:34

Convention Update – Kim and Nicole stated that the date for the convention is Friday January 20, 2023 through Sunday January 22, 2023 at the Grand River Center, 350 Bell Street Dubuque IA 52001. Room cost includes water park entry and continental breakfast. Attendees must call the hotel to make booking – state that are with the UMECRA Convention so that the club gets the discount. Discussion of online registration. Deb and Kim will set this up. Kristine Jubeck will do the Silent Auction.

Insurance – Deb presented information in insurance coverage. This issue was discussed and will be brought up again at the January 2023 board meeting.

International Competition/USEF – Theresa presented an update of this area. She will be a part of the North Central Zone committee that meets monthly to give feedback to USEF. USEF is trying to make the “lite” rides less expensive to encourage interest. Anyone interested in international riding should contact Theresa.

Sanctioning Coordinator – Theresa has submitted her request to continue in this position. Approved.

Newsletter – Peggy will continue to be the editor for two more years. Discussion of printing versus emailing the newsletter. Agreed to continue both options.

Sanctioning Coordinator - Theresa presented updates to the 2023 ride calendar.

- New ride request Early Bird April 29-30 2023 in Sand Ridge State Forest, Illinois
- Endure will stay in May.
- Trade River Run has a new ride manager.
- New ride Dakota Dash will be at the Sheyenne Oaks campground in North Dakota on 8/5-8/6 2023.
- Northern Highlands has changed their name to DRAW Prairie River.
- Pine Martin will end due to low attendance.
- Huntersville 100 will be an AHA National Ride so DRAW will be looking at another date.
- Iron Oak will have a new ride manager (to be announced).
- Ride flyers are due February 1, 2023 to Theresa.
- AHA Nationals discussion. Sarah Maass will present more information at January convention and board meeting.

Linda Jacobsen read a letter from Jon Wagner regarding awards and LD weight divisions. Discussion. No action taken at this time.

Alcohol and bad language – Sarah Mowrer reviewed a letter received about this topic. Sarah Mowrer stated that ride etiquette will be addressed at the convention with the ride managers. Deb will look into insurance liability around the use of alcohol at rides.

Unsafe Horses – Dr. Jennifer stated that the veterinary handbook addresses this area in the vet check and pulse areas.

Ride and Tie – Nicole presented the idea of having Ride and Tie during UMECRA rides. She will gather more information and present at the March board meeting.

UMECRA sponsoring a Flickr photo account - Deb has looked into this topic. She can create a website for all UMECRA photos and do a sample for the January meeting. Agreed.

Hall of Fame nominees – there are two nominations. Board will vote on the nominations through the IO account.

Other

- Intro rides – discussion of Intro rides and recognition for riders.

3:17pm Motion to adjourn by Dr. Jennifer. Seconded by Peggy. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Sarver, UMECRA Secretary