

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



Time to plan your ride season!!!
Go to UMECRA.com for ride flyers and camp locations.

Ride Name	2023 Date	Ride City State
Early Bird Ride at Sand Ridge	4/29 & 4/30/23	Forest City, IL
MnDRA1	5/6 & 5/7/23	Hinckley, MN
White River Spring	5/6 & 5/7/23	Hesperia, MI
Glacier Trails	5/12 - 5/14/23	Palmyra, WI
Trade River Run	5/20 & 5/21/23	Cushing, WI
Endure	5/20 & 5/21/23	Chandlerville, IL
Grand Island Ride	5/27 & 5/28/23	Rapid River, MI
Kankakee River Ride	6/2 & 6/3/23	Kankakee, IL
Maplewood West	6/3 & 6/4/23	Pelican Rapids, MN
ApDRA	6/10 & 6/11/23	Palmyra, WI
White River Summer	6/10 & 6/11/23	Hesperia, MI
Southeast Minnesota	6/17 & 6/18/23	Preston, MN
Dead Dog Creek	6/24 & 6/25/23	Augusta, IL
Grand Island North	6/24 & 6/25/23	Munising, MI
Maah Daah Hey Endurance	6/24 & 6/25/23	Medora, ND
Firecracker Fling	7/1 & 7/2/23	Avoca, WI

AHAM at Hopkins Creek	7/8 & 7/9/23	Manton, MI
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Mosquito Run	7/8 & 7/9/23	Rogers, MN
AHDRA's Field of Dreams Dash	7/22 & 7/23/23	Farmington, IA
Bonecrusher Ride	7/28 - 7/30/23	Palmyra, WI
Dakota Dash	8/5 & 8/6/23	Leonard ND
Rock River Charity Ride	8/5 & 8/6/23	Franklin Grove, IL
Louise Riedel Memorial	8/11 - 8/13/23	Arkdale, WI
Bearfoot Boogie	No Ride 2023	
DRAW's Prairie River Ride	8/26 & 8/27/23	Gleason, WI
White River Labor Day	9/2 - 9/4/23	Hesperia, MI
Charity Cup	9/9 & 9/10/23	Pillager, MN
Keweenaw Ride	9/9 & 9/10/23	Marquette, MI
Lincoln Trails AHA	9/9 & 9/10/23	Kinmundy, IL
DRAW's Colorama Classic	9/15 & 9/16/23	Campbellsport, WI
DRAW Finale	No Ride 2023	
Huntersville Hundred (Distance Nat'l Champ'ship)	9/29 - 10/1/23	Menahga, MN
Iron Oak	10/14 & 10/15/23	Arkdale, WI
Oak Leaf Run	10/14 & 10/15/23	Hamilton, MI
Point Chaser	10/20 & 10/21/23	Theilman, MN
AHDRA - Big River	10/28 & 10/29/23	Keithsburg, IL
End of UMECRA season 11/6/23		

Next UMECRA BoD Meeting will be held March 25th, 2023.

Location: Country Inn & Suites
W9250 Prospect Dr.
Lodi, WI, 53555

Meeting will start at 10am

Thank you UMECRA for putting me in the Hall of Fame. It was a surprise - a very happy surprise.

A successful distance career requires a village. Thank you to all of the ride managers, vets, riding companions and friends from many years. We have to be there for each other.

Bonnie Mielke

**Thank you to Sandra Wright, our outgoing MI Regional Director at Large for your service!
Welcome to the Board Karen Jarvi!**

Don't forget to renew your membership! Mail in or complete online at UMECRA.com

Please share clinic information on Social Media / Facebook with your friends who might be interested in learning more about our sport!

Upcoming Clinics!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023, 11 AM – 3 PM

Endurance 101 Clinic - you and your horse CAN go the distance!

St. Jacob, Illinois

Event by Nicole Mauser-Storer

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023, 9AM – 4PM

Intro to Distance Riding – let's get started! A full day of information, fun and hands on. No horses needed for the clinic.

Inver Grove Heights, MN

Event by Peggy Pasillas

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

Mock Ride at Crow Hassen Regional Park, Rogers MN.

Will include both Intro and Novice rides. You will have the opportunity to practice vet checks and compete in a positive and realistic ride environment!

Camping available on Friday, May 12th.

Hosted by MnDRA – event manager Peggy Pasillas.

Huge shout out to **Kim Fosler** for putting on a stellar annual convention for us! The venue was very nice with great accommodations, meeting spaces and good food! Of course, Kim didn't do it all on her own – she had a team of dedicated UMECRA members who helped her! A huge thank you to all the people who worked to make the convention such a success!!

UMECRA Board Meeting Minutes

Grand River Center Dubuque, Iowa
January 21, 2023

Attending: Sarah Mowrer, Linda Mowrer, Sandra Wright, Barb Gardner Linda Jacobson, Sarah Maass, Peggy Pasillas, Theresa Meyer, Deb Moe, Janet Sarver, Dr. Jen Lorenz, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Robin Schadt, Kim Fosler, Tracy Johnson, Dr. Wes Elford, Jon Wagner, Janette Sasena

Meeting called to order by the President Sarah Mowrer at 7:07am

Secretaries report:

- The 2022 Annual meeting minutes were approved through the IO account. Jon moves to approve. Wes seconded. Passed.
- Janet presented a trail grant request from Jon to the Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association. Approved. Suggestion that the maximum amount be raised from \$300 to \$1000. Request for increase in maximum amount tabled and bring to March.

Treasurers Report:

- Deb reviewed year end financials. There was a loss of three members.

"The end of 2022 marks the completion of two ride seasons with more typical impact on UMECRA's financial data. Additional detail has been added to line items, enabling more meaningful comparisons across years. 2022 marked the start of membership fee increases, which lifted our income by approximately \$2500 for the same number of members. This, in addition to a very successful silent auction, combined with fewer expenses for advertising and printing, helped offset a decrease in rider fees and an increase in award expenses. "
- Linda M stated that an audit was done last night and everything passed. Linda J motioned to approve, Peggy seconded. Passed.

Committee reports:

Vet committee

- Dr. Jen stated that all changes made to the vet handbook from the November meeting were posted on to the Board IO account for review. Dr. Wes asked about the section on the vet check area regarding the timing of the exam and the hold. Dr. Jen reviewed that this area was written to allow flexibility for the vets at the rides. She will email this section to the veterinarian committee and give two weeks for feedback. Theresa stated she will need it by March 1st to give out to the ride managers.

Rules committee

- Theresa stated that the MDDA part of the rules is not being reviewed and will not be presented at the annual meeting,

Ride calendar

- Theresa reviewed the 2023 calendar. Nicole suggested that rides could swap locations more freely so there is flexibility in the calendar. Concern that the more rides that are added, the more each ride has their attendance diluted. Discussion regarding how the board can be more active in the ride calendar. Jon stated that the board needs to do a better job of protecting established rides. Robin stated regional rides have started to have more pull for their riders. Nicole will form a committee to look at this issue. Theresa moved to approve the ride schedule as amended. Linda M second. Passed.

Old Business

Insurance increase

- Deb reviewed the increase in liability insurance and the need for an addendum so that there is an aggregate of 2 million. This would add an increase of \$5 per day for the ride managers to pay. The board approved this rate at a prior meeting.

Discussion of which rides are covered as Michigan has their own policy. Sarah Mowrer will put this on the agenda for the March meeting.

International Competition

- Theresa stated that the rules of the LITE ride has been changed. Ride managers can pay a \$50 fee to have a LITE ride in addition to their own ride. There will be couple LITE rides this year so people can start qualifying their horse to move into international competition.

Article VII: Section 3 rider representatives

- Theresa reviewed the rule change as listed. Jon made a motion that the board reconsider this proposal. Kim seconded. Jon reviewed history that individual memberships have always been 18 years and older. Discussion about junior members. Kim called the question, Linda M seconded. Agreed to end discussion. Sarah Mowrer restated Jon's question about the motion to NOT go to the annual meeting. Passed.

Awards

- Deb stated that the Shining Light award will be supported by an anonymous donor for the next 10 years. Peggy made a motion to accept this donation, Jon seconded. Passed. Details will be discussed at the March meeting. The awards report will also be reviewed at the March meeting.

LD Weight Divisions

- Jon and Linda J presented concerns about how weight divisions and LD rides and that it has caused extra cost for ride managers. Sarah Mowrer asked for more information on the complaints. Jon stated that the weight divisions in LD cause less competition and it would be beneficial for LD to go back to everyone

competing together. People who ride lots of miles in LD would get Top 10 or perhaps Sweet 16. Jon stated that some ride managers don't like the extra costs, extra reporting for weight divisions and it destroys the concept of LD. Agreed to add this topic to the March meeting for the board to review.

New Business

Alcohol and Language

- Sarah Mowrer will remind ride managers to watch their language and keep alcohol under control. Sarah Mowrer will write a letter to the subject of the complaint from this summer's incident. Sarah Maass stated that she would like to see positive language with juniors at rides.

Unsafe horses

- This topic was added in the vet guidelines.

UMECRA Photo Storage

- Deb will set up a new website Umecraphoto.com where members can submit ride photos to share. She is donating the cost of the start up. Peggy and Janet volunteered to help moderate the site.

Silent auction

- Dr. Wes stated that the scholarship fund seems adequate and that a portion of funding for it could be freed up for other things. Discussion. Will move to March meeting.

AHA National Ride

- Sarah Maass stated this will be a 3 day ride open to all riders. She has a ride manager team set up and is in discussion with AHA on awards and registration. AHA and UMECRA have some differences in CTR judging rules. Sarah Maass motioned to allow the AHA judging rule

for the 40 CTR at AHA nationals and to waiver the UMECRA rules. Passed.

2024 Convention

- Michigan will host. Location will be the Terrance Bay Hotel in Escanaba, Michigan.

Elections

- Clarification of Michigan regional representative, director at large positions.

Awards

- Janette Sasena asked if the novice jackets donated by Purina should have the UMECRA logo on the back. Will review this at the March meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Deb motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35am, seconded by Kim.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Sarver UMECRA Secretary

UMECRA Annual Meeting Minutes

Grand River Center Dubuque, Iowa
January 21, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Sarah Mowrer at 1:20pm
Roll call. Quorum was achieved.
2022 annual meeting minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

Secretary Report

Janet Sarver presented the approval for a trail grant request to the Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association. Ride managers were encouraged to apply for grants this year.

Treasurer Report

Deb Moe reviewed the annual treasurer's report. Motion made by Linda Mowrer, seconded by Tony Troyer. Approved. The audit was done on Friday night and passed. Sanctioning fees are due Feb 1st and the insurance policy will be reviewed and invoiced to ride managers. Deb Moe requested that all ride results be sent to her, Nicole Mauser-Storer

and Robin Schadt. Results are due 15 days from the last day of the event.

Presidents Report

Sarah Mowrer reported that memberships went down this year by three. The number of riders at rides were also down. Elinore Tonsor asked what UMECRA is doing about this issue. Sarah Mowrer stated that UMECRA helps with insurance and gave 107 free memberships at clinics. Jon Wagner suggested that follow up could be done with the free memberships. Peggy Pasillas stated that it can take a new person coming to a clinic three times before they come to a ride. Discussion of ideas such as using social media, ride managers being helpful to new riders, first ride t-shirts, - booths at horse fairs. Sarah Flim offered to help ride managers with social media. Sarah Mowrer reported that the scholarship fund report has a balance of approximately \$98,000. There was \$7500 available and there were two applicants. Applicants need to have done 25 rides and follow the scholarship form on the UMECRA website. The company that manages the scholarship does the selection process and split the funds between people who applied. Funding is through the silent auction or donations.

Committee Reports

- Veterinary Committee. Dr. Jennifer Lorenz reported that the veterinarian handbook is almost completed. The handbook was created with new guidelines so that the vet process can be standardized.
- Rules. Theresa Meyer stated that the new rules are in the packets given to each ride manager.
- The International Competition Fund was reviewed.

New Business

Sanctioning Coordinators Report – the 2022 ride schedule was presented by Theresa Meyer. There were some changes in ride names, dates, and ride distances offered. Ride flyers are due February 1. Theresa Meyer motioned to approve the schedule. Sarah Flim seconded.

Approved. Tony Troyer brought up a concern about the large number of rides in UMECRA compared to the rest of AERC. Nicole Mauser-Storer will start a committee to look into this topic. Elinore Tonsor stated that she would like a moratorium on new rides. Discussion.

Rule Changes

Proposed Rule change Competitive 3.B

COMPETITIVE RIDES

3. Rider Requirements

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

Motion made by Theresa Meyer to adopt the change in language about hoof protection. Seconded by Linda Mowrer. Discussion. Motion by Dana Gasner to amend "any device that was not manufactured to hold hoof protection in place" to "any device that was not manufactured specifically for a hoof boot system". Seconded Kim Fosler. Approved. Theresa Meyer read the amended rule. Deb Moe seconded. Dr. Wes Elford asked about bell boots. The rule on bell boots will remain the same as they are not hoof protection.

Proposed Rule change Endurance Rule

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ENDURANCE RULE

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

Motion by Theresa Meyer to approve. Seconded by Tony Troyer. Discussion. Clarification that this could be a gate and go. Approved.

Sanctioning Requirement UMECRA Rule 2. O.

SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS

2. UMECRA RULES

O. All sanctioning fees ~~must be paid~~ **are due** by Feb. 1st. If not paid by this date, the ~~ride loses~~ **sanctioning for the year**. Sanctioning Coordinator will send an email to the ride manager (call or letter sent by confirmation delivery) and document that contact has been made requesting the funds. **Late payments will be considered a re-sanctioning request and must be approved by the Board of Directors. Penalties for late payments may include: delay in the posting of the ride flyer online, exclusion of the flyer from the ride book, and loss of ride sanctioning.** It is the ride manager's duty to contact the Sanctioning Coordinator and Treasurer if their contact information has been changed from the previous year.

Motion made by Theresa Meyer to accept changes. Seconded by Deb Moe. Explanation for the reason for the change. Discussion. Approved.

Insurance coverage increase. Deb Moe explained that there is a need for an increase in liability coverage. An excess liability plan will be purchased which costs more money. Jon Wagner stated that the board agreed to purchase this additional insurance and the cost needs to go to ride managers or to UMECRA. The increase to ride managers would be \$5 day. Motion made by Tony Troyer that UMECRA absorbs this cost for this year then revise in 2024 who pays the coverage. Seconded by Kristine Jubeck. Discussion. Voting is 41 yes and 13 no. Motion passes. Board will discuss this in March.

Changing distribution of silent auction. Will be moved to board discussion in March.

AHA Ride Donation - Motion made by Jon Wagner made that UMECRA donate a ride entry for a 50 or 55 mile endurance ride to the AERC fundraiser at National Convention. Seconded by Roberta Harms. Janet Cram made a motion to donate 2 ride entries to this event. Seconded. Approved.

Jon Wagner moved to adjourn the annual meeting. Seconded by Deb Moe. Meeting is adjourned at 3:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Sarver
UMECRA Secretary

Announcements

- Distance Horse National Championship will be at Huntersville 100 this year. Sarah Maass presented information on this event.
- 2024 Convention is in Michigan (location?)
- Shining Light Award has a (take from board notes)
- Rider etiquette at ride (take from board notes)
- UMECRA Photo Storage website (take from board notes)

Elections

Vice President – Sarah Flim nominated Peggy Pasillas, accepted. Peggy Pasillas elected as vice president.

Treasurer - Deb Moe nominated, accepted. Deb Moe elected as treasurer.

Illinois Regional Director – Karen Jarvie nominated, accepted. Karen Jarvie elected as Michigan Director.

Director at Large - Karrie Halberg nominated, accepted; Robin Schadt nominated, accepted; Shannon Ployhart nominated, accepted; Alice Hubert nominated, accepted; Theresa Meyer nominated, accepted. Theresa Meyer elected as Director at Large.

Director at Large – Karrie Halberg nominated, accepted. Shannon Ployhart nominated, accepted, Alice Hubert nominated, accepted; Robin Schadt nominated, accepted. Robin Schadt is elected as Director at Large

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UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership year: _____

SELECT ONE:

RENEWAL NEW MEMBERSHIP

SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

Family \$45
Single \$35
Junior \$10

SELECT MEDIA PREFERENCE:

Electronic Newsletter - \$0
Mailed Newsletter - \$10
Electronic Ride Book - \$0
Mailed Ride Book - \$10

Ride Book is available for free by downloading the PDF file at www.umecra.com on the schedule page

*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 below.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY and LEGIBLY!

Date: _____

AERC MEMBER NUMBER(s) (if applicable): _____

AERC HORSE NUMBER(s) (if applicable): _____

UMECRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER(S): _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number (s): _____

Email: _____

If you do NOT want your name and contact info in the membership book, check this box:

Please mail completed form along with check made out to UMECRA to:

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Emerald, WI 54013

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 10th of each month
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