

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As we get ready to wrap up another year, I'd like to wish all of you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year! While you are preparing for the holidays and plotting out your ride seasons for next year, don't forget to renew your membership in UMECRA and complete your plans for attending the annual meeting and convention January 22-23. It has been a long time since we've all had a chance to get together in person. I certainly hope everyone will have an opportunity to attend. It's always a great time to have some fun, share experiences and celebrate the accomplishments of riders and equines alike. Oh, and don't forget the Silent auction and trying to out-bid one another to "win" an awesome donation – remember, the proceeds from the auction is how we fund our Trails, Scholarship and Convention Funds. Your generous support is greatly appreciated! Our Sanctioning Coordinator, Theresa Meyer, has put together a draft of the 2022 ride schedule which can be found on the UMECRA website. I encourage all Ride managers to look it over very closely to make sure the information pertaining to your ride(s) is correct and/or accurate. If there are any corrections needed, please forward the info to Theresa @ thmeyer753@gmail.com Having the schedule "fine-tuned" prior to the annual meeting makes for a smooth and quick approval at the meeting. Also, remember that ride flyers are due to Theresa by February 1st. Ride Managers and Delegates to our Annual Meeting should also read through the minutes of the Board of Directors November meeting (attached to this newsletter and posted to the UMECRA website). There are currently two proposals being brought forward for a vote. The first is a proposal to approve some language

changes to General Rule 4-M. This rule describes rider requirements/responsibilities for the reporting of errors in points and/or point standings. The most notable change in the rule is that the UMECRA website will become the official site of notification of points and point standings (results will still be posted in the newsletter). Timelines for reporting errors and finalization of points and standings remains at 30 days post publication to the website. The second proposal to be considered is a rule requiring the wearing of a helmet during competition. Language for this proposal is still being worked on by the Rules Committee and will be completed by the annual meeting. In closing, I'd like to thank everyone for their support and trust in me over the years as President of UMECRA and let you know that I will not be seeking re-election. It has been a privilege to serve on the board and I simply cannot say enough good things about the people in this organization. I believe UMECRA is in a good place and has a bright future. I encourage everyone who meets the qualifications within our bylaws to consider serving on the board. Sincerely,
Jon Wagner
UMECRA President

**UMECRA Convention is Coming Fast!
Registration information is included.**

**Please join us for a weekend of fun,
education, awards and, of course, the world-
famous silent auction!!**

Convention Speaker

This year's convention speaker has advice for you that could be a game-changer for your next endurance season.

Endurance riders typically take amazing care of their horses, but tend to ignore the other 50% of their athletic team. For this year's convention, we decided to take the time to focus on the human half – YOU!

Is your energy level negatively affecting your horse's performance? Don't be the weak link!!

Steve Born has nearly three decades of involvement in the sports nutrition industry, as well as more than 20 years of independent research in nutritional fueling and supplementation.

Steve provides consultations to athletes at every level of endurance sports, and enjoys helping people achieve their performance goals.

Steve is an ultra-endurance cyclist and among many other accolades, is a three-time Race Across America finisher, as well as the holder of two ultra-marathon cycling records. In addition to cycling, Steve is an avid Nordic skier and also runs the occasional half-marathon.

Steve is a nutritional consultant for Hammer Nutrition and authors many of the articles in Hammer Nutrition's Endurance News. He stresses that he is not a salesperson. Steve has nutritional advice that has impressed even his most health-educated audiences. Come to the convention with your questions!

Some of the topics that Steve could cover include:

- Good carbs/Bad carbs
- KETO diet – Thumbs up or Thumbs down?
- Eating during competition without stomach upset
- Staying alert and energized all day
- Fuels that fit in your saddle bags
- How to avoid heat stroke
- How to combat post-ride muscle fatigue
- Popular bottled electrolyte drinks
- Staying mentally alert and focused
- How to improve your circulation
- Strengthen your immune system
- Relieve aching joints

Let's get creative!!!

Looking for donations for the Famous UMECRA Convention Silent Auction! <https://www.umecra.com/convention.html>
Silent Auction Proceeds go towards the UMECRA Convention expenses, the UMECRA Trail Fund, and the UMECRA Scholarship! You can free up some space in your tack room and trailer while supporting the sport you love.

Don't have tack to donate? How about a handy-craft or service (share your talents and skills)?

We are looking for:

- New or gently used, in good shape tack and equipment
- New or gently used, in good shape equestrian related items like books/decor/blankets etc
- Fun, hand-made items (baked goods, jams, quilts, wood or iron work, etc.)
- Professional services (massage therapy, saddle fitting, photoshoot, hoof trim/farrier services, etc.)

- Non-professional, but greatly appreciated services (Child care at a ride, home cooked meal at a ride, etc)
- Ride Managers...! Ride entry fees or discounts.

Please let me know if you have items to donate, so I can get a rough estimate of how many items we can expect. Do you have a donation, but don't plan to attend the convention? We can find a way to get your donations to the convention. Contact Katie Vogel at email: katie.fleming661@gmail.com Or via cell: 661-619-0716

Family Members - Email Address Alert!

UMECRA is preparing for the 2022 Rider Representative Election. Similar to the 2018 and 2020 process, we will be using an electronic ballot system to enable all members to vote for rider representatives. Family memberships get two votes but only if we receive a second email address. We cannot submit the ballot to the same address twice. You will need to provide us with your name, at least one other family member's name and the two email addresses you would like to use. Please do it right now so you don't forget. The ballots will be emailed in early January and winners will be announced at the annual meeting.

Send this information to: Deb Moe debralmoe@gmail.com

Open Positions for Elections at Convention:

- President,
- WI and MN Reps,
- Vet Rep,
- 4 Rider Reps.

There are 4 Rider Representative positions open for a 2-year term starting in 2022. This is a great position for those who want to serve as a connection between riders and the Board. A Rider Representative must be a 2+ year UMECRA member at least 18 years of age who has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors by individual and family members. They are also delegates to the annual and special meeting(s). Ride managers are not eligible to be elected as Rider Representatives. Interested members need to create a write up with a description of who they are and why they would like to represent their fellow distance riders. You can nominate yourself or someone else. All nominations need to be sent to Janet Sarver, UMECRA Secretary at jmsarver1966@gmail.com no later than December 15, 2021. Elections will be held online in early January.

For information on the various positions and responsibilities, check out the UMECRA Bylaws which are available on the UMECRA Website at UMECRA.com

Convention Delegates Needed

Ride Managers please contact Janet Sarver, UMECRA Secretary, and notify her who will be your ride delegates at the annual convention. A ride with two days of events gets two delegates, three days gets three delegates etc. Send this information prior to the convention to Jsarver662@gmail.com, message her on Facebook, or call her at (651) 270-0961.

UMECRA Elections for 2022

The following positions will be open for nominations and be voted on at the Annual meeting on January 22, 2022.

- President (A current UMECRA ride manager or former UMECRA ride manager during at least three (3) seasons in the past five (5) seasons, or who has been a Delegate in the preceding two (2) years)
- Minnesota Region Representative (must be a ride manager from Minnesota)

- Wisconsin Region Representative (must be a ride manager from Wisconsin)
- Veterinary Representative (must be a DVM and UMECRA member who is a ride vet)
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If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please write a short paragraph about your interest and email it to Janet Sarver, UMECRA Secretary at JSarver662@gmail.com by January 15. Nominations can also come from convention floor on the day of voting.

Riders Choice Nominations Needed

It is time to make your nominations for this year's Rider's Choice Award. This award has been presented at the UMECRA convention since 1981 and is voted by those present at the convention. When submitting your nomination, please include a detailed description of the horse's accomplishments and the reasons why you are nominating the horse.

The guidelines to be considered when nominated a horse for this honor are as follow:

1. A horse that has shown superior ability in its 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."

Nominations need to be emailed to Janet Sarver, UMECRA Secretary at JSarver662@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions is January 19, 2022.



Rider Representative Nominations 2022 Election

1. Tracey Johnson

My name is Tracy Johnson, and I am running for a UMECRA Rider Rep position. I started this sport in 2012 and have competed in our novice, competitive, limited distance & endurance divisions ranging in miles from 10 to 100. I am a member of UMECRA, AHDRA, AERC & DRAW, which I recently accepted the position of Vice President. I bring an unbiased perspective to the organization and by voting for me you will get a young, fresh and energetic voice in this sport.

2. Kimberly Fosler

Hi, my name is Kimberly Fosler. I am from Scales Mound Illinois, and I am running for a Rider Representative position. I have been a member of UMECRA since 2012, devoting my riding to my only gelding CJ. I have experience in CTR, LD, and Endurance rides.

Representing UMECRA as a Rider Representative the past two years, I have learned so much about our bylaws and history of UMECRA. I also feel I have the communications skills that it takes to be on a board. Convention 2020 and 2021 Rider Handbooks have been a couple of tasks I've had since being a member.

I would like to continue to represent our membership and ride managers through the Rider Representative position.

Kimberly Fosler

3. Linda Jacobson

My name is Linda Jacobson and I would really like to be one of your Rider Representatives to the UMECRA Board of Directors.

After attending a clinic and novice ride in 1996, I started competing in 1997. I was so hooked, I have ridden every year since. Generally, I ride in every state so I would be able to talk with and listen to many riders. Having the experience of competing in all disciplines, and being both a ride manager and a rider, I have a pretty good understanding of issues from all perspectives.

I so love this sport of ours and would love to help new and seasoned riders get their voices heard and questions answered. If you think I would do a good job for you, please give me your vote. Thank you so much!

4. Debby Weisbecker

My name is Debby Weisbecker, and I am running for the position of Rider Representative. While I'm relatively new to the sport, starting in 2016 as a Novice with my Saddlebred mare Brandy, I have been progressively moving up to compete in Competitive Trail, Limited Distance and successfully finished one 50. With that said, I know I have a HUGE learning curve and have only scratched the surface of this incredible sport. However, as a lifelong student who fell in love with the magnificence of the horse as a young child, I believe that I have the qualities necessary to be an excellent rider representative. I bring a broad base of equestrian knowledge and sport-horse care from years of eventing, driving, trail and hunter/jumper disciplines. In my professional capacity, I collaborate with other departments, develop best-in-practice strategies, and help lead a small team with proven success. I hope my ability to be open minded and objective will provide an inviting environment for riders to share their input and concerns. In the short time I have been involved with distance riding, I have been assisted by so many wonderful people in the UMECRA community. I would love to give back to the sport by being a resource for others and make our sport even better.

5. Wesley Elford

Nomination for Rider Representative to the BoD of UMECRA.

My name is Wesley G. Elford DVM. I am running for a two-year term as Rider Representative to the BoD of UMECRA. I started vetting rides in 1984 and have been involved in the distance riding sport ever since. I started riding distance rides because I really enjoy being on the back of a horse. I began riding competitive rides in 1987 and started

doing endurance in 1991. That's 34 years of enjoyment!

I have vetted AERC rides in the upper Midwest and across the nation and have vetted FEI rides as a 4 star vet. I have, therefore, an understanding of distance riding in all aspects as it relates to the rider. I have been veterinary representative to the BoD of UMECRA and understand how the BoD functions. I have worked with committees that developed the score sheet for competitive riders. I have recently submitted a proposal to the UMECRA BoD for the formation of a committee to develop a standardized vet check protocol that would be common to all areas of UMECRA so riders would know what to expect at an endurance vet check when riding a UMECRA sanctioned ride. As a rider I understand the feeling riders have when competing and wanting to know how to get their horse successfully through a ride. I have served on the Veterinary Committee of AERC for many years and understand that, though riders are ultimately responsible for their own horses, it is expected that our horses will be adequately and fairly evaluated and provided for throughout a ride by qualified personnel.

6. Krystyna Eischens

My sisters, Mom, and I bring the kids and horses and compete around the region for the last few years. We love riding horse together so much that we can do it all day, hence the reason why we ride endurance. Currently, we ride 50-milers, but the plan is to keep building up to 75-100-mile range. This year was great for our Eischens family; we won the family award in UMECRA and came in second in AERC. The kids did exceptionally; Miley (11yo)- 625 endurance miles on our Arabian, Holla, and Colton(10yo) -200 endurance miles and 75 limited distance miles with Maria's mule, Alf. It was not always sunshine and roses. Miley had to step up her game and learn to saddle herself and make/give electrolytes. She also learned how to nail on shoes. Holla sometimes tends to track to one side, so Miley learned how to catch this early and what to do to fix it. Colton started the year out rough. He fell off more times than I can count on my hand. We got him a different saddle to help

secure him and build his confidence and things just got better from there. For me the year wasn't so many miles, and I did not finish as many rides as I wanted but supporting the kids and seeing them succeed keeps me going. I have learned to overcome many things this year and past ones, and from these experiences I feel I am ready to give back to the ride family and therefore would like to nominate myself for the Rider Rep position.

The soulmate horses, the ones that really clicked with you, those were the ones that continued to gnaw at your heart, years after they were gone and the rest of the world had forgotten them.

- Natalie Keller Reinert



**UMECRA board meeting
November 13, 2021**

Present: Jon Wagner, President; Linda Mowrer, Vice President; Janet Sarver, Secretary; Deb Moe, Treasurer; Theresa Meyer, Past President; Dr. Jennifer Lorenz, Veterinary Representative; Barb Gardner, Director at Large. Regional Directors Nicole Mauser-Storer, Illinois; Sarah Maass, Minnesota. Rider Representative Kim Fosler.

Attending by Zoom: Rider Representatives Lynda Zimmerman, Maxine Bergdorf, Jen Moore; Regional Director Laurie Henschel, Wisconsin.

Guests: Tony Troyer, Carol Wagner, Linda Jacobsen, Ann DeLang, Aaron Mowrer

Location: Quality Inn, Lodi Wisconsin

10:00am Meeting called to order

Minutes from March 20, 2021 meeting – approved by unanimous consent

Treasurer's report – given by Deb Moe. There was a total of 284 memberships of which 47 were new. More than half (63%) of the membership purchases were online indicating the process is working well. Discussion of awards fund. The fund now uses the previous year's ride fees to pay for this year's awards. Jon stated that the general fund makes up the difference if the ridership is down so it makes sense to have this process reviewed. Deb will create a report that shows actual year over year rider fee income, awards expenses and variance to established budgets and present these findings to the board. Deb presented the Profit and Loss report. There was no convention this year so there were fewer expenses. Jon motioned to approve the report, seconded by Linda. Motion approved.

Secretary's report – Janet Sarver read a trail grant request from Katie Bachhuber. The request asks for \$1000 for installation of electricity into the New Prospect Horse Riders Campground in the Kettle Moraine State Forest. Theresa made a motion that we approve \$300. Deb seconded the motion. Jon proposed an amendment that this money be stipulated that it will fund the work as requested. Motion approved as amended by unanimous consent.

A report from Lynda Zimmerman was presented about trail grants at Crow Hassan Park. Lynda requested that UMECRA withhold any future grant funds from this park until work is completed, not given in advance. Theresa stated that this park has always worked well with our rides. The board agreed that there will be no change in how grants are distributed.

Jon would like UMECRA be a member of each state's horse council. This has unanimous consent. State forms will be sent to Deb Moe for payment once completed.

Janet passed out a report summarizing actions by board members from March 22 – November 4, 2021. This was reviewed with no changes.

Sanctioning Coordinator Report - Theresa Meyer presented the 5-year tentative UMECRA Sanctioning Schedule for review. There will be a name change for Border Battle Boogie to Trade River Run. Dead Dog Creek will happen and move to a new park in Augusta, Illinois. Grand Island North has requested to move a week later in the schedule. Maah Daah Hey will be sanctioned for 2022. Endless Big Valley has a new ride manager. Northern Lightz Run is tentatively planning to occur. Colorama will go down to 2 days. Northern Highland will have a new ride manager. There is a proposal to bring back Shore to Shore in 2023.

General Scheduling Review – Theresa has created an online sanctioning form to help with this process. She has had 13 rides responding with 20 left to go. Forms are due November 30, 2021. The Sanctioning Coordinator will provide the list of shared additional insured entities to the treasurer. It is the ride manager's responsibility to verify their additional insured information is correct and of similar name and address with others who wish to share.

The secretary will send an email blast to all ride managers that ride flyers are due to Theresa by February 1st.

Committee Reports

Awards – Jan Sasena reports that she is ordering awards and is on track for the convention. Deb Moe brought up the subject of the travelling trophy for rookie award. She will track down the trophy and see if there is space on it for new names. Deb made a proposal to look into another type of award for rookie in addition or to replace this trophy. Jon suggested that Deb present a proposal to the board with her ideas.

UMECRA Convention January 21-23, 2022 – Minnesota is the host. Theresa has speakers for Friday night with Art Priez and Joe Mattingly talking about international endurance riding. AHDRA will provide refreshments and present their awards on Friday evening. Saturday's speaker will be from Hammer Nutrition. There will be a silent auction. Deb Moe will work with Theresa to create an online registration for banquet and fees. The 2023 convention will be hosted by Illinois. Lynda Zimmerman asked about Covid protocols. These will be reviewed and posted closer to the date.

Bylaws/Rules – looking for more members for this committee

Old Business

Points Keeper and Webmaster Appointments/Approval – Robin Schadt and Nicole Mauser-Storer have agreed to continue in these positions.

Membership Directories – Kim, Nicole and Deb coordinated this process over the summer and the books have been mailed. Remaining books will be brought to the convention. Kim suggested that the return address be printed on the books for next time. Janet stated that there have been some returned and will send the names out on the IO account to try to find corrections.

Mentor List Review – Nicole stated that this list needs to be reviewed and updated. Jon suggested that this be brought up at the annual meeting at the convention to recruit new mentors. Janet will coordinate a review and of the current list.

New Member Welcome – Deb will create a welcome packet for new members. Janet and Sarah Maass will help coordinate this process.

Communications Software – Deb stated that these programs were cost prohibitive due to monthly fees. Discussion of ideas to explore. Deb will report to the board if she finds other options.

Out of Region Rides – Discussion of riders who go to rides outside the UMECRA area and whether they can get points. Jon suggested that UMECRA focus primarily on putting effort into promoting, investing, etc. our current rides. Lynda listed some benefits for UMECRA to be open to out of region rides and suggested that transfer fees be paid by the rider. Sarah and Linda presented a view from the point of a ride manager. Jon asked the board to table this discussion. If there is a request from an out of region ride manager, it can be considered a case at a time.

Reviewing Board Position Bylaw Language – The Board reviewed bylaw language regarding the 3 board positions that do not require a person to be a current ride manager (Pres., Sec., and Treas.) and if there was a need to adjust the language if one of those officers would choose to run for another position on the board immediately after their current term of office expired. After a lengthy discussion and further review of Art. IV, Sec. 1, the board agreed that there is no need for any changes to the language at this time.

New Business

Metabolic Scoring in Competitive Trail – Theresa reviewed the current rules of veterinary requirements for this area. Theresa and Dr. Lorenz wrote new language regarding metabolic indicators under Competitive Rule B: Condition. They also included wording to include tack galls and wounds under A. Soundness. 4) Saddle and Cinch Sores. Discussion of the process of a metabolic evaluation and logistics of how to manage this at a ride. Theresa, Sarah and Dr. Lorenz will work on the language and bring it back for board review prior to the annual meeting.

UMECRA General Rule 4-M, Rider Requirements review – Jon presented a review of the current wording of this rule and a proposed revision. Official notification of results and point standings will change from the newsletter to website. The newsletter will continue to publish ride results and points. Riders will be responsible to report suspected errors to the Points Keeper and Ride Manager within 30 days of publication to the website. Any discrepancies to resolve these errors must be forwarded to the Secretary to present to the Executive Board to review. Motion by Kim to accept the new wording of 4-M as revised. Seconded by Nicole. Motion passed and the proposal will move to annual meeting for general membership’s consideration.

Current Rule 4.M

UMECRA General Rules

4. Rider Requirements

M. Thirty days after the mailing of the UMECRA newsletter ride results printed therein become official. Errors must be reported to the points keeper, ride manager and UMECRA secretary within the 30 days. Riders are responsible for checking ride results and point standings. If errors are found after 30 days, the UMECRA executive board, ride manager and points keeper must be petitioned in writing by the rider and informed of the error. The secretary will inform the board of the petition. Correct placings and points should be awarded unless intentionally delay of error notification is suspected. This will be considered fraud, and may result in no change in ride results or points awarded. All ride results and points are final 30 days after the publication of the November newsletter. (2020)

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Changes to Rule 4.M

UMECRA General Rules

4. Rider Requirements

M. The UMECRA website: www.umecra.com, shall serve as the official process of notification of ride results and point standings. Ride results and points printed therein become official 30 days after the publication date to the website (Publication dates will be logged on the site.) Riders are responsible for checking ride results and point standings for any potential errors in a timely manner and must report any suspected errors to the Points Keeper and Ride Manager within the 30 days of the publication date. Any discrepancies in the attempts by the Points Keeper, rider and/or the Ride Manager to resolve any suspected errors must be forwarded to the UMECRA Secretary. The UMECRA Secretary will inform the Executive Board of Directors of such discrepancies. The UMECRA Board of Directors will be responsible for the final resolution of these issues in a timely fashion.

**If this UMECRA General Rule, Rider Requirements 4.M passes then bylaw change must take place:

ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS

Section 5. OTHER POSITIONS. An Executive Committee of the Board will nominate (a) proposed volunteer Newsletter Editor(s) for a two-year term, commencing in 1997. The Executive Committee will also nominate a proposed volunteer Sanctioning Director and a separate Points-Keeper for a two-year term commencing in 2004. The executive committee will appoint a volunteer webmaster for a two year term commencing January 2006. Commencing in 2012, the Sanctioning Coordinator and the Newsletter Editor will be appointed to a two year term, these appointments will be made on even numbered years. Commencing in 2013 the Points Keeper and the Webmaster will be appointed to a two-year term made in odd numbered years. (1/15/11) The above shall be subject to an approval vote by a majority of a quorum of the Board. The Newsletter Editor(s), Points-Keeper, Sanctioning Director and Webmaster shall be invited to attend all Board or committee meetings. Duties of these positions are as follow, but are not limited to:

- (a) Newsletter Editor(s) will edit, author and publish at least 10 newsletters per year both electronic and by hard copy.
- (b) The Points-Keeper will keep track of season rider points and division standings and provide them to the **Webmaster and** Newsletter Editor(s) for publication. Points-Keeper will also keep track of horse and rider mileages seasonally and for lifetime records. The Points-Keeper shall be responsible for record-keeping related to awards at season end, as approved by the Board.
- (c) Sanctioning Coordinator will work with the AERC Sanctioning Director to sanction and coordinate scheduling recommendations to the Board for UMECRA rides and shall edit and coordinate publishing of the yearly UMECRA ride book.

- (d) The Webmaster will edit, author and publish the website in a timely manner.
- (e) Generally, these positions are advisory and administrative Board positions, and are non-voting. These positions are also subject to the requirements of the traditional duties and standards of responsibility expected of these positions within UMECRA, subject to the authority of the UMECRA Board and as related needs arise within their areas of responsibility.

Family Award –After a short discussion, the Board passed a resolution that beginning in 2022, to be eligible for the Family Award, a nomination form must be submitted to the Points Keeper. Jon, Nicole and Robin will work on the wording needed for this change.

Requiring Helmets - discussion of adding this rule. Deb will ask the insurance company about their requirements. Linda Mowrer made a motion to require helmets. Seconded by Barb. Motion passed and will be proposed at the annual meeting.

Reinstate Top Ten Endurance Awards – presentation of letters requesting a change from the current Elite 8 back to Top 10. Sarah presented data showing that some high mileage riders miss out on awards due to the discrepancy between Elite 8 and Restricted Mileage. Discussion of pros and cons. Motion by Sarah for the board to present to the general membership to reinstate Top 10 in endurance. Barb seconded. 4 voted for, 5 against so motion failed. Motion by Sarah to return to Top 10 across all divisions. Jen seconded. Majority opposed; motion failed. Jon stated that the board acknowledges that there is an issue in this area and will continue to take a look at the fiscal and positive attributes of Elite 8 and Top 10 awards.

Protocol for Vetting Horses at Vet Checks – Dr. Lorenz stated that there is no standardized way of vetting at rides across UMECRA. She would like to create a committee of vets, riders, and ride managers across all regions to develop a protocol. Discussion. Jon proposed that Dr. Lorenz create and chair a committee to develop this protocol. Jon volunteered to co-chair.

Elections – There are 8 positions up for election: President, Minnesota and Wisconsin Region Representatives, Veterinary Representative, and 4 Rider Representatives.

Janet will create a social media online notice, email blast and contact Peggy to put an article out in the December newsletter about all open positions. The 4 positions for rider representative will need to have interested parties submit their name and a small article by Dec. 15th. Deb will create an online voting program.

Ride Attendance/Entries Review/Promoting UMECRA, Endurance Riding – Theresa reviewed the history of ride clinics in Minnesota. Discussion of ideas to promote the sport online, mailing new rider packets, ride clinics in different states, improving the mentor program, increasing outreach from the rider reps and regional reps. Nicole would like to ask UMECRA's support for a booth at the Illinois Horse Fair, will fill out the trail grant form and get to Janet to distribute to Jon and the board.

3:27 pm. Kim motioned to adjourn; Linda seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer's Report
Prepared by Deb Moe 11/13/2021

**UMECRA
Profit & Loss**
As of Nov 13, 2021

Cash Balances

	Nov 13, 21	Nov 13, 20
1000 - Checking - Operations	19,551.18	16,921.13
1001 - Savings - Awards	7,843.24	197.00
1002 - Savings - Convention	4,876.31	6,707.96
1003 - Savings - International	5,812.97	6,815.97
1004 - Savings - Trails	3,101.13	3,881.38
Total Checking/Savings	41,184.83	34,523.44

Membership Report

178 Online Renewals (63%)

Type	Income	Returning	New	Total
Family	1,890.00	47	7	54
Junior	110.00	6	5	11
Single	5,475.00	185	34	219
Total	7,475.00	237	47	284

Awards Fund - Detail

	Quantity (#)	Amount (\$)
Opening Balance		1,235.74
Transfer From International Fund		1,000.00
100 Mile Horse Award	1	50.00
1000 Mile Horse Fee		
Initial Fee	11	220.00
Prior Years	29	285.00
Total 1000 Mile Horse Fee	30	505.00
Ride Fees		
Competitive Trail	360	900.00
Drive	26	65.00
Endurance	477	1,192.50
Limited Distance	869	2,172.50
Novice	289	722.50
Total Ride Fees	2021	5,052.50
Total Awards Fund		7,843.24

Ordinary Income/Expense

	Jan 1 - Nov 13, 21
Income	
Miscellaneous Income	10.00
5000 - Membership Dues Income	7,465.00
5020 - Newsletter Income	260.00
5030 - Ride Book Income	540.00
5200 - Insurance Reimbursements	1,537.02
5300 - Ride Fee Income	5,052.50
5400 - Ride Sanctioning Income	960.00
5500 - 1000 Mile Horse Income	505.00
5600 - 100 Mile Horse Award Income	50.00
5700 - Donations	
5701 - Awards Donation	0.50
Total 5700 - Donations	0.50
Total Income	16,380.02
Gross Profit	16,380.02
Expense	
6150 - 1000 Mile Horse Award Expense	180.00
6180 - First Ride Shirts Expense	89.75
6200 - Insurance Expense	2,587.00
6300 - Ride Book Expense	509.13
6400 - Ride Forms Expenses	1,520.67
6500 - RM Vet Handbook	207.00
6600 - Newsletter Expense	370.36
6650 - Membership Directory Expense	935.13
6750 - Trail Grant Distributions	300.00
6800 - UMECRA Membership to Others	100.00
6850 - Advertising Expense	300.00
6900 - Operation Expenses	
6901 - Bank Fees	56.00
6905 - Website Expenses	8.99
6910 - Merchant Fees	8.15
Total 6900 - Operation Expenses	73.14
Total Expense	7,172.18
Net Ordinary Income	9,207.84
Net Income	9,207.84

**UMECRA
Profit & Loss by Class**
As of Nov 13, 2021

	Awards Fund	General Fund	Trails Fund	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00
5000 - Membership Dues Income	0.00	7,465.00	0.00	7,465.00
5020 - Newsletter Income	0.00	260.00	0.00	260.00
5030 - Ride Book Income	0.00	540.00	0.00	540.00
5200 - Insurance Reimbursements	0.00	1,537.02	0.00	1,537.02
5300 - Ride Fee Income	5,052.50	0.00	0.00	5,052.50
5400 - Ride Sanctioning Income	0.00	960.00	0.00	960.00
5500 - 1000 Mile Horse Income	505.00	0.00	0.00	505.00
5600 - 100 Mile Horse Award Income	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
5700 - Donations				
5701 - Awards Donation	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50
Total 5700 - Donations	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50
Total Income	5,608.00	10,772.02	0.00	16,380.02
Gross Profit	5,608.00	10,772.02	0.00	16,380.02
Expense				
6150 - 1000 Mile Horse Award Expense	180.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
6180 - First Ride Shirts Expense	0.00	89.75	0.00	89.75
6200 - Insurance Expense	0.00	2,587.00	0.00	2,587.00
6300 - Ride Book Expense	0.00	509.13	0.00	509.13
6400 - Ride Forms Expenses	0.00	1,520.67	0.00	1,520.67
6500 - RM Vet Handbook	0.00	207.00	0.00	207.00
6600 - Newsletter Expense	0.00	370.36	0.00	370.36
6650 - Membership Directory Expense	0.00	935.13	0.00	935.13
6750 - Trail Grant Distributions	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
6800 - UMECRA Membership to Others	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
6850 - Advertising Expense	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
6900 - Operation Expenses				
6901 - Bank Fees	0.00	56.00	0.00	56.00
6905 - Website Expenses	0.00	8.99	0.00	8.99
6910 - Merchant Fees	0.00	8.15	0.00	8.15
Total 6900 - Operation Expenses	0.00	73.14	0.00	73.14
Total Expense	180.00	6,692.18	300.00	7,172.18
Net Ordinary Income	5,428.00	4,079.84	-300.00	9,207.84
Net Income	5,428.00	4,079.84	-300.00	9,207.84

**UMECRA
Balance Sheet**
As of Nov 13, 2021

	Nov 13, 21	Nov 13, 20	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
1000 - Checking - Operations (AB)	19,551.18	16,921.13	2,630.05	15.54%
1001 - Savings - Awards (AB)	7,843.24	197.00	7,646.24	3,881.34%
1002 - Savings - Convention (AB)	4,876.31	6,707.96	-1,831.65	-27.31%
1003 - Savings - International (AB)	5,812.97	6,815.97	-1,003.00	-14.72%
1004 - Savings - Trails (AB)	3,101.13	3,881.38	-780.25	-20.1%
Total Checking/Savings	41,184.83	34,523.44	6,661.39	19.3%
Accounts Receivable				
1100 - Accounts Receivable	125.00	57.50	67.50	117.39%
Total Accounts Receivable	125.00	57.50	67.50	117.39%
Other Current Assets				
1200 - Undeposited Funds	0.00	396.66	-396.66	-100.0%
1900 - Prepaid Expenses				
1901 - Convention Deposits	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 1900 - Prepaid Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Current Assets	1,000.00	1,396.66	-396.66	-28.4%
Total Current Assets	42,309.83	35,977.60	6,332.23	17.6%
TOTAL ASSETS	42,309.83	35,977.60	6,332.23	17.6%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Other Current Liabilities				
3000 - Prepaid Liabilities				
3001 - Prepaid Membership Dues	105.00	220.00	-115.00	-52.27%
3002 - Prepaid Ride Books	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.0%
3003 - Prepaid Newsletter Income	0.00	10.00	-10.00	-100.0%
3004 - Prepaid Sanctioning Fees	40.00	120.00	-80.00	-66.67%
Total 3000 - Prepaid Liabilities	155.00	360.00	-205.00	-56.94%
3500 - Accrued Expenses				
3501 - Accrued Awards Expense	0.00	2.51	-2.51	-100.0%
Total 3500 - Accrued Expenses	0.00	2.51	-2.51	-100.0%
Total Other Current Liabilities	155.00	362.51	-207.51	-57.24%
Total Current Liabilities	155.00	362.51	-207.51	-57.24%
Equity				
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	2,625.92	0.00	2,625.92	100.0%
4000 - Opening Balance Equity	30,336.07	30,336.07	0.00	0.0%
Net Income	9,192.84	5,279.02	3,913.82	74.14%
Total Equity	42,154.83	35,615.09	6,539.74	18.36%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	42,309.83	35,977.60	6,332.23	17.6%

UMECRA CONVENTION 2022

Friday, January 21 - Sunday January 23, 2022

Best Western Plus at La Crescent Event Center

509 N. Chestnut | La Crescent, MN 55947

Phone: (507) 895-1001

You MUST call this number for the room discount!

3pm check in - 11 am check out

Standard Double Queen Room \$104 plus tax

Double Queen Suite Room \$114 plus tax

Standard King Room \$94 plus tax

King Suite Room \$104 plus tax

Complimentary breakfast, small indoor heated pool, workout room.



PET POLICY - Hotel is pet friendly allowing up to two dogs in a rented room. The size limit for any one dog shall be 80 pounds. Other pet types (e.g. cats) may be allowed upon the hotel's approval prior to arrival. Pet rate is \$15 per day.

Deadline for reservation is December 17th – 5 PM! - 24 Hour cancelation policy.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS: FRIDAY NIGHT – JANUARY 21

5 pm - Presentation: The Future of USEF Endurance - by former UMECRA President Art Priesz, Esq. (USEF Endurance Sport Committee member and past ride manager and rider) and current Chair of the USEF Endurance Sport Committee Joe Mattingly (past ride manager and rider)

6 pm AHDRA Meet & Mingle then AHDRA Awards

SATURDAY – JANUARY 22

9 am – Possible topics: Rider Energy, Endurance & Recovery from Hammer Nutrition

The latest rider nutrition news – which could include pre-exercise fueling, what types of calories are best, proper hydration, replenishing electrolytes and exercise recovery.

1 pm - Annual Meeting

UMECRA Awards Banquet

Silent Auction

Entertainment

SUNDAY – JANUARY 23

AHDRA Meeting

UMECRA CONVENTION 2022

MEAL FORM - Friday, January 21 – Sunday, January 23

Name _____ UMECRA ID _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Complimentary Breakfast 7am-9am Saturday and Sunday morning
at the Best Western Hotel **FREE!**

Lunch:

Taco Bar featuring shredded chicken, soft and hard shells, & fixings
Includes: meal, gratuity, & tax - **price \$18/individual**
Indicate number of meals _____ **Subtotal Taco Bar \$ _____**

(Swing Bridge Pub is onsite with a lunch service and Time Out Tavern is across the convention parking lot and also provide sandwiches, burgers, salads, etc.)

Saturday Evening Awards Banquet

Buffet with Marinated Pork Chop served with a mushroom gravy sauce
and Walleye baked in a butter and herb sauce. Salad, mashed potatoes & sauteed vegetables.
price \$33/individual
Indicate number of meals _____ **Subtotal Banquet \$ _____**

Vegetarian Option – plated Fettuccine Alfredo
Includes: meal, gratuity, & tax - **price \$33/individual**
Indicate number of vegetarian meals _____ **Subtotal Vegetarian \$ _____**

Children 10 and under only

Chicken Fingers & Fries
Includes: meal, gratuity, & tax - **price \$15/child**
Indicate number of child meals _____ **Subtotal Child \$ _____**

Meal total \$ _____

****Members not purchasing any meal and who attend the morning talk and/or afternoon meeting will be assessed a \$7/member meeting fee to help cover room & microphone rental.**

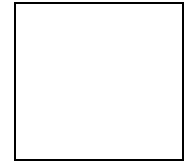
Convention only member fee **\$7/member**
Fee total \$ _____

DEADLINE: Monday, January 10.

Please mail this form with a check made out to UMECRA
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Online option for choosing meals and payment: <https://payumecra.com/fees>

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