

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



Ready, Set, Go...! Start planning!

- 4/20- 21 Brighton Competitive Trails Spring – Howell, MI
- 5/4-5 MnDRA1, Orrock, MN
- 5/4-5 White River Spring, Hesperia, MI
- 5/4-4 Kettles & Bits, New Prospect, WI
- 5/11-12 Glacier Trails, Palmyra, WI
- 5/18-19 Run for the Border, St Croix Falls, WI
- 5/25-26 Grand Island, Rapid River, MI
- 6/1-2 Maplewood West, Pelican Rapids, MN
- 6/8-9 ApDRA, Palmyra, WI
- 6/8-9 White River Summer, Hesperia, MI
- 6/8 Double Eagle Dance, Elsberry, MO
- 6/14-16 SE MN, Forestville, MN
- 6/22-23 Hopkins Creek, Manton, MI
- 6/22-23 Dead Dog Creek, Kinmundy, IL
- 6/29-30 AHDRA1 – My Backyard, Wyanet, IL
- 7/5-6 Endless Valley, Spring Green, WI
- 7/6-7 AHAM, Augusta, MI
- 7/13-14 Mosquito Run, Rogers, MN
- 7/12-14 AHDRAII Endure for the Cure, Washington, IL
- 7/20-21 Grand Island North, Limestone, MI
- 7/20-21 AHDRA2.5 Zumbro Bottoms Boogie, Wabasha, MN
- 7/26-28 Wildcat, Palmyra, WI
- 8/4 Warm-up, Oscoda, MI
- 8/5-9 Shore to Shore, Lake Huron/Michigan, MI
- 8/10 Cool Down, Empire, MI
- 8/10-11 Louise Reidel Memorial, Arkdale, WI
- 8/17-18 Thistle Down Run, Frazee, MN
- 8/17-18 Rock River Charity, Utica, IL
- 8/24-25 Northern Highland, TBD in WI
- 8/31-9/2 White River Fall-Labor Day, Hesperia, MI
- 9/7-8 Charity Cup, Pillager, MN
- 9/7-8 Keweenaw, Lake Linden, MI
- 9/7-8 Lincoln Trail, Kinmundy, IL
- 9/14-15 Colorama Classic, Greenbush, WI
- 9/14-15 Tin Cup Springs, Luther, MI
- 9/21-22 Run for the Ridge, Fairfax, MN
- 9/28-29 Pine Marten Run, Nahma Junction, MI
- 10/3-6 DRAWarama, Palmyra, WI
- 10/12-13 Iron Oak, Arkdale, WI
- 10/12-13 Oak Leaf Run, Hamilton, MI
- 10/19-20 Point Chaser, Wabasha, MN
- 10/24-27 AHA National, Chandlerville, IL

Ride Managers – please let me know if I missed anything or entered it incorrectly!
Thanks! Peggy UMECRAnews@gmail.com

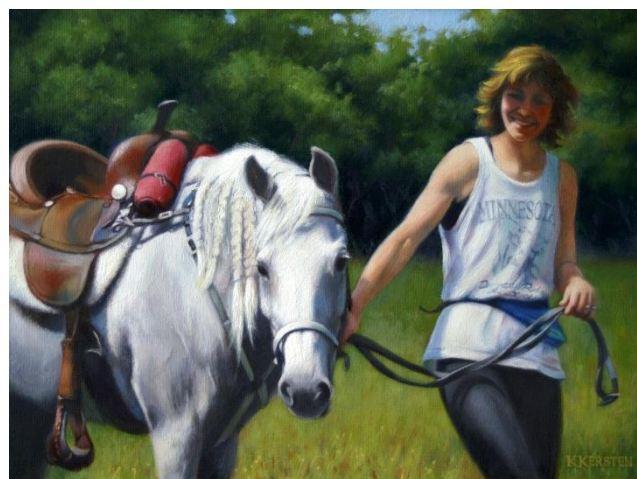


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Know Your UMECRA Board....

Theresa Meyers – UMECRA President



I grew up on the Iowa/MN border about 30 miles below LaCrosse, WI. My sister and I rode 2 ponies as kids, which were sold by my dad when we went off to college. I never grew out of the horse thing, and got a horse again when my youngest went off the kindergarten. I thought I was in the market for a QH gelding to trail ride – ended up with an arab mare. She was very well mannered and well trained. I knew nothing about distance riding.

Our company was an early adopter of the internet in the workplace and I found a bulletin board of Arab horse owners – because I was having trouble. Too much go – though my dad's style of riding her didn't help that - as I boarded her at my dad's the first summer. This mare was the weirdest thing I ever owned. My ponies needed a

handful of grain and apple to get anywhere near them, this mare didn't care if she saw the halter and happily left all her friends in the barn with her ears forward on solo trail rides. A veterinarian on the message board was a distance riding vet and suggested I check it out and the rest is history. Destinee is still competing with my daughter Tanya or me aboard.

Started distance riding in 1997, slowly my husband and two kids joined me. I managed my first ride 3 years after I started the sport and my first year doing endurance.

I pay for my horse habit working as a producer/director for Twin Cities Public Television who has brought you Suze Orman, Newton's Apple, and wonderful Christmas choir concerts each year from MN and IA. Ken is a teacher. Son – Dylan graduated in May 2012 – Tanya's a sophomore in college. I love UMECRA scholarships!

Barb Kurti

I started riding lessons(jumping) when I was 11. Got my first horse(Quarter horse) when I was 13 and did 4-H and open shows plus worked with other horses we accumulated.

My mom bought a Purebred Arab, Synthiana in foal and in 1987, Synerator (Bud) arrived. Bud and I started distance riding in 1994 by showing up at the White River Ride not knowing anyone or anything. We partnered up with Joyce DeVries (Mocilan). She mentored me and then I was hooked.

I've competed in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio (Comp. Ntl), New York, Tennessee, Florida and attempted the Tevis in 2006 on Bud when he was 19.

The last 6 years I've volunteered with our Sheriff's Mounted Unit as a Lt. This unit you are not allowed to use your own horse, so this year I stepped down to focus more time on my own. I'm still part of the Enforcement Unit that does events on foot without the added training and preparation that horses take.

In 2007 I bought a mare from West Virginia (untouched) and had her bred right away. As we started increasing miles, she kept getting tight in the hind. After two years of this I had a muscle biopsy done last year and the results were a moderate case of PSSM type 2 plus Insulin Resistant. These types of horses need to be on a strict diet and exercised daily. So far she has not been able to do back to back rides but was able to finish 3 50's last year. I broke her son last year (he also is IR and most likely has PSSM type 2) and will start to compete him this year. It will be interesting how this year goes and if all my hard work starts to pay off.

In my spare time....I'm also in training to do a couple more triathlons.

In 2009 I took over Oak Leaf Run when Bonnie Tobias could no longer manage it due to her cancer. The first year I had three weeks to organize the ride from scratch, plus it was at a new location. Considering 75% of the trails were flooded, it went very good.

I'm a Loss Prevention Manager for Napa Auto Parts, been with my husband going on 29 years and have 3 horses (Bud 26, Trika 11 and Kulta 5) and board 1. A dog, cats and chickens.



Tony Troyer(aka: The Big Red BeardedGuy!)

Ride Manager for:

- Rock River Chairty Ride, Mathissen St. Park,Utica, IL- 14 years
- AHDRA- Big River Ride, Keithsburg, IL - 4 years
- AHA National Championship Competitive Trail Ride- Keithsburg, IL 2008
- USEF Selection Trial's - Oakwood, IL 2010

Arabian Horse Assoc: Distance Committee Vice Chair, Arabian Horse Distance Riding Assoc.; Delegate Heavyweight-Rider/Driver
Joined UMECRA: 1989 / 90

Have completed in Endurance: Best accomplishment 3- Day 150mile ride in Canada, Limited Distance, Competitive and Competitive Driving - Top 5 UMECRA & MDDA Champion Rookie in 2007, Top 5

UMECRA 2008, and Champion Pair/ Team2009

I have competed with Quarter Horses, Purebred and Half Arabian's, and Spotted Saddle Horse's.

Offices held in UMECRA: Vice President 2 terms, IL Director 2 terms

UMECRA Committee's; Rules &By-Laws, Mentor, Financial, Convention, International Competition's Fund

Important info- I always have beer!!! This is also good information to know :):)

Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Rides Association

It was formed in 1972. Our mission statement is simple, and has not changed much in 41 years:

UMECRA was formed with the goal of promoting the sport of endurance, competitive riding and good horsemanship under the direction of qualified veterinarians.

Furthermore, it was founded by a group of ride managers to standardize a set of rules for the various rides to reduce variation in the way rides were managed, to coordinate ride dates, to tally points, and to present year-end awards at an annual banquet.

Our meetings are not very sexy, I must admit. But our rides in the upper Midwest are the hallmark our region. According to AERC, the Midwest Region, in which UMECRA is a part of had a total of 192 rides. The next closest is the Northwest with 125. There are 104 LD rides that riders can participate in in the Midwest region. That's more than double any other region. From mid-April to the first week of November you can participate and ride in UMECRA -- every weekend!

What does it take to put on a ride? First money - prizes, food, pay for the veterinarians, permits, office supplies are some of the tangible costs. Some rides are hosted by clubs, but many are put on by individuals. Entry fees are charged to make back this money. Time - a week's vacation is not uncommon to put on a ride. This doesn't count the shopping for supplies, time on the phone getting permits, toilets, lining up vets, scribes, timers, prizes, etc. And the ride manager must do results reports for at least 2 organizations, AERC and UMECRA. Rides do need vets and volunteers - thanks to those who continue to work in our sport.

And lastly to put on a ride - ride managers rely on riders. Every year, we hope that that when we spend this money and time we hope riders will show up - in good weather or bad. We hope we have an enjoyable experience for you and your equine partner. We hope you bring your friends. We hope everyone talks to others when they trail ride or condition and when at the feed store and now on Facebook too, so more people come and find out about this wonderful and challenging experience you can have with your horse or mule.

AERC is looking at how UMECRA introduces new riders to the sport as a model for their future. That's pretty cool. This is even as we try to do more and more to promote distance riding in our own region. Other regions look at UMECRA as they try and add more rides to their schedule. Thank you ride managers, thank you vets, thank you volunteers, and thanks riders. We look forward to a fun and rewarding season ahead.

Theresa Meyer, UMECRA President

Offering a Distance Clinic?

UMECRA will provide a FREE one year membership to all new riders! This is a full membership with electronic newsletter and ridebook! A copy of the special new member form is available later in the newsletter and at UMECRA.com! Let the recruiting begin! ☺

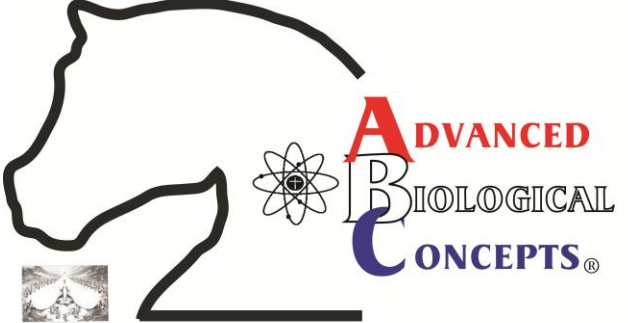
If you are hosting a distance clinic and need insurance, UMECRA may be able to help you out! Contact Jill Feller for requirements!

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KETTLE's N BITS RIDE Update:

The trails at the Northern Kettles are still being used by snowmobiles due to the long winter weather we are experiencing. If Kettles N Bits ride is cancelled due to trail conditions, we will post the announcement on the UMECRA and DRAW websites and Facebook pages. Watch for updates on those sites. You can also contact the RM via email or phone: Jill Feller: jfeller@nconnect.net or 920.948.9502.

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Horse ID Requirements Increase For Interstate Travel

By: Lindsay Berreth / The Chronicle of the Horse February 11, 2013

Starting March 11, U.S. Department of Agriculture officials will implement the Animal Disease Traceability Program to improve their ability to trace livestock during a disease outbreak.

The new system applies to all livestock crossing state lines. And while the ADTP's primary purpose is to track disease

outbreaks among cattle, it's expected to be an important tool in containing equine outbreaks as well.

The ADTP shouldn't require drastic changes for horse owners, as most states already require a health certificate to travel over state lines. Each horse will need a state-approved identity document prior to movement, such as the commonly used Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI), for interstate travel.

Mid-Atlantic and Southern horse owners have the option of getting an Equine Interstate Event Permit, which is good for six months and includes 15 states from Texas to Virginia, as well as New York.

For horse owners in the western United States, a six-month Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and Interstate Movement Permit is available for travel between the states of Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Washington.

"Basically, instead of it being every state having [an individual health certificate] requirement, the USDA just made it a national requirement. If you're following the rules now, you won't have to change too much," said Ben Pendergrass, legislative director at the American Horse Council. "As with any new legislation, there's going to be some confusion. The USDA has stated that because they anticipate confusion, and there's going to be the process of educating people, that they're not going to really enforce the rule for at least a year so that people have time to understand [it]."

To be properly identified on an ICVI, horses must either have a description (including, but not limited to, name, age, breed, color, gender, distinctive markings, brands, tattoos, scars, cowlicks, blemishes or biometric measurements), an electronic identification (such as a microchip), a non-ISO electronic identification, digital photographs, or a USDA backtag for horses being transported to slaughter.

Your vet can issue an ICVI at roughly the same cost as the traditional 30-day health certificate. In the event of a disease outbreak, these documents will be used to trace horses that have been at the site of the outbreak and the horses that have come into contact with them.

There are a few exclusions to the new rule, such as horses traveling to another state to receive veterinary services then returning to their original location, and horses being used as a mode of transportation to travel to another state then returning to their original location. If a horse travels through another state to a second location in their original state, they won't need an ICVI either.

According to Oregon state veterinarian Brad LeaMaster, DVM, Ms, PhD, horse shows aren't required to ask for an ICVI, but horse owners should be prepared to have the proper paperwork in hand. "Out-of-state entry requirements have to be followed, regardless of whether a show asks for the papers or not," he said.

In Oregon, for example, LeaMaster said that the Oregon Department of Agriculture doesn't have the adequate personnel to check compliance at every show, but they perform random spot checks throughout the season. The penalties for not complying with the new rule after the grace period will likely be applied on a case-by-case basis, but LeaMaster said that typically, a written or verbal warning will be issued for first-time offenders, and that repeat offenders might be subject to civil penalties.

Because the USDA has given individual states the ability to approve other methods of movement documentation besides an ICVI, such as an owner-shipper statement, Coggins test or brand certificate, it's best to pick up the phone. "Call the destination state prior to traveling and ask for current import requirements," recommended LeaMaster.

For more information about the ADTP, including more exclusions, see the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services website's FAQ sheet, or visit the American Horse Council's website.

Top 5 Basic Safety Changes to Your Barn

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"There is no such thing as an accident--it is simply fate, misnamed," Napoleon Bonaparte.

In other words, no matter how unfortunate the situation, something somewhere probably could have prevented it from happening. The issue is usually having enough knowledge to understand where the problems lie and also checking back regularly to fix things that break.

How can you prevent basic safety accidents around your barn? Remember that your horses are not the only ones that can get injured, so can you. Another wise thing to do is have an outside eye look at your facility and give you honest feedback about what you can do to fix it.

1. Give yourself and the horse egress room, and more of it. The wider the stall door, doors out of the

barn, and trailer doors – the less the chance of the horse catching a hip or crushing a person while moving through the space. According to National Fire Protection Association standards, there should be egress from a building every 50 feet; yet there are so many barns that are 150 feet long with only an egress at the far ends.

2. Minimize slick floors. Neither humans or horses can walk on slick concrete, plywood, or cheap rubber mats with no grip, especially when they get wet. When installing concrete, groom it to give it a texture and a slight angle so that it drains easily. Try not to get the floor wet before you have to lead horses down the aisle, and consider the use of heavy textured rubber mats in the wash rack and inside your horse trailer. One of the worse surfaces for horses is wet asphalt--the oils that exude from hot asphalt can be extremely slick. Many horses have been injured just being led across these surfaces.

3. Minimize the ever-present loose nails, wires, splinters, and sharp edges. Horses are tough on their surroundings, but so is Mother Nature. The wind blows and pulls nails loose or drops branches onto fencing. Rain and humidity cause things to become rusty and fall apart. You must do a regular hunt for these types of protrusions and be especially vigilant about failures of your horse's security system: the fence. Remember to look around inside the stalls and your horse trailer for similar protrusions and dangerous sharp edges.

4. Improve lighting around your barn, especially the places that you might go in the dark (feeding, checking on foaling mares, waterers, etc.). Firefighters have a phrase, "There is no reason to suffer in the dark." They know that a great number of injuries happen when you can't see what you are doing, and that you aren't as effective at a task, either. The side benefit is that security of your barn will be greatly increased at the same time. For example, lights can be motion sensed. This is a great way to get the light you need without paying too much for it, if you set it to only stay on while you are present.

5. While improving the lighting (#4 above) you will need to hire an electrical contractor to install the electrical for that, and while they are there have them evaluate your barn's electrical service. If you want to put in a water heater, microwave, and fans (agricultural rated fans only, please!) then you will want to tell them that so that they can make sure your electrical can handle that load. Since electrical issues cause a majority of barn fires (along with burning

cigarette butts), you can sleep in peace knowing that you have completed a major task to ensure safety in your barn.

Some of you may have other ideas for general safety around your facilities. Share your ideas by sending them to UMECRAnews@gmail.com We can all learn from each other's successes and failures.

The UMECRA board wishes to thank Chair of the Blue Ribbon Committee, Marty Power for all her work the last year making the Blue Ribbon Committee Report come together. She orchestrated a group of 20 people - which formed subcommittees to comment on proposals brought forth in a letter submitted to the board by Dr. Robert Beecher. They met three times via phone bridge for discussion thanks to Marty's coordination. Marty and other committee members asked for comments on proposals from newsletters, facebook and personal communication. Marty also gathered together all the information for the November board meeting. A discussion was held at that meeting and board members needed more time for further review the comments and suggestions in the report. Marty and Julie Jackson-Biegert a report during the annual convention.

Again the board truly appreciates Marty's role in coordinating this committee and all it's communication. We sincerely thank Marty for trying to get horse people to talk about something other than horses during the spring and summer.

The board also wishes to thank other members of the committee: Barb Gardner, Barb Kurti, Barry Saylor, Bruce Birr, Cathy Cook, Dawn Haas, Dianne Schmidt, Elinore Tonsor, Gene Dake, Holly Kermis, Joslyn Seefeldt, Julie Jackson-Biegert, Lori Windows, Lynn Reichert, Peggy Pasillas, Pam Fullerton, Robin Schadt, Tony Troyer, Wayne Gastfield and Dr. Beecher.

If you missed it the report is at http://www.umecra.com/MeetingMinutes/2012BODMeetings/Blue%20Ribbon%20Committee%20Report%20final%20draft%20_1_.pdf

or go to www.umecra.com click on board of directors and scroll to Blue Ribbon Committee Report.

Notice to all UMECRA Members!
 The Brushy Creek Spring Ride has been cancelled!! The Fall ride is ON!

RIDEBOOKS or CDS:

The 2013 ride books or CD's have been mailed out. If you have renewed your membership and have not received a ride book/CD, please contact Jill Feller at: jfeller@nconnect.net or [920.948.9502](tel:920.948.9502). Thank you!

Ride Manager/Vet Handbooks Sent

The ride manager/vet handbooks were sent out to ride managers the week of March 18. So you should have received them by now. If you did not get a copy, or would like an extra please notify Theresa Meyer at tmeyer@tpt.org or call her at 763-753-5236.

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**Meeting minutes for BOD Spring Meeting  
 March 9, 2013**

**Attendance:** Jill Feller, Bill Suskey, Maxine Bernsdorf, Joslyn Seefeldt, Wayne Gastfield, Barb Kurti, Theresa Meyer, Tony Troyer, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Peggy Pasillas, Dianne Schmidt, Sarah Mowrer, Bonnie Mielke

**Guests:** Jon Wagner, Linda Jacobson, Jan Sasena, Linda Mowrer

**Called to order by President Theresa Meyer at 11:37 am.**

**Minutes for January meeting presented** Tony motioned; Max seconded to approve morning BOD meeting minutes; passed. Tony motioned, seconded by Wayne to approve annual meeting minutes; passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Wayne motioned, Joslyn seconded to accept report as presented below; passed.

|                               | <u>Mar 2, 13</u> |
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| <b>ASSETS</b>                 |                  |
| <b>Current Assets</b>         |                  |
| <b>Checking/Savings</b>       |                  |
| <b>Convention fund</b>        | 3,666.83         |
| <b>ICF Fund</b>               | 7,884.76         |
| <b>Mayville Savings Bank</b>  | 12,622.50        |
| <b>Trail checking</b>         | <u>4,597.69</u>  |
| <b>Total Checking/Savings</b> | <u>28,771.78</u> |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>   | 28,771.78        |

**Old Business:**

- **Blue Ribbon Committee**
- Riders voting for officers only vs. having geographic delegates' topic. The subcommittee's opinion is that they would rather support the geographic delegate's option and not have all riders vote. There was no more discussion on this topic.
- A discussion was held on a proposed by-law change that would introduce state delegates.
  - What is the difference between these representatives and a rider representative? These would be designated from each state vs. from the general membership body that the rider's representatives come from.
  - Joslyn motioned to not move forward with the by-law change; seconded by Wayne; passed. No further discussion.
- Voting privileges of appointed positions (sanctioning coordinator, newsletter editor, points keeper, Webmaster).
  - If those positions get voting rights, then they should be being elected and not appointed. We need to have the best people in these positions and being elected we may lose that. The members attending the meeting in these positions choose the positions because they want to do the job and enjoy the work; having voting privileges is not why they have volunteered for the position. There was no action taken and no further discussion.
- Marty Power sent an email to all members of the BRC and the BOD explaining the process she used throughout the meetings and in organizing the thoughts of the committee which allowed several proposals to be presented the BOD.
- **Abused/over ridden horses issue**
- Dr. Olivia was working on this issue and was unable to make the meeting. This discussion is tabled until the November meeting.
- **Ride Behavior rule**
- Tony motioned, Jill seconded to bring motion off of table; passed.
  - This is an informal complaint process; it provides a way to approach the board with a minor complaint and not a formal grievance.
  - There should be fee attached to this so there is meaning put behind it just like the protest process.
  - After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the proposal will be re-written and presented again at the fall meeting.
- **Bylaw – age/experience limit**

ARTICLE III  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. The property and business of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. Only Delegates may be elected as Officers or as Directors, with the following exceptions: the Board position of Veterinarian Representative will be composed of an endurance or competitive ride veterinarian, President (see, Article III, Section 5, below), and Secretary/Treasurer (see, Article III, Section 7, below). Authorized alternate voting delegates shall not be eligible for election for the purpose of this section. (1/25/09)

The Board shall not be less than three in number and not more than sixteen. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, immediate Past President, two members elected at large, or more as may be determined by majority of the Board of Directors up to a maximum of six, a Veterinarian Representative and four geographic board members and four rider representatives. (1/23/10). The Veterinarian Representative will be elected to a two year term commencing at the January 2008 convention. Each state, or foreign country which maintains a minimum of 25 UMECRA memberships (individuals to count as one and families to count as two) and which hosts a minimum of five sanctioned rides in the preceding season, shall be eligible to have an official delegate from that state or foreign country nominated and elected by the official delegates to the general meeting to a two-year term as geographic board member. If more than four states or foreign countries qualify, the number of rides shall be the first qualifier for determination of which four geographic areas are eligible, followed by the number of memberships within that state or country. If still tied, the state or foreign country with the largest number of rides over the history of UMECRA shall be given priority.

One, two, or three directors at large will be elected each year for two-year terms, to stagger their service, or until their successor shall have been elected at the annual meeting by majority vote of the attending delegates at the convention. Commencing at the 1997 convention, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota will initially qualify for geographic board members. Commencing at the 1997 convention, Illinois, Michigan's geographic board members will be elected at the convention, together with one at-large board member. The geographic board positions will be filled for 1997 by current Directors at Large, Monna Radtke and Dianne Kuhn. Their geographic positions will come up for election at the 1998 convention, together with the second at-large board position. The geographic board members will be nominated by delegates from their respective states and elected by the voting delegates at large at the general meeting. **To be eligible for election to the board of directors, members must be at least 18**

**years old and be a UMECRA member for the previous 2 years.**

- Tony motioned, Wayne seconded to accept the underlined addition to this by-law; passed. This by-law change will be presented at the annual meeting in January 2014.
- **Convention fee**
- Should the convention fee be limited? We do have written guidelines on the convention which will assist the convention manager with some decisions.
- Convention fees should be limited to no more than \$7.00; if more than \$7.00 is needed to pay for additional expenses of the convention, the convention manager needs to contact the BOD to get approval. Tony motioned, Joslyn seconded; if convention fee of more than \$7.00 is needed, the BOD needs to approve the increase.
- **Paypal type payment update.**
- There is a fee that would need to be passed on to riders; this fee is up to 4% of costs. For example: if a RM is paying \$100 in rider fees, the Paypal fee is \$4.00. Peggy will send out a survey monkey questionnaire asking if there is an interest in credit card payments for memberships and rider fees. The Paypal costs will be passed on to the user using the service. For membership fees, it will be a flat fee of \$2-\$2.50/membership but for rider fees and insurance costs, the added fee will be a percentage of the total. If there is an interest with RM's and members, a UMECRA Paypal account will be created for future use.

**New Business:**

- **Family membership definition**
- The UMECRA family definition has been put on the membership form to help clarify what is a family membership.
- **Donation Form**
- A form has been created for all future donation requests regarding trail grants or grants to sponsor a UMECRA booth at one of the state expos or horse fairs. This form can be downloaded from the website or obtained from Jill Feller. Members need to complete the form and send it to the president or secretary/treasurer to present at the next BOD meeting.
- **Voting process-self nominated forms**
- Should we request that members who would like to run for a position on the BOD nominate themselves in writing before the annual convention? The nomination forms would then be published for members to read before the meeting and can make a more informed decision.

- This topic will be discussed at the annual meeting in January.
- **Sanction form update**
- The sanction form has been updated so **all** forms are listed and ride managers can now request the forms that are available electronically. The forms still be available electronically on the website ride manager page.
- **Promotion committee**
- We need to reorganize the committee as some of the members have left. Nicole and Barb would like to be on the committee but don't want to be chair. Theresa and Tony will contact some members to ask if they would be interested in being part of this committee.
- Each state should have input into how to get new members and how to promote UMECRA; AERC is doing some research on getting new members that we may be able to play off of.
- Ride clinics should be held in each state to raise awareness and generate new members. Wisconsin holds a clinic every March; the clinic is run by DRAW or ApDRA and they are very well attended.
  - Dianne motioned; Joslyn seconded to offer a free first-time UMECRA membership to ride clinic attendees (not to include Expos or Horse Fairs);
  - Jill will create a new membership form to use; it will be tracked on the membership spreadsheet over the years.
- **New member committee**
- Joslyn, Pam Cotton, Lynn Reichert, Linda Mowrer are all remaining members on this committee. Some other members will be contacted to see if they would be interested.
- **Ride year defined**
- What is the UMECRA ride year? Wayne motioned, Sarah seconded that the UMECRA ride season begins on the first Monday in November; passed.
- **Trail grant request from SKMTRA:**
- Bonnie motioned; Joslyn seconded to donate \$250 for the Southern Kettle Moraine to provide some inclement weather protection in the shelter and some new wheel barrows; passed.
- **State trailer licensing requirements:**
- A small discussion was held on each state requirement to be in compliance with the DOT regulations on pulling trailers. Each state is different and within a state it can be confusing with different answers. Members can find information by visiting the DOT site in each state.
- **Bonnie motioned, Dianne seconded to adjourn the meeting.**

Jill Feller  
 UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer

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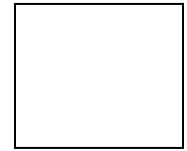
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