

# UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



## From the Editor:

Hi Everyone,

There is lots of information in this issue: November Board of Director Meeting Minutes, UMECRA Convention information (*January 17th-19th, 2020*), Secretary/Treasurer Position Split Proposal for Member Review, Rider Rep Submissions, and UMECRA Profit & Loss Financials.

Brenna Starch

UMECRA Newsletter Editor

### UMECRA Board Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2019

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Jon Wagner at 10:00 am, CDT at the Christmas Mountain Village/Mulligan's Restaurant.

**Roll Call/Attendance:** Board members in attendance were Maxine Bernsdorf, Sarah Maass, Sandra Wright, Tony Troyer, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Laurie Heschel, Tracy Johnson, Lynda Zimmerman, Wes Elford, Jan Sasena, Peggy Pasillas and Theresa Meyer. Sanctioning Coordinator Joslyn Seefeldt was also in attendance. Sec./Treas. Bruce Birr arrived at 11:10. Guests present were Linda Jacobson, Roberta Harms, Janet Sarver, Kimberly Fosler, Jen Moore and Deb Moe.

**Approval of Minutes:** The March 2019 BoD minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**Treasurer's Reports:** The Treasurer's reports (Profit & Loss, and Balance Sheet) were approved upon a motion by Wes and second by Maxine following a brief discussion about the comparisons of the Balance Sheet totals from November 2018 and November 2019. Differences between the totals (\$3000.00 less in 2019) was generally attributed to loss of revenue from the cancellation of two rides and a decrease in ride entries during the 2019 ride season. The P&L and Balance Sheet summaries are attached to the minutes below.

**Fees update/review:** Bruce provided an update on the payment of ride fees. As of Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> there were four rides whose payments hadn't yet been made (3 beyond their due dates and 1 nearing its due date). Bruce indicated that he had recently received the three late payments and was recently informed that the fourth payment was made and that he should receive it soon.

**Insurance March BoD Questions:** At the March BoD meeting the board asked Jon to follow-up with our insurance company about three additional questions the board had: 1) Can UMECRA send in a ride schedule from a previous year to help or potentially speed up the quoting process? **No**, it needs to be the projected schedule for the upcoming ride season as approved at the Annual meeting. 2) Who is actually covered? The **"club" IE: UMECRA** and its **members** involved in the management of a ride. To be covered you must be a member of UMECRA, the "club". Additional Insured covers property owners\*, DNR's, state clubs (AHDRA, DRAW, etc.). To be covered as an additional insured, they must be listed as such on the insurance request form. 3) Does insurance cover set-up and tear-down of a ride? **Yes, IF** set-up and/or tear-down **occurs during the dates listed on insurance request form.** \*The board requested Jon to follow-up with another question regarding insurance coverage of a "property owner" who is also a UMECRA member.

**Insurance Payment Clarifications:** Jon and Bruce informed the board that they had received an inquiry from an RM regarding the payment of an "additional insured" she hadn't requested. Jon reported that after reviewing the original quote sheet provided by UMECRA to the insurance company to determine the club's insurance costs, it is likely that a number of RM's may have been inadvertently charged "additional insured" costs they did not request. A motion was made by Theresa to reimburse any RM, by check, for the amount they were over charged as determined by an audit of the original insurance requests sent to UMECRA requesting insurance coverage for the 2019 ride season. The motion was seconded by Peggy and passed by voice vote. Jon, Jos and Bruce will coordinate

the auditing of the 2019 insurance request forms and inform the BoD of their results for further discussion and determination of how and when to proceed with any necessary reimbursements.

**Secretary's Report:** To date there have not been any requests for trail grants. Bruce explained the situation regarding the Upper Michigan Hay Meadow Creek Project where a trail grant that had been approved by the BoD earlier in September and was returned to UMECRA. The project held a fundraiser that eventually exceeded their goal and needs. The grant from UMECRA wasn't needed and was subsequently returned.

**Veterinarian's Report:** On behalf of a full agenda, Wes yielded his time and indicated we would be talking about vet concerns/thoughts imbedded in other areas of the agenda.

### **Sanctioning Coordinator's Report:**

**Appointment of SC and Newsletter Editor:** A motion was made by Tony to approve the appointment of Jos to continue as Sanctioning Coordinator, seconded by Peggy and approved by voice vote. A similar motion was made to approve the appointment of Brenna Starch for the position of Newsletter Editor by Peggy, seconded by Lynda and also approved by voice vote.

**2020 Ride Schedule:** Copies of the 2020 tentative ride schedule were shared and discussed. Jos indicated that she had only received a few sanctioning requests thus far ahead of the Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Ride Changes/Requests and Rules and Guidelines:** Jos has received a number of requests for changes to the schedule. These include date changes, names of rides changing, adding days, and changes in management of several rides. She asked the board for some guidance relative to what constitutes a "new" ride, and if it is ok for a ride manager to give their dates to someone else? After a lengthy discussion the board agreed that all sanctioning requests/changes will continue to be decided in a fair and equitable way based on the established UMECRA Rules/Guidelines. When a concern or issue arises that the Sanctioning Coordinator is unsure of, she'll continue to bring those issues/concerns to the BoD. The BoD will review all sanctioning requests again after the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**President's Report:** The Wisconsin Horse Council has presented a \$500.00 award to UMECRA. The money will be used to supplement our own awards this year. Jon shared a copy of a Thank You letter he sent to the Directors of the Wi. Horse Council. He also reminded the board that UMECRA's memberships to the individual state horse councils are due and that they should be forwarded to Bruce.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Convention 2020 Update/Review:** Kim Fosler gave an update on the 2020 Convention in Stevens Point, Wi. to be held Jan. 17-19, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. She provided a schedule of events for the day and expects all the details of the convention to be up on the website and in the upcoming newsletters soon. Becky Hart will be speaking on Centered Riding and Dr. Maureen Fehrs will speak on Lameness Issues. A convention fee for people attending the speaker/learning sessions and not eating a meal at the banquet was discussed and led to a motion by Theresa that those individuals be charged a \$10.00 convention fee. The motion was seconded by Tony and passed on a voice vote.

**2021 Convention Info:** Theresa presented four possible sites for convention 2021 in Minnesota. La Crescent, Red Wing and two on the east side of St. Paul. The La Crescent venue was favored by the board and will be held on one of the last three weekends in January 2021.

**Awards Committee:** The board discussed the giving of "gift certificates" as awards in replacement of the awards selected by the awards committee for Top Ten Awards. A motion was made by Tracy, seconded by Jan, that UMECRA should offer the embroidered jackets and one other item that Robin picks that *is not* a gift card or gift certificate. Motion passed on voice vote.

### **Old Business:**

**LD Points Proposal:** The board has decided not to forward this proposal to the membership after determining that the proposal ultimately wouldn't meet the expectations contained in the proposal. Jon thanked Roberta Harms for her efforts in coming up with the initiative and thanked Deb Moe for her data/additional number crunching. The board will continue to discuss the possibilities of weight divisions in LD as a proposal.

**Out of Region Rides:** The board will continue to discuss/review this potential proposal via the BoD Yahoo account for now. No action was taken at this time by the board.

**Gate and Go Rules Change:** A motion to approve the proposed changes to Endurance Rule 9 and to forward said changes to the membership for voting at the Annual Meeting was made by Theresa, seconded by Laurie. Motion was approved by voice vote with one nay vote (Tony).

Proposed rule change: *End. Rule 9. The "gate into a hold" type check is mandatory at all vet checks. highly recommended at all vet checks. Other checks may be used as described in The Guidelines for Control*

***Judges and Treatment Veterinarian's at AERC Endurance Competitions. The "pulse and go" is also recommended if a hold is to be avoided. A horse is held until a set pulse parameter is met and the horse is trotted out to check for lameness.***

- A. A rider entering a vet check must present his horse for p/r's at any time within 30 minutes.
- B. Horses passing the P/R parameters shall remain at the check area for the time specified, ~~but a minimum of 20 minutes.~~ ***However, a rider and horse may voluntarily extend their hold time if desired. Regardless of hold length, the overall ride time remains the same.***

Sec./Treas. Position Split: The splitting of this position was discussed and committee work will continue on how to best separate the duties of these positions. It was noted that any splitting of the Sec./Treas. position will involve bylaw changes to the language relating to the Sec./Treas. position. Nicole has volunteered to take over duties relating to membership.

In-hand Trot Outs: A brief discussion about in-hand trot outs was held with the general consensus being that the current rules are sufficient.

Attitude and Fatigue Separation: A motion to split Fatigue and Attitude into two separate 20-point scoring sections on the Comp score sheet was made by Tony and seconded by Tracy. Motion approved by voice vote with one nay vote (Peggy). Wes will present rationale at Annual Meeting. Nicole will make necessary changes to score sheet.

RM Support Meetings: Peggy, Sarah and Laurie, shared copies of a Ride Management Timeline they put together with the board/guests. Feedback and initial responses were all positive. They'd like everyone to continue to review their work and forward any suggestions/additions to them.

Safe Sport: AERC sanctioned rides are requiring someone involved with the management of an AERC ride be certified in the Safe Sport Program. This would include all UMECRA rides that hold an endurance ride. Jon recommends some type of notice be written up for a future newsletter to help ensure all RM's are aware of this requirement and how to get certified.

Clarifications of Sponging: Lynda asked for some clarification about Comp Rule 3-E regarding sponging. Following discussion by the board, a motion was made by Lynda to add the **bolded** sentence to Comp Rule 3-E: ***Natural water only is allowed on the trail. Drinking and sponging are allowed in natural water, whether puddles, creeks, lakes or that which is declared by ride management to be natural water. Drinking water only is allowed at rest stops. A horse shall not be denied drinking water from a bucket and/or other approved source at a scheduled vet check. Horses may be sponged after the final vet check. Depending on ambient conditions, veterinary judges may allow sponging at all vet checks.*** (2018) Motion was seconded by Peggy and the motion passed by voice vote. The rule change proposal will move to the Annual Meeting for general membership approval.

#### **New Business:**

Data Integrity: Nicole discussed with the board the need for data integrity (horse and rider numbers, complete filling of results, etc.) by ride managers when submitting ride results. Submitting ride results without accurate and/or incomplete data causes extra work and time for Robin and Nicole to record results. The BoD agreed that this concern needs to be addressed at the March board meeting.

Rider Rep Voting: Jon will ask Bill Suskey to set-up e-mail voting procedures again for the 2020 Rider Rep voting.

Updating Mentor List: A review of the current list of available mentor's indicates the list needs to be updated. If you know of someone willing to be a mentor to another rider, have them contact Nicole and she will add them to the list.

20,000 Mile Rider Award: The board was reminded about this prestigious award (last given in 2001) and after discussion a motion was made by Jan and seconded by Tony that that an individual plaque be awarded to future recipients. The resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.

Comp Ride Times: No official action was taken considering the determination of Comp ride times as the board feels they are spelled out in the rules. It was however, reiterated that barring unusual circumstances, the maximum riding speed shall average 5.5 to 7 miles per hour when determining ride time.

Annual Meeting Procedures: Board consensus was to retain the same meeting procedures used last year for this year's annual meeting.

2020 Elections: President, Vet Rep, Wi. and Mn. Reps, and the four Rider Rep positions are open for the 2020 elections. Lynda, Jan and Wes indicated they are not running for re-election.

Hall of Fame/Shining Light Award: The board moved to closed session (2:59 p.m.) to discuss the nominations for the Hall of Fame and Shining Light Awards.

**Announcements:** No one will be doing the Mn. Horse Expo in 2020.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned on approval of a motion by Wes, second Tony, at 3:17 p.m.  
/s/ Bruce A. Birr (with thanks to Theresa for taking minutes up to my late arrival)

### **SECRETARY/TREASURER POSITION SPLIT PROPOSAL for MEMBER REVIEW**

**RATIONALE for Proposal:** It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors (BoD) to ensure proper management of the property and business of UMECRA. As the organization has developed and grown over the years, the management and business responsibilities of the Secretary/Treasurer position have also grown, and it has become increasingly evident that the duties of this position are too numerous for it to be a singular position for one person to take care of. The BoD has decided to propose to the Association that we split the one position into two: separate Secretary and Treasurer positions. A committee of board members has been working over the past year to address what changes to the bylaws would be needed and to equitably divide the duties associated with the two positions to ensure that UMECRA can function with both efficiency and accuracy.

#### **Secretary Duties/Responsibilities:**

- Responsible for annual or periodical renewals of the corporation's good standing with the Minnesota Secretary of State.
- Attend all sessions of the BoD and of all meetings of the members and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book kept for that purpose; and perform like duties for the standing or appointed committees when required.
- The Secretary shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee.
- Shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the members and of the BoD, and shall perform all other duties as may be prescribed by the BoD or President, under whose supervision s/he shall be.
- Maintain records of the BoD and ensures effective management of the organizations records.
- Ensures all minutes of the board, members and/or committee meetings are distributed to members in a timely fashion.
- Submits all minutes to the Newsletter Editor and Web-Cordinator for inclusion into the newsletter and the UMECRA website.
- Is sufficiently familiar with legal documents (articles, bylaws and organizational resolutions) to note applicability during meetings.
- Works with UMECRA President and BoD to create necessary agendas for all meetings of the organization.
- Responsible for the printing of reports, documents and agendas needed for the Annual Meeting/Convention, other meetings of the organization, the ride schedule and supporting documents (IE: financial, data information, ballots, proposals, etc.).
- Places a notice in the December newsletter to inform RM's to send in names of their voting delegates.
- Prepares the ride Delegate voting list including appropriate proxies for the Annual Meeting. Assures accuracy of voting delegates prior to the Annual Meeting.
- Updates the BoD Yahoo group email account.
- Processes memberships (initial and renewals) with the Treasurer and keeps an accurate record of memberships (names, single, family, Juniors, totals, etc.) throughout the year. Provides the membership information to the Points Keeper and Webmaster so that they can keep accurate records of member information.
- Sends updated membership lists to Sanctioning Coordinator (also to individual printing/putting together membership directory).
- Receives and forwards any notice of ride cancellations to the Executive Board and to the newsletter editor and website coordinator.
- The Secretary will inform the BoD of any petitions received regarding ride results and point standings.
- Records and maintains letters of any Junior rider switching divisions (Junior to Senior).
- Responsible for maintaining contact information of all RM's as provided by the ride managers.

- Responsible for contacting insurance company for insurance coverage, quotes and credits due to ride cancellations. Prepares the Ride Insurance application and spreadsheet to send to the insurance company along with a copy of the current ride entry form (required by the insurance company).
- Mails out insurance certificates to appropriate RM's as they are received along with costs of the insurance coverage requested by the RM throughout the ride season.
- Collects ride results, ride fees and insurance payments if applicable from the rides. Contacts the RM of rides when fees are not paid in 14 days and informs them of the \$50.00 late fee. Informs the President when a ride is late with fees. Secretary shall report to the UMECRA Board on rides with outstanding bills 21 days past the due date. Forwards all fees to the Treasurer in a timely manner.
- Communicates with the Sanctioning Coordinator and President of any sanctioning fees not paid by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Treasurer Duties/Responsibilities:**

- The Treasurer shall have custody and maintenance of the corporate funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the corporation and shall deposit all monies, and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the corporation, in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors (BoD).
- The treasurer shall disburse the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the BoD, taking the proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Directors, at the regular meetings of the BoD, or whenever they may require it, an account of all her/his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation.
- The Treasurer shall give the corporation a bond at the corporations expense if required by a majority of the BoD, in such amount as they determine, and with one or more securities satisfactory to the Board, for the faithful performance of the duties of her/his office, and for the restoration to the corporation in case of her/his death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money, and other property, of whatever kind in her/his possession or under her/his control belonging to the corporation.
- All checks and notes of the corporation shall be signed by the Treasurer or the President, or Vice President or by such other officers or agents as may be from time to time be designated by resolution of the BoD.
- The Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee.
- The Treasurer shall submit her/his accounts to the auditing committee at their request.
- Manages and administrates the financial matters of the corporation (processing all invoices and bills).
- Collects fees/monies received from the convention and Silent Auction and disburses such into the appropriate funds (convention, trails, scholarship and competition) as defined by BoD resolution.
- Provides annual budget for member approval.
- Prepares the financial reports (Profit and Loss) and an accounts Balance Sheet for all BoD meetings and for the Annual Meeting.
- Records the ride payments of all fees accessed and collected (sanctioning, rider fees, late fees, etc.).
- Processes and records all membership fees.

### **Bylaw Changes Needed** (if membership approves the proposal):

- Art. I Sec. 2 The Secretary/~~Treasurer~~ or designee shall be responsible for annual or periodic renewals of the corporation's good standing with the Minnesota Secretary of State. (1/23/16).
- Art. IV Sec. 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND SIZE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The property and business of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. Only official Ride Manager delegates, as listed on the immediately preceding year/season's sanctioning application, as it may have been amended, 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 IV, Section 5, below) ~~and Secretary/~~Treasurer~~~~ (see Article IV, Section 7, below) and Treasurer (see, Article IV, Section 8, 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 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 up to four Geographic Board Members and four Rider Representatives. (1/23/10)

- Section 7. SECRETARY The Secretary/~~Treasurer~~ shall attend all sessions of the Board of Directors and of all meetings of the members and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book kept for that purpose; and shall perform like duties for the standing or appointed committees when required. S/he shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or President, under whose supervision s/he shall be. *Due to its requirements and nature, the position of Secretary may be filled by either a current Delegate or a current UMECRA Member with a minimum of three (3) years as a UMECRA Ride Manager.* (1/18/20)
- Section 8. SECRETARY/TREASURER. *The Treasurer* shall attend all sessions of the Board of Directors and of all meetings of the members. S/he shall keep in safe custody the seal of the corporation, if any, and when authorized by the Board, affix the same to any instrument requiring it. S/he shall have custody and maintenance of the corporate funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the corporation and shall deposit all monies, and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the corporation, in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. S/he shall disburse the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the Board, taking the proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and directors, at the regular meetings of the Board, or whenever they may require it, an account of all her/his transactions as ~~Secretary~~-Treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation. S/he shall give the corporation a bond at the corporations expense if required by a majority of the Board of Directors, in such amount as they may determine, and with one or more sureties satisfactory to the Board, for the faithful performance of the duties of her/his office, and for the restoration to the corporation in case of her/his death, resignation, retirement or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money, and other property, of whatever kind in her/his possession or under her/his control belonging to the corporation. Due to its requirements and nature, the position of ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer may be filled by either a current Delegate or a current UMECRA Member with a minimum of three (3) years as a UMECRA Ride Manager. (1/15/11)
- Art. VI Sec. 1 ELECTION. When a quorum of the delegates is present at the annual meeting, a simple majority shall elect a president, a vice president, ~~secretary~~, 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 ~~and~~ Treasurer will be elected to a two-year term. Said officers shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. (1/20/07)
- Art. IX Sec. 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE An Executive Committee of the Board will be made up of its President, Vice President, Secretary, ~~Treasurer~~, and Immediate Past President.
- Art. IX Sec. 4. AUDIT COMMITTEE. The President may, upon the affirmative action of the Board of Directors, designate two or more persons from the membership of the corporation to constitute an Audit Committee, which, to the extent determined by the President, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the auditing of the accounts of the corporation and shall have full access to all books of the corporation in the possession of any Officer of the corporation. The ~~Secretary~~-Treasurer shall submit her/his accounts to the auditing committee and any time within ten (10) business days with their reasonable request. (1/28/17)
- Art. X The corporation may be wound up and dissolved either voluntarily or involuntarily. If the proceedings are voluntary, they may be conducted either out of court or subject to the supervision of the court. If involuntary, they shall be subject to the supervision of the court. Voluntary proceedings for dissolution may be instituted whenever a resolution therefore is adopted by two-thirds of the voting delegates of the corporation present at a meeting of the corporation duly called for that express purpose. The resolution may provide that the affairs of the corporation shall be wound up out of court, in which case the resolution shall designate a trustee or trustees to conduct the winding up, and may provide a method for filling vacancies in the office of

the trustee; but such appointment shall not be operative until a certificate, setting forth the resolution and the manner of adoption thereof, signed and acknowledged by the President or Vice President and by the ~~Secretary~~/Treasurer shall be filed for record with the Minnesota Secretary of State together with any other requirements under the statues. (1/23/16) Upon dissolution, property and assets shall be distributed in accordance with Minnesota Statues 317.57 and acts amendatory thereto. The Articles of Incorporation shall be amended in accordance with Minnesota statues 317.27 and acts amendatory thereto.

Acknowledged as the Current & Valid Adopted By-Laws of the Corporation by:

As its ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer

**UMECRA 2020 Convention Stevens Point Wisconsin**  
**January 17th-19<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at the **Holiday Inn Convention Center**

Holiday Inn Stevens Point Convention Center  
 1001 Amber Ave, Stevens Point, Wi 54482

**Reserve rooms by phone: 715-344-0200 prompt #3**

\*Holiday Inn Convention Center\*

Please reference group name: UMECRA AND group block code: UME  
 \$101.99 Standard room

**FOR PETS**

Unfortunately, the convention center does not allow pets but those with pets can stay at the sister hotel across the street. Please follow this reservation information.

**Reserve rooms by phone:715-344-0000 prompt #3**

\*Holiday Inn Express\*

Please reference group name: UMECRA AND group block code: UME  
 \$101.99 Standard room

Holiday Inn Express, 1100 Amber Ave., Stevens Point, Wi 54482

**MUST RESERVE ROOMS BY DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>2019!**

<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>
<b><u>3pm – Registration begins</u></b>	<b><u>6:30am – Board Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>7am – AHDRA Meeting</u></b>
<b><u>5pm – Becky Hart – Centered Riding</u></b>	<b><u>9am-10:30 Becky Hart – Centered Riding</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 MDDA Meeting</u></b>
<b><u>6pm – AHDRA Meet &amp; Greet</u></b>	<b><u>10:45am – Dr Maureen Fehr – Leg Injuries</u></b>	
<b><u>7pm – AHDRA Awards</u></b>	<b><u>Noon – 1pm - Lunch</u></b>	
<b><u>8pm – AHDRA Games</u></b>	<b><u>1pm-4 UMECRA Annual Meeting</u></b>	
	<b><u>5:30pm - Cocktails</u></b>	
	<b><u>6:30pm – Dinner</u></b>	
	<b><u>7:15pm – Awards</u></b>	
	<b><u>Silent Auction Closes After Awards</u></b>	

## DINNER MENU

Meals served with rolls & butter, tossed salad served with ranch or french dressing, seasonal mixed fresh vegetables, roasted baby reds, regular & decaf coffee, tea and 2% milk.

- Pork Ribeye~ 8 oz. char-grilled served with mushroom gravy \$30.00
  
- Chicken Cordon Bleu~ breast of chicken stuffed with lightly smoked ham and swiss cheese \$30.00
  
- Garden Vegetable Marinara~ fettuccini noodles tossed with seasonal vegetables and marinara sauce \*not served with vegetables or potato \$22.00
  
- Kids Plate~ chicken fingers served with shoestring fries and fresh fruit \$13.00  
\*ages 10 & under\*

### UMECRA 2020 Convention meal selection

**ALL payments must be received no later than January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Please send checks made out to UMECRA along with meal selection sheet to:

Kimberly Fosler  
7898 N. Carr Road  
Scales Mound, IL. 61075

Write 1 name per line and an X for your selection

NAME(S)~	Pork ribeye \$30	Chicken \$30	Pasta \$22	Kids \$13	COST
TOTAL~					

Total cost for food~ \_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 For attendees NOT purchasing a meal~ \_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due~ \_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Individuals submitting dinner selections no later than January 6th will be entered into a drawing for a door prize. Dinner selections received after January 6th will have a \$10 late fee applied.  
**ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGES TO YOUR DINNER CHOICE WILL BE ACCEPTED ONCE RECEIVED!**

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## **Rider Rep Submissions**

**Max Bernsdorf.** Thank you for allowing me to be your voice on the board of directors. With your vote I will continue to bring your concerns and questions forward.

**Hi there! My name is Tracy Johnson** and I am one of your current Rider Reps (since 2018) that is up for re-election. I have been a UMECRA member since 2012 when I started my career with a very successful novice season. I have since moved up to LD, Comp, and now Endurance distances. Being newer to distance riding I have the advantage of bringing an unbiased perspective to the organization and by voting for me you will get a young, fresh and energetic voice in this sport.

**Hello my name is Jan Sasena;** My roots are from England where I grew up, and riding has been in my life for as long as I can remember. I have been riding in the Endurance world for a while and love this activity. My experience in the endurance world has been mainly in Minnesota and Wisconsin with some rides outside the region. I have chaired and co-chaired the Minnesota Horse Expo Endurance booth for the last 6 years and have enjoyed sharing information about this wonderful riding experience. For the last two years I have also been part of the team working with the yearly awards .Bailey, my 25 yr old Morgan mare, and I placed in the top ten LD in UMECRA 2013, during that year Bailey was awarded BC 10 times, this last year I have been fortunate to bring another horse Rosie to the family and plan to continue-to grow my experiences in the different offerings in this wonderful family. The knowledge shared in this sport and the care shown to our horses has been amazing. Representing the riders in UMECRA has been a privilege and allowed me to give back to the organization that which my horse-Bailey I have enjoyed being part of, I would love the opportunity to represent the riders in this organization . As your representative I would continue to have a caring common sense approach to bring to the board your concerns. Thank you, Jan

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**Hi fellow riders! I'm Jen Moore** and I am self-nominating for UMECRA Rider Representative. I have been involved in distance riding since 2013 with my Standardbred Sidney Rain. This year we hit our first 1000-mile milestone and I feel like it is time for me to start giving back to a sport and group I love in a bigger capacity. I would be thrilled to be elected to serve as a Rider Representative for UMECRA and be a voice on the board for all riders. I have volunteered at many rides in various capacities over the years and this feels like a natural next step for me in giving back. If I'm elected, I will work hard to be a voice for all members of our group, and work even harder at making our group the best it can be. Here's to an amazing upcoming 2020 season! Thank you, Jen

**Kristine Jubeck.** I fell in love with distance riding about 3 years ago. Prior to that I did mainly dressage and trail riding, and I had a couple of years of eventing competition from about 2007-2011. In the 3 years since I discovered distance riding, I have conditioned and competed friends' horses, my own horse, and sponsored juniors. I have ridden Novice, LD and completed my first 50 this year! Before I caught the endurance bug, I had very little camping experience, let alone camping with my horse. I also did not own a trailer until May of this year. I have since hauled to several rides, and camped with my horse just for fun and family vacations. My husband and six-year-old son are not horse people, but they do love to camp. Honestly, I'm not sure we would have discovered our love of camping if it wasn't for this sport. So, as you can see, this sport has given me so much, and I would be thrilled to have the opportunity to give back by serving as your rider rep.

**My name is Melissa Coolich.** I wish to represent you as a Rider Representative for the 2020-2021 seasons. I started riding endurance in Missouri in 2010 and became a UMECRA member when we moved to Wisconsin in 2014. I have enjoyed the opportunities available to UMECRA members and particularly appreciate local 75 and 100 mile rides. I have also completed rides from Ft Howes to Old Dominion and many states in between (plus Ontario). This year, Aurora and I learned to drive and we completed our first distance drive at Big River. I also have experience with the Endurance, LD, Extreme Mustang Makeover, dressage, jumping, competitive trail and am active in an equestrian search and rescue group. Professionally, I am a PhD Engineer. My current job is to develop recyclable packaging solutions and grow young talent. I would like to see UMECRA membership grow through recruitment and retention efforts that support both young riders and adults. In the meantime, be safe, have fun, hug your animals and consider my bid for Wisconsin rider representative.

**Hi, my name is Sarah Carlson** and I would like to serve UMECRA as a rider representative. Hi, my name is Sarah Carlson and I would like to serve UMECRA as a rider representative. I participated in my first novice rides in 2016 and joined AERC, UMECRA, MNDRA and the Greenbeans program in 2017. I absolutely love this sport. This sport has given me the opportunity to learn so much more about my horses, make some wonderful new friends, and I've been fortunate to have some really amazing mentors. I've sort of become obsessed with endurance, and serving as a rider rep would be a way for me to support the sport that I love. During the last 3 seasons I've ridden LD, Endurance and this year I started a new horse in competitive. My ultimate goal is to compete in 100's. I've been an active leader in 4-H, my local United Way and work full time in the Human Resources field. My goals as your rider representative would be to provide the perspective of riders, and to engage in dialogue about the issues and decisions we are faced with and position UMECRA to continue to be a strong regional organization. Thanks for considering me for this position and I hope to see you out on the trail for many years to come!

**Lynda Zimmerman** Hello UMECRA Members, I would like to run for re-election as one of your Rider Reps. With only four Rider Reps on the Board of Directors and a couple important issues coming up for discussion and vote, I feel it's important to continue to be involved and represent your views, goals and interests. I've been a UMECRA member for 10 years, and a Rider Rep. for the past two. I have participated in many Ride events, befriended many rider/members across the region. I live in west central Minnesota and support all the MnDRA rides but have also competed across the region (MI is on my agenda this year), as well as a few rides in SD, ND and WY, and in all ride, classes including Competitive, LD and Endurance, although predominantly LD. In my years with AERC/UMECRA, I have completed over 3,500 competition miles with three Paso Finos and one Arabian, having earned the Competitive Rookie of the Year in 2010 with my PF mare, our first year of competition. One of my Paso geldings earned the national PFHA High Point Endurance Trail Award the three successive years (2015-2017), and my third Paso Fino also earned the national PFHA High Point in 2018, his first year of competition. I earned the AERC/PFHA breed (mileage) award in 2015, and we've been frequent, consistent, and successful competitors often earning top UMECRA and/or MnDRA year-end awards. I also competed with an Arabian in 2013 and may start another one in 2020. I have great respect and admiration for the Arabian's natural physical abilities in this sport. My experience with Arabian and non-Arabian horses provides me with a diverse equine view, and I have presented at the MnDRA clinic for new endurance riders on, "Ride Your Own Ride: Competing with a Non-Arabian Horse." Professionally, I teach an online college writing course and am a retired Academic Advisor (Nurse Practitioner program) from a MN state university. I am also the current president of the Mid America Paso Fino Association, have performed and presented at the MN Horse Expo several years and contribute to several distance riding Facebook groups for Paso Finos and other gaited breeds from coast to coast. This Fall, I became involved in the revised Master Plan for our local park (where Mosquito Run is held) to help design a bike path route that would not only preserve horse riding trails, but promote safety and trail etiquette education for all trail users. I was able to share many ideas from my trail riding experiences across the UMECRA region, and the park administration was receptive to those suggestions. They have asked me to continue with suggestions for their other horse trail parks. As an AERC affiliate, I feel we in UMECRA can benefit from more shared experiences and ideas across the regions, as well as share border state riders with each other to the benefit of all. With my regional participation, horse care knowledge, sport experience, and broad base of member friendships, I offer a balanced perspective that will serve the needs, goals, and interests of many riders and benefit the organization, as well as our beloved equine partners. I adore my horses, love the sport, and hope you will support my opportunity to represent you to the Board of Directors in another term.  
Live, laugh, love, ride! Lynda Zimmerman



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UMECRA  
**Profit & Loss**  
January through October 2019

	<u>Jan - Oct ...</u>	<u>Jan - Oct ...</u>
<b>Income</b>		
1000-mile Horse	320.00	500.00
Convention fees	3,271.40	4,682.00
Donations Received	0.00	1,300.00
Interest Income	19.30	19.79
Membership Dues	6,305.00	6,880.00
Newsletter income	6.00	26.00
Ride book income	0.00	20.00
Ride Fees	4,136.00	5,644.00
Ride insurance income	2,165.00	2,001.00
Ride Sanction Fees	1,295.00	925.00
Silent Auction	1,952.00	2,835.00
Year End Award Income	500.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>19,969.70</u>	<u>24,832.79</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	19,969.70	24,832.79
<b>Expense</b>		
Advertising & Promotion	754.11	1,100.00
Bank Service Fees	0.00	4.00
BoD Expenses	437.85	339.15
Completion 1st Ride T-shirts	93.00	257.70
Convention Expenses	5,689.44	6,685.64
Membership Directory	0.00	683.56
Newsletter	859.75	1,055.37
Office Supplies	326.88	105.63
Postage	50.00	6.70
Printing	956.65	1,316.93
Reconciliation Discrepancies	1.65	0.00
Ride Book	628.01	838.15
Ride Insurance Expenses	4,736.00	4,654.00

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**UMECRA**  
**Profit & Loss**  
January through October 2019

	<u>Jan - Oct ...</u>	<u>Jan - Oct ...</u>
Ride Manager/Vet Book Expen...	269.26	197.65
Scholarship Fund Donation	1,544.00	554.25
Trail Grants	900.00	1,500.00
Website Expenses	0.00	33.97
Year-End Awards	<u>3,226.98</u>	<u>5,770.32</u>
Total Expense	<u>20,473.58</u>	<u>25,103.02</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-503.88</u></u>	<u><u>-270.23</u></u>

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**Balance Sheet**  
As of October 31, 2019

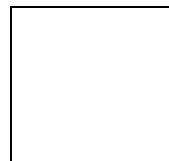
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<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
MFCU-00 (Convention Fund)	7,044.31
MFCU-64 (ICF Fund)	6,811.32
MFCU-65 (Trail Fund)	3,873.05
MFCU Checking (UMECRA)	<u>18,767.06</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>36,495.74</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>36,495.74</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>36,495.74</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	16,860.34
Retained Earnings	20,139.28
Net Income	<u>-503.88</u>
Total Equity	<u>36,495.74</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>36,495.74</u></u>

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