

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



Letter from the Prez....

Convention is just around the corner, and I hope you will plan to attend. There will be socializing without helmet hair, education without being dragged around camp by your mount, a meeting where you don't have to stand and get play by play of the trail layout, and awards to honor our riders who "clean up pretty well" and horses who are safely tucked in at home. There will be some fine food and engaging conversation. Don't forget there is UMECRA's Silent Auction where proceeds go to help the trails fund, convention fund and scholarship fund. Donations of new and gently used tack, clothing, blankets, jewelry, homemade food and treats, ride gift certificates, tack cleaning, manure picking, feed, electrolytes, and other fun things are most welcome. Contact Peggy Pasillas (peggy@pasillas.net, 651.353.7959 or PM via Facebook) for more info. There will also be a tack swap this year with 15% of the proceeds going to UMECRA. Contact Nancy Salazar at 952.715.7664 for details.

During the meeting there will be elections for **Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Directors at Large, and Michigan and Wisconsin** representatives. For these positions you must be a ride manager. For the secretary-treasurer job you may be a ride manager or past ride manager.

Why ride managers? UMECRA was founded by a group of ride managers to make rides across our region run by a consistent set of rules, and to honor those riders and horses who came to the rides and did well with awards at the end of the year. Ride managers have money, time and resources sunk into their rides and

UMECRA is there to supply paperwork, insurance and other support like promotion. Riders, ride managers, and veterinarians can all be UMECRA members. And you are eligible for year-end awards if you are a member.

The annual meeting on Saturday afternoon is attended by delegates, alternate voting delegates (proxies) and other interested folks. Ride managers are automatically delegates to the meeting. If a ride manager cannot make it, they can choose before the meeting, to have someone else represent and vote for their ride. Many times ride managers are looking for UMECRA members to attend the meeting for them and vote for them. So if you are a ride manager looking for someone to vote for you, please let others know so you can be represented. If you are a rider who is going to the meeting and would like to be an alternate voting delegate please get the word out. Typically delegates, alternate voting delegates, rider representatives and the vet representatives are the people who participate in the meeting. Other members can certainly attend the meeting, but may not get to voice their opinions during discussion if time is short. So if you are a rider who has an opinion on an agenda item, please let your rider representative know. Check the minutes in this newsletter and the newsletter from April for rules, resolutions, and bylaw changes that will be coming to a meeting near you in January.

Stay warm and see you soon,
Theresa Meyer
UMECRA President.

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Make sure your email address for UMECRA is correct. Every month, we get bounces from 20+ people whose email addresses are no longer valid. It is your responsibility to ensure your email address is correct. Not receiving email messages from UMECRAnews@gmail.com? Check your SPAM folder and mark us as "not SPAM".

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ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS!

At the 2015 Annual Meeting held in Michigan, it was decided to rotate the location of the Annual Meeting on a four-year rotation scheduled between the states with the highest membership: Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and Michigan.

Therefore, the 2017 Annual Meeting is being held in Rochester, MN at the Doubletree by Hilton, 150 South Broadway, Rochester, MN.

Thanks to the generosity of the Minnesota Distance Riding Association (MnDRA) your convention expenses will be very minimal. The tentative three-day event is as follows:

Friday, January 27, 2017

3pm - Registration Check in items for the Tack Swap and Silent Auction

7pm - AHDRA Reception and Awards

Saturday, January 28, 2017

7am – UMECRA BOD Meeting

8am – Ride Managers Meeting

10am – Speaker: Colleen Carter, DVM – (Tentative) Colic

1pm – General Meeting

5:30pm – Cocktails – Dinner – Awards – Silent Auction

9pm - DJ Music

Sunday, January 29, 2017

AHDRA & Mndra Meetings

9am - MnDRA Annual Meeting and 2016 Awards

Questions can be directed to:

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Peggy Pasillas: Silent Auction Coordinator – 651-353-7959

Nancy Salazar/Victoria Robison –

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njsalazar12@gmail.com -

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Jim Andriaskos:

AHDRA President – 815-276-2043

Teresa Fett:

MnDRA President – 218-334-5711

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CONVENTION INFORMATION!

100 rooms have been set aside for UMECRA @\$119.00. Reservations may be made by calling the DoubleTree by Hilton - [507-281-8000](tel:507-281-8000) and mentioning the Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Rides Association.

Guestroom blocks will be held until January 6, 2017. After this date, any rooms in the blocks that have not been reserved will be released and made available for public sale. The DoubleTree will continue to take reservations for UMECRA as long as rooms are available. Special rates may not be available after January 6.

Rates quoted are per room per night, single or double occupancy. All rates are subject to state and local taxes, currently at 14.875%.

Parking is \$15/day at the hotel. Other parking options are available.

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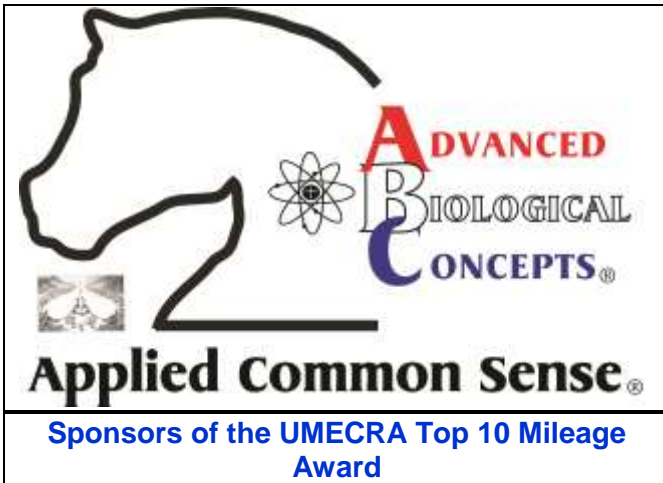
Watch your email box in January for a test of electronic voting. 2018 Rider Representative Voting may be by electronic ballot. We are still working out the details, and the January test is part of that process.

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Looking for new places to ride in your area and beyond?

Check out <http://trailmeister.com/>

Lots of information there on trails and all things trails! Search by city, state, even zip codes! You can even add trails that you know about.



Open Positions for 2017

Open Positions for 2017 At the January Annual Meeting the following positions will be up for election: Vice President Secretary/Treasurer, Illinois Regional Director Michigan Regional Director, (2) Director at Large positions If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Jill Feller at: jfeller@nconnect.net or by regular mail at: **Jill Feller, N9280 County Road TW, Mayville, WI 53050** or by phone at: [920-948-9502](tel:920-948-9502).

The Board will be appointing the following positions at the November Board meeting: Pointskeeper and Webmaster.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Jill Feller at: jfeller@nconnect.net or by regular mail at: **Jill Feller, N9280 County Road TW, Mayville, WI 53050** or by phone at: [920-948-9502](tel:920-948-9502)

Attention all UMECRA members!
Time to renew for 2017!

Riders Choice Nominations Sought!

It is time to make your nominations for this year's Rider's Choice Award. This award originated in 1981, and has been presented annually at the UMECRA Convention and Awards banquet following a vote of those present at the convention. This year's Rider Choice is sponsored by John Sturm.

- The guidelines to be considered when nominated a horse for this honor are as follow:
1. A horse that has shown superior ability in it division
 2. A horse that has been a consistent competitor
 3. A horse that has shown its ability to overcome setbacks
 4. Any horse, for any reasons, the nominator admires and feels is a superior representative of the "Distance Horse."

When submitting your nomination, please include a description of the horse's accomplishments and the reasons why you are nominating the horse. There is a form on the UMECRA website under the Awards tab, then scroll down all the way to the bottom of the page to Rider's Choice.

Or you can just mail or email your nomination to: Jan Sasena, 17185 Pheasant Meadow Ln SW, Prior Lake, MN 55372, janettesasena@mac.com Deadline for Submissions is Sunday, January 22nd.

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Congratulations to all for a fantastic ride season. If you are receiving a year end award PLEASE REMEMBER.....awards are NEVER EVER mailed! If you are unable to be at a wonderful convention please make arrangements for someone to pick up your award. I do hope to see you all there. Awards! Max

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► Final High Points ◀

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COMPETITIVE HW				
1	Jeanne	Aslakson	Quincey QT	247.6
2	Deb	Searle	WOA Ravens Premier +/	158.4
3	Sarah	Mowrer	A Time To Shine	150.6
4	Joshua	Mowrer	KW Magnum Archie	116.6
5	Amber	Erickson	Ophelia Kkan	109.8
6	Sandra	Wright	LW Raajas Chip	98
7	Amber	Hennig	PAA Baylyn Seer	94
8	Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	90.4
9	Kaylie	Hulsey	Lilly	85
10	Barb	Gardner	RR Roman Scooter	73.2
	Jennifer	Shooshanian	Bit O Mystery	61.6
	Ed	Barbo	Psyche On Fire	57.2
	Joan	Thiel	A Risky Encounter	49.8
	Allison	Goetz	Shadowtrax	47.4
	Joshua	Mowrer	EAF Sweet Clementine	45.4
	Carmen	Steuck	Phoenix	45
	Katja	Wiedrich	Sweet Honey de	38.8
	Stacey	Vander Woude	Lil Nikki	34
	Sheryl	O'Brien	CRF Lady Supreme	32
	Stephanie	Crispin	Mr Tiggerific Dhream	32
COMPETITIVE - JR				
<i>Minimum 40 points</i>				
1	Haley	Elliott	Ashe	134
2	Taylor	Walker	Backstreetstrutter GSA	131.2
3	Alice	Erickson	Rushcreek Calia	122
4	Miranda Ann	Miller	Brittany Rolsthedice	105
5	Elyssia	Perez	Aladda Rodania	55.6
6	Sarah	Wright	LW RaajsRflection	53.2
7	Lorelai	Haase	Sky	51.2
	Fianna	Gruebner	Cinbob Go Chief	33
	Lukas	Dragunas	Khepera Shakreekh	33
	Ruby	Filhart	Mattanahs Joker	13.2
	Kyle	Baemmert	Valentine Cookie LTD	13.2
	Haley	Elliott	Zephyrus TF	13.2
	Abigall	Bookie	Party Party	12
	Ruby	Filhart	Never A Fantahcee	11
	Kyle	Baemmert	AllAboutMajestic	11
	Ava	McCarty	Dynamo Dash	10
	Fianna	Gruebner	PR Miss Marianne	8.4



COMPETITIVE - LW				
1	Linda	Jacobson	Mi Precious Ruby	190.8
2	Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	185.2
3	Melinda	Stewart	McCues Miss Behavin	136.6
4	Tracy	Johnson	Mombo Number Five	132
5	Nicole	Mauser-Storer	HS Wineglass Pik George	121.4
6	Jan	Rivard	Jewell	113.4
7	Maxine	Bernsdorf	CH Shamm Bashire	111.6
8	Laura	Savatski	Murphy's Law	105.6
9	Lori	Windows	JA Bannarr	104.4
10	Lori	Windows	Mahrtina	99.2
	Peggy	Pasillas	Remy	94.6
	Kim	Rumpsa	R Secret Decoration	87
	Lisa	Germann	Over Brooks Image	86.2
	Bev	Specht	JH Arabalest	62.4
	Ruth	Casserly	Amir Sam PMR	62.4
	Tina	Williams	Sonny	61.8
	Colleen	Morgan	SC Cassa Nova	60.6
	Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	59.8
	Holly	Egerer	Zippy's Ace of Diamonds	57
	Lynn	Reichert	CR Raazberry Dreme	53.4
COMPETITIVE - DRIVE				
1	Ray	Hubert	Lone Oak	78.84
2	Alice	Hubert	K-Macaroni	65.02
3	Tim	Casserly	Auran Bachlava/Amir Sam	59.42
4	Jeanne	White	Chessica	22.32
5	Wes	Licht	Rossali	17.16
	Sharon	Hahn	My Cameo Love	15.8
	Mary	Clapper	Benjamin Blue	15.36
	Aaron	Mowrer	Arazi	10
	Leslie	Lloyd	Spot	9.68
	Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	9.12
	Alice	Hubert	Sports Fanatic	4.32
	Kathleen	Skoza	Red	3.84
	Susan	Keating	Pippi Littlelegs	2.4
ENDURANCE - HW				
1	Sheryl	O'Brien	Wild River Sundancer	174.8
2	Wes	Elford	Suzie Q	170
3	Stacey	Vander Woude	Lil Nikki	150
4	Marge	Dixon	Kenlyn Intrigue	138.6
5	Kimberly Ann	Fosler	BZ Cojeseryn Sahar	137.8
6	Jen	Moore	Sidney Rain	137.6
7	Doug	Vander Woude	Yo Dusty	134.4
8	Kathy	Torgesen	Jasmine	102
9	Barry	Saylor	Ultra Psuede	96.4
10	Cassandra	Green	Tryllerika	80.2
	Guy	Worthington	PA Hi-Spirit	79.2
	Jennifer	Fischer	Auli Sabah	78
	Kathi	Soukup	TSF Time	69.6
	Barry	Saylor	MD Colorful Touch	66
	Kathi	Soukup	GSF Frankie	64
	Deb	Searle	Sultann Sundance	58
	Robert	Plummer	Mattingley KC Heart	42
	Guy	Worthington	JG Randie	40
	Christopher	Power	WineGlass Debonair	29.4
	Amber	Erickson	Ophelia Kkan	22

Happy Holidays!

ENDURANCE - LW				
1	Lori	Windows	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	269.2
2	Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	252.2
3	Lisa	Docter	HS Kiger Danielle	219.7
4	Roberta	Harms	Lady Jane	194
5	Jodi	Johannessen	PR Bay Muscrana	158.4
6	Belinda	Cook	BF Four by Four	128.4
7	Bettina	Koehn	JBK Nadja	120
8	Katie	Bachhuber	JG Sammy	110
9	Teresa	Fett	CR Mistiraaz	86
10	Linda	Jacobson	Majer Ridge Scarlet Debut	79.2
	Sheila	Schneider	Gypsy B Miss Behavin	77.8
	Diane	Meinders	MS Dasani	76
	Suzanne	Warren	PPF Geyms Sonsy	74
	Julia	Newton	Lucca	64
	Emily	Meyer	Vallies Jazirah	58
	Rebecca	Grams	LW Classic Diamond	50
	Darlene	Molitor	CR Infinite Pryde	46.4
	Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	46
	Ainsley	Suskey	RFR The Icebaby	45.6
	Joyce	Mocilan	Psyreal	45
LIMITED DISTANCE - JR				
Minimum 40 points				
1	Ana	Holder	Wyatt's Dire Straits	53.2
2	Fallon	Darga	Itaque Jester	48.4
3	Adin	Esqueda	Bullet	46.2
4	Payden	Gray Nichols	Apollos Geym	44.8
	Cassidy	Wiethoff	Black Jack	39.6
	Ana	Holder	Above All Grace	37.4
	Emma	Christopherson	Misty	37.2
	Kyle	Baemmert	Missy	33
	Emma	Christopherson		26.4
	Makyah	Seguin	SF Silver Dragon	22.2
	Bethany	Johnson	RFA Tempted by Ghaz	22
	Madison	Wagner	Cheyenne	22
	Payden	Gray Nichols	Pepper	20
	Bethany	Johnson	Rea Tempted By Ghazi	13.2
	Adin	Esqueda	Shadow	12
	Alexandra	Hyke	Mahalaleel Rising	11
	Piper	Bruce	Lily Creek Ravven	11
LIMITED DISTANCE - SR				
1	Bonnie	Mielke	OLA Loki	212
2	Karen	Bahrman	Prada SF	184.2
3	Elizabeth	Frieders	UpUp And Away JIF	82.8
4	Nicole	Mauser-Storer	Sosas Playboy at Sunset	81
5	Allison	Kern	AFA Sadat	68.2
6	Carol	Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	67
7	Martha	Power	SA Te Jat	64
8	TJ	Edwards	Miss Molly Mule	63
9	Paula	Goligowski	Willie Winchester	61
10	Sherry	Aune	Cabaret Angel Eyes	56
	Roberta	Harms	EV Count Valentino	55
	Jean	Allen	Walor AF	54.8
	Christopher	Power	WineGlass Debonair	52.2
	Jodi	Johannessen	Bombay Ice	51.2
	Lynda	Zimmerman	HDR Petrolero de Nevado	46.2
	Laurie	Henschel	Bataania KSR	44.6
	Colleen	Morgan	Joke Son U	42.4
	Kimberly	Rosecrans	Magic	42
	Sarah	Rudstrom	PSL Lakota Chief	42
	Jacqueline	Hadrath	Sundance SR	41.2

COMPETITIVE - NOVICE				
Minimum 40 miles				
1	Cathy Jo	Schreiber	JT	33.72
2	Michele	Bjork	Sorli Fra Fitjamyri	17.4
	Sierra	McGuire	Slick	12.1
	Sandra	Muegge	Goin To Rein Dance	11
	Keri	Wesley	Gotta Flirt	10.88
	Linda	Sweeney	Alira	10.32
ROOKIE - COMPETITIVE				
1	Tracy	Johnson	Mombo Number Five	151.8
	Kaylie	Hulsey	Lilly	102.4
	Amber	Hennig	PAA Baylyn Seer	88.4
	Jennifer	Shooshanian	Bit O Mystery	68.2
	Teri	Resch	Sierra	29
	Nan	Resch	Amberfields Gold Wing	28
	Susan	Grossenbacher	NW Otono Blue Sky	24.2
	Debra	Moe	Pendragon Myth	13.2
	Isabella	Frisk	Velvets Hard Rock	10
ROOKIE - ENDURANCE				
1	Lisa	Docter	HS Kiger Danielle	290.4
	Jen	Moore	Sidney Rain	172.4
	Kimberly Ann	Fosler	BZ Cojesseryn Sahar	152.6
	Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	62
VERSATILITY				
1	Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	45
	Martha	Power	SA Te Jat	40
	Christopher	Power	WineGlass Debonair	38
HIGHPOINT JR				
1	Haley	Elliot		147.2
	Alice	Erickson		144
	Taylor	Walker		131.2
	Miranda Ann	Miller		105
	Ana	Holder		90.6
HIGHPOINT SR				
1	Lori	Windows		488.2
	Linda	Jacobson		329.8
	Linda	Hamrick		280.2
	Jeanne	Aslakson		271.8
	Roberta	Harms		257
RESTRICTED MILEAGE - COMPETITIVE HW				
195 Miles or less - Minimum 20 points				
1	Jennifer	Shooshanian	Bit O Mystery	61.6 155
2	Ed	Barbo	Psyche On Fire	57.2 130
3	Joan	Thiel	A Risky Encounter	49.8 135
4	Allison	Goetz	Shadowtrax	47.4 135
5	Joshua	Mowrer	EAF Sweet Clementine	45.4 110
6	Carmen	Steuck	Phoenix	45 130
RESTRICTED MILEAGE - COMPETITIVE - JR				
195 Miles or less - Minimum 20 points				
1	Lukas	Dragunas	Khepera Shakreekh	33 75
2	Fianna	Gruebner	Cinbob Go Chief	33 75
RESTRICTED MILEAGE - COMPETITIVE LW				
195 Miles or less - Minimum 20 points				
1	Ruth	Casserly	Amir Sam PMR	62.4 175
2	Bev	Specht	JH Arabalest	62.4 160
3	Tina	Williams	Sonny	61.8 180
4	Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	59.8 185
5	Holly	Egerer	Zippy's Ace of Diamonds	57 190
6	Lynn	Reichert	CR Raazberry Dreame	53.4 140
RESTRICTED MILEAGE - ENDURANCE HW				
295 Miles or less - Minimum 40 Points				
1	Guy	Worthington	PA Hi-Spirit	79.2 180
2	Jennifer	Fischer	Auli Sabah	78 210
3	Kathi	Soukup	TSF Time	69.6 205
4	Barry	Saylor	MD Colorful Touch	66 150
5	Kathi	Soukup	GSF Frankie	64 150
6	Deb	Searle	Sultann Sundance	58 150

RESTRICTED MILEAGE - ENDURANCE LW				
295 Miles or less - Minimum 40 Points				
1	Sheila	Schneider	Gypsy B Miss Behavin	77.8 235
2	Diane	Meinders	MS Dasani	76 200
3	Suzanne	Warren	PPF Geysy Sonsy	74 210
4	Julia	Newton	Lucca	64 200
5	Emily	Meyer	Vallies Jazirah	58 160
6	Rebecca	Grams	LW Classic Diamond	50 150
RESTRICTED MILEAGE - LIMITED DISTANCE SR				
195 Miles or less - Minimum 20 points				
1	Roberta	Harms	EV Count Valentino	55 160
2	Jean	Allen	Walor AF	54.8 165
3	Christopher	Power	WineGlass Debonair	52.2 185
4	Jodi	Johannessen	Bombay Ice	51.2 145
5	Lynda	Zimmerman	HDR Petrolero de Nevado	46.2 160
6	Laurie	Henshel	Bataania KSR	44.6 185
RESTRICTED MILEAGE - LIMITED DISTANCE JR				
195 Miles or less - Minimum 20 points				
1	Cassidy	Weithoff	Black Jack	39.6 90
2	Ana	Holder	Above All Grace	37.4 85
3	Emma	Christopherson	Misty	37.2 90
4	Kyle	Baemmert	Missy	33 75
5	Makyah	Seguin	SF Silver Dragon	22.2 55
6	Madison	Wagner	Cheyenne	22 50
6	Bethany	Johnson	RFA Tempted by Ghaz	22 50

TOP 10 HORSE MILEAGE		
1	RTM First In Line	690
2	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	675
3	HS Kiger Danielle	672
4	OLA Loki	610
5	Quincey QT	565
6	Mi Precious Ruby	510
7	Lady Jane	505
8	McCues Miss Behavin	477.5
9	CDWD Margarita	465
10	Sidney Rain	440
10	Prada SF	440

JAN SCOTT FAMILY AWARD	
Erickson	275.8
Suskey/Cotton	161.6
Baemmert/Crispin	148.2
Gruebner	91.6



2017 UMECRA TENTATIVE Ride Schedule					
2017 Ride Date	Ride Name	Ride City	Ride State	RM1 First	RM1 Last
4/22-23	Brighton Competitive Trails Spring	Howell	MI	Lisa	Germann
5/14	Mothers Day				
5/6-7	MnDRA I	Hinckley	MN	Theresa	Meyer
5/6-7	Kettles & Bits	New Prospect	WI	Jos	Seefeldt
5/13-14	Glacier Trails	Palmyra	WI	Romona	Radtke
5/20-21	Border Battle	St Croix Falls	WI	Deb	Moe
5/27-28	Grand Island	Rapid River	MI	Kathy	Macki
5/29	Memorial Day				
6/2-4	Endure Ride	Chandlerville	IL	Nicole	Mauer-Storer
6/3-4	Maplewood West	Pelican Rapids	MN	Diane	Schermerhorn
6/10-11	ApDRA	Palmyra	WI	Dawn	Haas
6/18	Fathers Day				
6/17-18	SE MN	Preston	MN	Dianne	Schmidt
6/24-25	Grand Island North	Limestone	MI	Karen	Bahrman
6/24-25	Dead Dog Creek	Kinmundy	IL	Linda	Mowrer
Tues 7/4	Fourth of July				
7/1-2	Endless Valley	Spring Green	WI	Linda	Jacobsen
7/8-9	AHAM/Hopkins Creek	Manton	MI	Gene	Dake
7/15-16	Mosquito Run	Rogers	MN	Peggy	Pasillas
7/22-23	Pine Marten Run	Wetmore	MI	Karen	Bahrman
7/22-23	AHDRA I - My Backyard	Wyanet	IL	Lori	Windows
7/28-30	Bonecrusher Ride	Palmyra	WI	Amber	Erickson
8/5-11	Shore-to-Shore	L Huron to L Michigan	MI	Bruce	Birr
8/12-13	Louise Reidel Memorial	Arkdale	WI	Elinore	Tonsor
8/19-20	Rock River Charity	Utica	IL	Tony	Troyer
8/19-20	Run for the Cactus	Granite Falls	MN	Maass	Sarah
8/26-27	Northern Highland	Conover	WI	Jackie	Ollhoff
Mon 9/4	Labor Day				
9/9-10	Charity Cup	Pillager	MN	Darlene	Molibr
9/9-10	Keweenaw	Marquette	MI	Karen	Jarvi
9/9-10	Lincoln Trail	Kinmundy	IL	Ruth	Stewart
9/16-17	Colorama Classic	Greenbush	WI	Pam	Cotton
9/16-17	Tin Cup Springs	Luther	MI	Becke	Grams
9/23-24	Run for the Ridge	Fairfax	MN	Sarah	Maass
9/30	Metro Express Ride	Milford	MI	London	Bev
10/6-8	DRAWarama	Palmyra	WI	Joslyn	Seefeldt
10/14-15	Iron Oak	Arkdale	WI	Ruth	Cassery
10/14-15	Oak Leaf Run	Hamilton	MI	Barb	Kurt
10/20-21	Point Chaser	Theilman	MN	Bob	Egerer
10/28-29	AHDRA III-Big River	Keithsburg	IL	Jim	Andriakos



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Phone number (s): _____

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*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.

Please include all names of eligible family members.

Please mail completed form along with check made out to UMECRA to: the current Secretary/Treasurer of UMECRA

2016 UMECRA CONVENTION DINNER MENU

- Orchard Salad: Mixed Greens with Roasted Apples, Candied Walnuts and Bleu Cheese served with a Yogurt Poppy Seed Dressing
- Red Potatoes Roasted with Garlic and Rosemary
- Asparagus with Lemon Garlic Butter
- Bakery Fresh Rolls
- DoubleTree Cookie
- Coffee

ENTREES (Select one)

- Tuscan Stuffed Chicken** Boneless Chicken stuffed with Prosciutto Ham, Caramelized Onions, Spinach, Sun-Dried Tomatoes and Gouda.....\$32.00
- Parmesan Crusted Walleye** Pan-Fried Parmesan Breaded Canadian Walleye served with Tartar Sauce and Lemon Wedges\$32.00
- New York Strip** Center Cut, Black Angus Strip Steak finished with a Port Wine Reduction\$41.00
- Child’s Plate (10 yrs & under)** Fresh Fruit Cup, Hand Breaded Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Milk.....\$15.25
- Chef’s Choice Vegetarian Meal**.....\$31.23

Name(s)	Chicken	Walleye	Steak	Child	Veg	Cost
Total						

Add \$5.00 convention fee to dinner request.

Total cost for food _____

\$5/each Convention fee _____

Total amount _____

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BOD Meeting Minutes
Wisconsin Dells WI
November 12 2016 – 9 am

Attendance: Jill Feller, Theresa Meyer, Maxine Bernsdorf, Tony Troyer, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Bill Suskey, Jon Wagner, Darlene Molitor, Joslyn Seefeldt, Wes Elford, Janet Sasnea

Guests: Linda Jacobson, Barry Saylor, Deb Moe, Kristin Glaze

Meeting called to order by President Theresa Meyer.

- **Secretary Report:** Joslyn motioned to accept March minutes, Wes seconded; passed
- **Treasurer Report:** Joslyn motioned to accept financial minutes, Wes seconded; passed. Copy of balance sheet is at the end of these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Outline of penalties for Code of Conduct violations:**
 - Theresa explained the reason that that Code of Conduct was put into place. At the annual meeting in January 2016, the voting membership wanted a process put in place for a Code of Conduct violation. Theresa presented a process for the BOD to review of what would happen if the Code of Conduct is violated by a BOD member. Once approved by the BOD, this process will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in January 2017. A discussion of the guidelines followed. Do the bylaws contain enough embedded language to deal with a violation to the Code of Conduct or is a separate process needed?
 - Wes motions for the presented process to be moved back to Theresa to rework for January meeting; seconded by Max. Passed. Theresa and Jill will work on rewriting the process into a simpler one and present it to the BOD at the morning BOD meeting in January.
- **Possible Electronic Voting for Rider Reps:**
 - Bill sent out two different voting processes to BOD members to review as a method for electronic voting for Rider Reps. One of the processes is free while the other is a cost of \$25/400 people. The method with the cost is more robust and simpler to set up and use.
 - After a discussion, it was decided that Bill will send out a sample survey before the convention for all members to experience the voting method to allow a discussion at the annual meeting. Bill and Peggy will work together to put a communication in the December newsletter about this process and the sample survey.
- **14. C. An AERC member 14 years or older who has completed 500 miles or more in the AERC rider mileage program may ride unsponsored but will compete in the senior division. Parent or guardian must sign a consent form.**
 - Jill contacted AERC about what their process was regarding a junior riding unsponsored. AERC sent their rule and a copy of the letter they send to the young rider. Ride managers at any AERC ride may refuse to accept this letter and make the junior ride with a sponsor. A discussion followed but no further action was taken as a UMECRA ride manager can refuse to accept the letter and require the junior to ride with a sponsor.
- **Ride Manager Debt:**
 - *If the UMECRA BOD becomes aware of a RM with outstanding bills, the BOD will take appropriate action.* This topic was originally discussed at the spring 2016 meeting with no action taken.
 - Theresa will be discussing this subject with Art to see what obligation UMECRA has and if there are any liability concerns; no further discussion was held on this topic.
- **Tabled bylaws from 2016 Annual:**
 - Jon led the discussion as he was the chair of the sub-committee regarding the by-law proposed changes.
 - The committee sent out regular updates to the newsletter with a chart showing 'current' bylaws vs. 'proposed' bylaws.
 - Jon also presented the letter that the subcommittee wrote and submitted to the EBOD members explaining their views on the changes and what they suggest should happen to the bylaws going forward.

- It is the suggestion of the subcommittee that the BOD look over the approved 'housekeeping' changes that were approved in the January 2016 annual meeting to see if we want to 'keep' them or suggest some changes.
- The BOD should be prepared on how to present the bylaws at the annual meeting. *A copy of that letter is at the end of these minutes.*
- Jon motions to return to the 2014 wording for the termination of membership (Article VIII; section 4); seconded by Tony. Passed.
 - **CURRENT WORDING:** Section 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. The Board of Directors may by a *majority of a quorum* of the Board present vote to terminate the membership of any member who has been shown to have conducted himself or herself in a manner which is inconsistent with the goals and objectives of the organization. Thereafter such terminated member shall not be entitled to participate in any corporate functions or other corporate activities in any manner whatsoever.
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- The remaining bylaw changes were discussed as they will be presented at the annual meeting.
- **Annual Meeting Guidelines Committee report:**
 - Tony, Jos and Chris Power met as the committee to create some guidelines for conducting the meeting in January. Suggestions were made on the guidelines presented. Tony will update these guidelines, send them out to the BOD for final approval and then they will be posted on the website two weeks prior to the meeting.
 - A discussion was held on identifying voters. Colored paddles with ride name will be handed out to voting delegates. During roll-call, those delegates called will be required to identify themselves so a voting paddle can be given out. The paddles will be used as a 'counting' vote only if a voice vote is too close to call.
 - Colored paper will be handed out for election of officers; these will be handed out with the voting paddles. There will be no more 'tearing' of paper to vote with. Each office being voted for will have a different color of paper.
- **Sanctioning coordinator report on 2017 rides:**
 - 39 rides are currently on the 2017 schedule with 2 new possible rides. One ride is looking at changing dates. Eleven rides have already sanctioned and seven have paid sanctioning fees.
- **Marketing Document:**
 - Nicole created a marketing document several years ago and there have not been any significant changes since that time. Nicole has not received any help from members over the past years when she has asked. The ride clinics have been successful along with horse fair presence. The BOD will continue to promote ride organizations such as DRAW, MNDRA, AHDRA and GLDR to hold clinics and to host a booth at their respective state horse fairs. UMECRA does provide up to \$350 for costs associated with the horse fair booths.
- **Convention Updates for 2017 and 2018, particularly the planned RM meeting for 2017:**
 - **2017**
 - MN convention- 100 rooms set aside at \$119 each held until January 6.
 - RM meeting will be held in the morning; Theresa is communicating to Dianne that this meeting needs to be held at 9 am so the RM's who are on the BOD can attend the meeting.
 - There will be coffee and bagels for the BOD meeting on Saturday morning.
 - Friday registration begins at 3 pm and AHDRA awards at 7 pm.
 - Saturday: 7 am- BOD meeting; 8 am RM meeting (*note that this will be changing to 9 am*); 10 am speaker; 1 pm annual meeting.
 - Registration for this convention was discussed along with checks from members being sent to the Treasurer to be deposited in the Convention account. No checks from members sent for the convention are to be cashed and/or deposited by the convention manager.
 - **2018**

- Grand Bear Lodge near North Utica IL will be the venue.
 - Tony asked for clarification on what and who can sign the contract with the venue.
 - Guests will have a complimentary breakfast.
 - Rooms cost will be just over \$100 with exact cost not determined yet.
 - **2019**
 - MI may have two proposals; one in Upper MI and one in Lower MI but nothing has been presented yet.
- **General Rule L:**
 - Current rules states: *G. Changes to a scheduled ride must be submitted to the SC for Board approval 60 days in advance of the ride start date or to the EBOD for their approval or as early as possible in emergency situations. Sanctioning votes by the BOD can be taken via email. Members without email will be contacted by the UMECRA President.*
 - *L. Rider points will only be given for mileage which the ride applied for, or for which notice of a mileage change has been made at least 60 days in advance.*
 - Note: AERC has allowed a ride manager to add additional distances (such as adding a 75 endurance ride) to an already sanctioned ride with less than 60 days' notice before the date of the ride. If AERC allows the additions of new distances, UMECRA will follow GENERAL RULE L. In addition, GENERAL RULE L will also be followed with any ride that wants to add new distances to competitive rides, add a drive or novice ride with less than 60 days' notice before the date of the ride.
 - After a discussion; no action was taken as the rule suffices at its stands and no changes are needed.
- **Require use of UMECRA entry form for all rides:**
 - The AHAM ride last year used a unique entry form with a shortened version of the UMECRA form. The UMECRA entry form contains all the state equine law language and any ride that is sanctioned with UMECRA should be using the UMECRA entry form. A ride can also use a unique form for their ride, but all riders are required to complete and sign the UMECRA entry form.
 - Joslyn motions: Any event sanctioned by UMECRA is required to use the UMECRA entry form. Failure to do so may result with UMECRA withholding sanctioning on the following year. Seconded by Darlene. Passed.
- **Revised Comp Sheet:**
 - Wes presented a revised Competitive form for review. A discussion was held on adding body score to the sheet however that would require a rule change. No action was taken at this time. A few other suggestions were given on the new form. Wes will take back to the vet committee the following topics for further discussion before presenting the form again at the BOD meeting in January:
 - Adding the body score
 - Changing manner deductions up to 40 points/incidents
- **Clarification on what goes on the UMECRA Sponsorship web page:**
 - Some guidelines for the UMECRA website were posted to members after the spring meeting but it appears that they are not fully understood. For clarification, If a sponsor donates items/prizes to a ride, that sponsor can be posted on the UMECRA website as a sponsor. An announcement will be made at the annual meeting to all ride managers so they understand and can get some advertising for sponsors who assist them with prizes/awards for their ride.
- **Family award:**
 - The definition of the family award was changed in January; part of this wording, that was not changed, required the family to notify the pointskeeper to nominate their family. The website wording did not require notification to the pointskeeper. There was a family riding I 2016 who did not notify the pointskeeper that they were nominating for the family award. At the end of the year, this family had the highest number of points. A motion was made by Joslyn, seconded by Max to allow the family award be given to the family this year with the highest points even though that family did not nominate with the pointskeeper. *The website is now updated to say that the family must contact the Pointskeeper before the start of the season to nominate for the family award.*

NEW BUSINESS

- **Parent/Guardian signatures on UMECRA entry forms:**
 - Elinore contacted the BOD requesting that junior riders need to have a notarized entry form completed and presented to UMECRA at the beginning of each year and that the date-of-birth be added to the entry UMECRA entry forms. The notarizing would ensure that the parent did agree with the entry form and is

allowing their junior to compete. The ride manager then knows that it is truly the parent's signature on the form.

- A discussion followed. Several BOD members went to youth organization websites and looked at the methods they use to identify 'youth/juniors' and no site was found that required any notarizing methods for parents. Memberships on these sites were granted by completing a form and sending it to the organization with the proper payment. No action was taken on this subject.
- If a date-of-birth is put on the UMECRA entry form, the document would then be considered PII (Personally Identifiable Information) and needs to be handled and protected as such. No action was taken on this subject.
- A suggestion was made that UMECRA puts the articles back in the newsletter and it can be a topic at the annual convention to remind ride managers to check the signatures at their rides. The ride manager can ask the junior rider for an ID to proof age or to require the junior entry form to be signed by the parent/guardian at the ride in front of the ride secretary.
- **BOD Positions and SOP's:**
 - Jon suggests that there is no sort of training/orientation for new BOD members. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) should be written for different positions. These SOP's would be general guidelines and not exact processes of what the position does and what the responsibilities are.
 - Theresa made an assignment that a SOP template be created. Once created, some sample SOP's will be created to share to all positions. Jon and Jill will create a SOP template.

AERC Championship Ride possibilities:

- Barry Saylor gave a presentation about the AERC National Championship ride. Two ride sites for the 2017 AERC NC ride have been submitted but AERC is looking for a more central location. Barry has contacted AERC and has been assured that if he puts an application in for the 2017 AERC NC ride to be held at Zumbros Bottom in MN, he will be awarded the ride. The ride would be held on Wed- Sept 27th for the 100-mile ride and Friday- Sept 29th for the 50-mile ride at Zumbro Bottoms. AERC supplies \$7500 for the ride.
 - Barry is asking for approval for UMECRA to be the ride sponsor and that UMECRA on all the financial responsibility of the ride. Any profits from the ride would go into the UMECRA treasury and any losses will be removed from the treasury.
 - UMECRA has never sponsored a ride and if the 2017 AERC NC ride is sponsored, it sets precedence for UMECRA to sponsor other rides. What will be the guidelines as to what rides UMECRA sponsors and which ones they do not sponsor? Jon motions that the subject of UMECRA financially sponsoring an AERC National Championship ride be taken to the membership at the annual meeting; seconded by Peggy; passed.
 - Barry will put together a financial/business plan to present at the annual meeting.
- **Appointment of Points Keeper & Website Coordinator:**
 - Nicole and Robin both have agreed to continue in their current positions. Motion made by Jon, seconded by Wes to keep Robin as pointskeeper; passed. Tony motions to keep Nicole as webmaster, seconded by Joslyn; passed.
 - Joslyn will assist Jill with this year's sanctioning coordinator duties this year.
- **Updating Rules and RM/Vet's Handbook:**
 - A member asked why the new rules that were approved at the spring meeting were no in place for the past ride season. All rules need to be approved at the annual meeting; therefore, the new rules will be in the books once they are approved at the annual meeting.
- **Bylaw addition proposals**
 - **Bylaws**
 - Jon would like the article of incorporation added to the bylaws (these were replaced by the bylaws) but it would be nice to see these added as an amendment as the wording in these remind us all as of the reason that UMECRA was founded.
 - Jon created some definitions that he presented at the meeting defining the different 'delegate' terms that are used in the bylaws. He suggested that these definitions be added to the bylaws as an amendment. Theresa will read through the definitions to make sure they are clear and then these will be posted for members to read before the annual meeting.
 - **Article III, Section 7**

Meetings of UMECRA shall be conducted to provide for fair discussion and deliberation in providing for constructive and democratic meetings, to help, not hinder, the business of the Corporation. While decisions

shall be taken by the will of the majority, the rights of a minority to be fairly heard shall be provided. For that purpose, Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, may be consulted to provide for an orderly process.

- Motion made by Tony to approve this wording; seconded by Joslyn. Passed. This will be presented at the annual meeting for a vote by the membership.
- **Article VI- Officers- Section 1. ELECTION**
When a quorum of the delegates is present at the annual meeting, the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected a president, a vice president and a secretary/treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Board. Commencing at the January 2008 convention, the President will be elected to a two-year term. Commencing at the January 2007 convention the Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer will be elected to a two-year term. Said officers shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.
Motion made by Joslyn to accept this wording; seconded by Bill. Passed 5/4.

- **Other:**

- A rider rep brought up a concern about comp rides and the concerns are coming from more than one state. Some of the rides are making the comp rides very fast and riders are concerned about this. The time for comp is in the rules as 5.5 – 7 mph. The time for ride should be conducive to the trail conditions and weather. If the trail is hard or sloppy due to wet conditions or the weather is hot and humid the ride manager should be considering these factors when deciding the ride time needed to safely complete the trail.
- Max reported that the 2016 awards are in progress. Max, Boots and Linda will not be continuing to do awards after this season. Jan volunteers to be on the committee going forward.
- A trail request was presented from Peggy Pasillas for a \$250 grant for Three Rivers Park District for trail repairs. Motion made by Wes, seconded by Nicole to grant the request.

- Motion made by Bill; seconded made by Jill to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Feller
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer

You did HOW MANY miles this season. WOW! Mileage chevrons for endurance and competitive will be at the registration table for you to pick up. You can also help by picking up for your neighbor or friend who was unfortunately unable to attend convention. Or even, find a “leftover” from years past.

If you are receiving your VERY FIRST chevron for either endurance or competitive see Theresa AFTER awards for a discount certificate for a vest to proudly display this and future mileage awards. Looks like an exciting time! See you all in Minneasota!

Awards,
Max

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