

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



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Ride Name	2023 Date	Ride City State
Firecracker Fling	7/1 & 7/2/23	Avoca, WI
AHAM at Hopkins Creek	7/8 & 7/9/23	Manton, MI
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		

Point Chaser Update

Last year we saw the 36th year of the Point Chaser ride... 26 years of which where it was managed by Holly & Bob Egerer. There have been many changes over the years; changes of venues, friends moving on and new friends gained.

For the majority of its history, Point Chaser was THE last ride of the season for the upper midwest; three days of rides and non-typical mileage (very few rides did 3 days or 30 mile rides back in the day) created an amazing level of intrigue, strategy and competition as riders scrambled to gain an edge over their competitors for that season. Weather has always been an interesting twist; some years it was the most glorious weekend of the Fall, some years monsoon rains, we've had years with the temperatures in the 70's, and of course; years with snow... yet we could always count on a core group of riders and horses to be there giving it their all.

This year several factors aligned (most notably our "farm sitter" is unavailable) to make it

unfeasible for us to manage the ride this year. Fortunately, Deb Moe and Janet Sarver have stepped up and volunteered to take on Point Chaser.

We are grateful for all the help we've had over the years, as well as the support of all you distance riders, and excited to "pass the reins" to Deb Moe and Janet Sarver, and look forward to Point Chaser continuing to be a great Fall ride.

Thanks for a great run!

Holly & Bob

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Ride Results

Trade River Run - 5/20/23 - Comp HW 25			
Laura	Setton	HL Afire Cracker	1
Karin	Lupo	VC Premier Eddition	P
Trade River Run - 5/20/23 - Comp Jr 25			
Allie	Oien	VC Joyful Eddition	1
Elin	Lupo	Batalah Al Janoubi (Betty)	2
Trade River Run - 5/20/23 - Comp LW 25			
Miranda	Williams	PPF Geyms Sonly	1
Victoria	Robison	Luvs Bayfire	2
Darlene	Molitor	VC Arieon	3
Linda	Jacobson	AE Gimli Strength	4
Suzanne	Warren	CR Zohlaraaz	5
Candy	Barbo	Zahara	6
Trade River Run - 5/20/23 - End HW 50			
Mandie	Roggenkamp	The Outlander	1
Brandon	Brunner	Mighty	2
Crystal	Esqueda	Lopin in Diamonds	3
Debra	Moe	UTCS Aur Mojito	P
Sarah	Carlson	HMR Sshameus	P
Trade River Run - 5/20/23 - End LW 50			
Jodi	Johannessen	TM Hannie M	1
Karla	Ovsak	Dobella NPA	2
Kasey	Corcoran	Sharif El Moniet	3
Jesse	Shaddrick	Jinjersnapp	4
Teresa	Fett	CR Mistiraaz	5
Michelle	Splonskowski	Nasar IBN Moniet	6
Shanon	Ployhart	Eternety De Valle	C
Diane	Schermerhorn	Berry Truly My Deco	P
Michelle	Deboer	Gypsy Flame PA	P

Trade River Run - 5/20/23 - LD HW 25			
Matthew	Splonskowski	LK Willy Willy Cool	1
Deane	Jorgenson	Rushcreek Fast	2
Amber	Erickson	Ophelia Kkan	3
Jennifer	Frerichs-Ramon	Halley's Comet	4
Joshua	Ramon	TRJ Just Jake	5
Janet	Sarver	Legacy of Khourage	6
Judy	Hoeft	Romana Johar (Romeo)	6
Taryn	Lindbeck	TKO Rhio Bask	C
TJ	Edwards	Decorah's Double Delight	P
Trade River Run - 5/20/23 - LD Jr 25			
Gracyn	Schneider	Midlife Crisis	1
Alice	Erickson	Ravenswood Nevermore	2
Marit	Antons	Spot	3
Grace	Carter	Corona Breeze	4
Reina	Gasser	Daisy	5
Trade River Run - 5/20/23 - LD LW 25			
Nola	Westphal	Greta	1
Lisa	Aga	Noble Emotions CRF	2
Elena	Aragon	Cadys Roll in the Thunder	3
Neisha	Emerson	WMA Super Sport	4
Holly	Folk	A Kings Delivery	5
Dawna	Bernhagen	Luna	6
Jennifer	Boettcher	Cooper	C
Megan	Thomas	Baskin Dream	C
Paula	Goligowski	Ms Lightening	C
Emily	Kibler	Mr Major General	C
Sarah	Maass	Holy Mozart	C
Jessica	Sonnek	Jazmine	C
Mari	Mayo	Justa Little Breezee	C
Trade River Run - 5/21/23 - Comp HW 25			
Becki	Sanford	Stryka Major Chord	1
Katja	Wiedrich	Noble Adventure	2
Trade River Run - 5/21/23 - Comp LW 25			
Karrie	Halbur	Eraf Sanlamara	1
Olivia	Christenson		P



Trade River Run - 5/21/23 - LD HW 25			
Jennifer	Lisowe	Freckles	P
Trade River Run - 5/21/23 - LD Jr 25			
Grace	Carter	Corona Breeze	1
Trade River Run - 5/21/23 - LD LW 25			
Karla	Ovsak	Patches MN	1
Teresa	Fett	Ice Falcon LRA	2
Megan	Thomas	Baskin Dream	3
Trade River Run - 5/21/23 - Novice 11			
Talys	Belland	Princess Leia	1
Angela	Swanpoel	Diego	2
Jacki	Devine	Jet	3
Catherine	England	Owen	4
Laura	Geisler	Wyoming Serenade	5
Aubrie	Meyer	Towering Oaks Lilo	6
April	Wallace	Libby	C
Sophia	Barke	Riley	C
Caitlin	Sparer	Dreamer	C
Zoe	Oase	Dessa Darling	C
Emma	Swanpoel	Ranger	C
Toolie	Winters	Rocket	C
Jennifer	Frerichs-Ramon	Halley's Comet	MO
Jennifer	Boettcher	Cooper	MO
Bobbi	Belz	Zues	MO
Linda	Jacobson	Hazelrun Mighty Roark	MO
Erika	Achberger	Jetla	MO
Kathryn	Vadnais	Fabulous Jasper	MO
Shelby	Nelson	Bugsy	MO
Elena	Aragon	Cadys Roll in the Thunder	MO

AHDRA Endure - 5/20/23 - Comp HW 30			
Joshua	Mowrer	KW Magnum Archie	1
AHDRA Endure - 5/20/23 - Comp LW 30			
Lori	Windows	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	1
Alana	McNutt	Ole	2
Katarina	Candee	Ashe	3
AHDRA Endure - 5/20/23 - Drive 13			
Ray	Hubert	JimmyCrackedCorn	1
Alice	Hubert	Gridlock	2
AHDRA Endure - 5/20/23 - End HW 50			
Kaila	Cornell	Romeo	1
Kathleen	Neuhoff	Swiss Mystique	2
Guy	Worthington	JG Randie	3
Sarah	Mowrer	A Time To Shine	4
Terri	Glidden	Misty	5
AHDRA Endure - 5/20/23 - End LW 50			
Hillary Rose	Marler	Wensleydale	1
Tamara	Thomas	WC Sugar High	2
Sheila	Schneider	Gypsy B Miss Behavin	P
AHDRA Endure - 5/20/23 - LD HW 30			
Daniel	Pakes	KoKo	1
Robert	Plummer	Mattingley KC Heart	2
Jim	Andriakos	WB Nelsons Thunderbyrd	3
Marge	Dixon	Bethany Jet	4
Janeta	Carr	Eljomar Fashion Ali	P

AHDRA Endure - 5/20/23 - LD LW 30			
Carrie	Taft	Dimitri	1
Jan	Worthington	Golden Lightning	2
Debby	Weisbecker	Lady Jane	3
Jean	Allen	Walor AF	4
Brooke	Moeller	Aurora's Magical Luv	5
Alyssa	Chute	Finesse MSF	6
Carrie	Thompson	Lapcos	C
Christina	Byman	Baqi	P
Pamela	Garrison	DB A Bayberry	P
Mary Alice	Addes	Mega Peppy Jac	P
Michaela	Costello	Shalimar Ava	P

AHDRA Endure - 5/20/23 - Novice 13			
Tina	Shaner	Haully	1
Diane	Boyd	Hanna	2
Beth	Dunlap	Cracklin Rosie	3
Kim	Thomas	Autumn	4
Sam	Dreyer	Blue Razzleberry	5
Kaylie	Hulsey	Rsecret Dun SoPretty	MO
Kristine	Jubeck	Rusty Chris-te	MO
Emily	Schupp	RedAxel	MO
Megan	Kane	Miss Abilene	P

AHDRA Endure - 5/21/23 - Comp HW 30			
Joshua	Mowrer	KW Magnum Archie	1
Emily	Schupp	Brios Talk About Love	2

AHDRA Endure - 5/21/23 - Comp LW 30			
Lori	Windows	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	1
Katarina	Candee	Zephyrus TF	2

AHDRA Endure - 5/21/23 - Drive 13			
Alice	Hubert	Gridlock	1
Ray	Hubert	JimmyCrackedCorn	2

AHDRA Endure - 5/21/23 - LD HW 30			
Kathleen	Neuhoff	Swiss Mystique	1

AHDRA Endure - 5/21/23 - LD LW 30			
Sally	Hoff	Gloryius Trinity	1

AHDRA Endure - 5/21/23 - Novice 13			
Amber	Davis	Whiskey Girl	1
Beth	Dunlap	Cracklin Rosie	1
Sam	Dreyer	Whimsical Sun	3
Megan	Green	Couldnt Be Bolder	4
Robin	Kane	Cheese	5
Kim	Rosecrans	Magic	MO
Alyssa	Chute	Tyrion	MO

Grand Island - 5/27/23 - Comp LW 25			
Aurora	Walsh	Win D Prado	P
Grand Island - 5/27/23 - End HW 50			
Robin	Schadt	RAL Sorceress (Chloe)	1
Stephanie	Crispin	AllAboutMajestic	2
Amber	Erickson	Ophelia Khan	3
Grand Island - 5/27/23 - End Jr 50			
Alice	Erickson	Rushcreek Calia	1

Grand Island - 5/27/23 - End LW 50			
Diane	Meinders	Yo Dusty	1
Karen	Bahrman	Westwind Little Big Man	2
Linda	Hamrick	Cash	3
Linda	Jacobson	AE Gimli Strength	4
Grand Island - 5/27/23 - LD HW 25			
Nikki	Boesch	Fia Dahlia	1
Diane	Maxey	LW Constant Sohn	2
Pam	Darga	Ecliptic Azraff	3
Lillian	Litwaitis	Master At Arms	4
Sarah	Watts	Mikey Likes It	5
Paula	DeCaire	Peach	6
Anna	Abdo	FT Firestorm	P
Grand Island - 5/27/23 - LD Jr 25			
Shane	Darga	Spot On A Diamond	1
Shauna	Howard	Magik Silver Spirit	2
Elliot	Dymesich	Viking	3
Eva	Dymesich	Whisper	4
Aleah	Nasi	Scout	5
Tabitha	Kostreva	Never Missed A Meal	P
Grand Island - 5/27/23 - LD LW 25			
Jessie	Finnila	Renegade Raja	1
Karen	Jarvi	Sterlings Starstrider	2
Tara	Forstner	Ice	3
Kayla M.	Shope	Murphy	4
Kelsey	Vincent	Spiderintheweb	5
Kristen	Howard	Aristaborr+	6
Adrienne	Dymesich	Shady	C
Tyler	Miner	Ritz	C
Rebecca	Bond	Quincey QT	C
Emily	Lindley	Jasmine	C
Halli	Lindley	Sweet Pea	C
Crystal	Hexum	Legacys Shamrock	P
Grand Island - 5/28/23 - Comp LW 25			
Jessica	Gruebner	JR Perseus	P
Grand Island - 5/28/23 - LD HW 25			
Diane	Maxey	LW Constant Sohn	1
Grand Island - 5/28/23 - LD Jr 25			
Ilona	Jarvi	Trinadee	1
Grand Island - 5/28/23 - LD LW 25			
Adrienne	Dymesich	Shady	1
Kristen	Howard	Aristaborr+	2
Karen	Jarvi	Sony De Mayo Rose	3

Kankakee River Ride - 6/2/23 - Comp HW 25			
Kim	Rumpsa	R Secret Lucky Seven	1
Kankakee River Ride - 6/2/23 - End 50			
Lucy	Stafford	H WineGlass Sangria	1
Sheila	Schneider	Gypsy B Miss Behavin	P
Sally	Hoff	Gloryius Trinity	P
Hillary Rose	Marler	Wensleydale	P
Kankakee River Ride - 6/2/23 - LD HW 25			
Terri	Glidden	Misty	1
Kankakee River Ride - 6/2/23 - LD LW 25			
Katarina	Candee	Ashe	1
Lori	Windows	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	2
Roberta	Harms	Lady Jane	3
Amy	Kerrigan	Uptown Belle of the Ball	4
Damaris M.	Smith	Joker's Wild Streak	5
Alyssa	Chute	Tyrion	6
Carrie	Thompson	Lapcos	C
Kankakee River Ride - 6/3/23 - Comp HW 25			
Joshua	Mowrer	KW Magnum Archie	1
Kaylie	Hulsey	Rsecret Dun SoPretty	2
Kim	Rumpsa	R Secret Lucky Seven	3
Stephanie	Crispin	Sinamon Raisin Bread	4
Emily	Schupp	Brios Talk About Love	
Kankakee River Ride - 6/3/23 - Comp LW 25			
Katarina	Candee	Zephyrus TF	1
Lori	Windows	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	2
Kankakee River Ride - 6/3/23 - End HW 50			
Sarah	Mowrer	A Time To Shine	1
Guy	Worthington	JG Randie	2
Kankakee River Ride - 6/3/23 - End LW 50			
Alyssa	Chute	Finesse MSF	1
Kristine	Jubeck	Silver	P
Kankakee River Ride - 6/3/23 - LD HW 50			
Leah	Palestrant	SAA Good As Gold	1
Kankakee River Ride - 6/3/23 - LD LW 25			
Amy	Kerrigan	Tye	1
Carrie	Taft	Dimitri	2
Jan	Worthington	Golden Lightning	3
Jane	Kirkeide	VG Dreambeau	4
Damaris M.	Smith	Firelily Moon River	5
Kankakee River Ride - 6/3/23 - Novice 12			
Amber	Davis	Whiskey Girl	1
Kylie	Olson	Blue Razzle Berry	2
Sam	Dreyer	Ace	3
Beth	Dunlap	Cracklin Rosie	4

Maplewood West - 6/3/23 - Comp HW 25			
Bonnie	Mielke	BNB Khrome Azrael	1
Janette	Sasena	Hannah Rose	2
Ruby	Filhart	Lacy	3
Kasie	Thomas	Apollo	4
Maplewood West - 6/3/23 - Comp Jr 25			
Allie	Oien	VC Joyful Eddition	1
Elin	Lupo	Batalah Al Janoubi (Betty)	2
Audrey	Thorp	Nightmare Blues	3

Maplewood West - 6/3/23 - Comp LW 25			
Darlene	Molitor	VC Arieon	1
Pamela	Coolidge	AW Michiah	2
Victoria	Robison	Luvs Bayfire	3
Peggy	Pasillas	Remy	4
Karrie	Halbur	Karmas Alluring Lady	5
Sandra	Fett	Bella	6
Maplewood West - 6/3/23 - End HW 50			
Erica	Hollen	Sir Atlas	1
Krystyna	Eischens	Chips Diamond Rehalla	2
Sheryl	O'Brien	Wild River Sundancer	3
Dana	Gasner	Whispering Echo	4
Judy	Hoefl	Romana Johar (Romeo)	5
Crystal	Esqueda	Lopin in Diamonds	6
Sarah	Carlson	FPH Second Badge	P
Maplewood West - 6/3/23 - End LW 50			
Jodi	Johannessen	SC Izzabella	1
Teresa	Fett	CR Mistiraaz	2
Kasey	Corcoran	Sharif El Moniet	3
Karla	Ovsak	Dobella NPA	4
Michelle	Splonskowski	Nasar IBN Moniet	5
Jessi	Lipponen	Mystic Dynasty PF	6
Lindsay	Jackson Nichols	Ravenswood Nevermore	C
Jesse	Shaddrick	Jinjersnapp	P
Maplewood West - 6/3/23 - LD HW 25			
Mandie	Roggenkamp	The Outlander	1
Matthew	Splonskowski	LK Willy Willy Cool	2
Jennifer	Frerichs-Ramon	Halley's Comet	3
Jennifer	Lisowe	Ace	4
Jutta	Schmidt	AF Go For Gold	5
Charlotte	Tuhy	Jets King Teddy	P
Rita	Gasser	Spirit	P
Heather	Ives	DMA Sultry	P
Maplewood West - 6/3/23 - LD Jr 25			
Grace	Carter	Corona Breeze	1
Marit	Antons	Spot	2
Wyatt	Hoganson	Jets Shaver	3
Ashley	Ives	Walter	P
Maplewood West - 6/3/23 - LD LW 25			
Jason	Nicol	SBF Capaccino	1
Anne	Anderson	SH After Midnite	2
Megan	Thomas	Baskin Dream	3
Ruby	Thorp	Jupiter	4
Jennifer	Boettcher	Cooper	5
Lisa	Aga	Noble Emotions CRF	6
Elena	Aragon	Cadys Roll in the Thunder	C
Sophie	Gustafson	Tryggr	C
Olivia	Christenson	Tamanni BLM	C
Emily	Kibler	Mr Major General	C
Bobbi	Belz	Zeus	P
Paula	Goligowski	Good Thunder	P
Maplewood West - 6/4/23 - LD HW 25			
Ruby	Filhart	Hannah Rose	1
Melissa	Ashbaugh	Victorious Luck	2

Maplewood West - 6/4/23 - LD Jr 25			
Grace	Carter	Corona Breeze	1
Marit	Antons	Spot	2
Grace	Rathmann	HJ Nikesah	3
Maplewood West - 6/4/23 - LD LW 25			
Teresa	Fett	Ice Falcon LRA	1
Megan	Thomas	Baskin Dream	2
Karla	Ovsak	Patches MN	3
Sarah	Maass	Holy Mozart	4
Ruby	Thorp	Jupiter	P

Don't forget to complete your 2023 Membership before your first ride! You must be a current member to earn miles or points for awards! You can renew your membership online at UMECRA.com or use the form included in the newsletter.

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Weight Divisions

UMECRA General Rules. 2. N

There shall be weight divisions for endurance, limited distance and competitive: Lightweight - 185 pounds and under; heavyweight - 186 pounds and over WITH TACK. Any rider competing as a heavyweight may be required to prove their weight. (2014) (2021)

It is critical to make sure you meet your weight division requirements before the start of the ride. If you are riding HW, that means before you start the ride you **must** weigh at least 186 lbs. including your tack. It is possible that over

the course of an event, a rider may lose weight. In that situation, we follow AERC guidance. Per AERC Rule 8.5.3.2
Management must exercise reasonable discretion in making allowances for normal weight loss of rider during competition and inaccuracy of ride scales. (A 4% allowance applied evenly to all competitors would be reasonable.)

What happens if you start the year as a HW but lose weight over the course of the season? If you choose to stay as a HW rider, you need to make sure you still meet the 186 lb weight requirement at the start of **each** ride even if you must add weights to your saddle/pad/ trail packs.

LW riders - did you know that a heavyweight rider can ride in the lightweight division, but a lightweight rider cannot ride in the heavyweight division? That's because a HW rider would be at a disadvantage over a LW rider in the same event, but it is an option a HW rider can choose.

It's important to know that any Ride Manager or fellow competitor can request you to weigh in if they don't think you meet the weight requirements. You are required to comply with this request if it occurs.

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UMECRA Board of Director Meeting

3/25/23

Quality Inn, Lodi, Minnesota

Present: Theresa Meyer, Sarah Mowrer, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Sarah Maass, Linda Jacobson, Peggy Pasillas, Deb Moe, Janet Sarver
Present by Zoom: Dr Wes Elford, Barb Gardiner, Kim Fosler, Jon Wagner, Robin Schadt, Karen Jarvi, Tracy Johnson, Dr. Jen Lorenz

Other present: Jan Sasena, Romona Radtke

Absent: None

Meeting officially called to order by Sarah Mowrer at 10:07am

Minutes from January 21, 2023 Annual Meeting were approved by the board.

Treasurer's report

- The convention had a net loss of \$1000. This does not include any silent auction allocation.

- Fees from ride managers are all paid in full.

- The insurance premium that included the \$5 increase has been paid. Deb stated that Insurance cost total was \$4000. Deb thanked Robin for volunteering to take over the tasks for insurance.

- Memberships remain stable, similar to 2021 and 2022. Last year UMECRA IDs were given to novice clinic members and nine clinic attendees have joined UMECRA as a paid members. If someone attends a clinic, they are now given a member number.

- Deb stated the number of paid members as of 3/25/23 is 195 of which 18 are new members. In addition to this number there are 30 complimentary memberships for clinic attendees.

- Barb asked about the increase in the award receipts. Jan stated that there was an increase in the restricted mileage awards. Discussion of costs of awards. Deb and Jan will create a report.

- Discussion of checking account balance. Deb suggested that half of this amount be put into savings. Deb will do an investigation into putting some funds into a certificate of deposit and review later with the board. Peggy will work with Deb on this process.

- Deb will check all final numbers and send out to the IO account. Dr. Wes moved to accept, Peggy seconded. Passed.

Vet Committee

- Dr. Jen stated that there are no changes or additions to the Veterinary Guidelines. Theresa will be sent out with the Vet handbooks.

Rules Committee – Theresa stated that there was nothing to report.

Ride Calendar

- Nicole stated that they are looking at a way to evaluate requests for new rides and how they are added to the existing schedule, along with the impact of potential ride rotation between ride managers. Nicole will present a

sample scoring system for the ride calendar at the next meeting.

Old Business

Insurance

- Peggy stated that the motion at convention for the insurance premium increase of \$5 a day for a ride was not well understood by the membership. Discussion of what insurance for our rides cover. Sarah Mowrer summarized that there are three options: 1) Continue the same; 2) Have ride managers absorb \$5; or 3) Change the split between club and ride managers. Peggy would like to see a clear proposal at the 2024 annual meeting on this issue.

International Committee

- Theresa talked with Susan Edwards, USEF Endurance Committee, who no longer holds this position. There has been no replacement named. There are no LITE rides scheduled at this time.

LD Weight Divisions/Sweet 16

- Discussion on LD in UMECRA and differences with AERC. Some have concerns that the competition has been reduced because LD riders are changing the way they ride. There are also fewer riders in some rides. Statement made that adding ride divisions isn't changing competition level. Sarah Maass reviewed that in 2022 there were 162 LD riders, 80 endurance riders, 45 competition riders and it isn't fair to the LD riders to not give equal access to awards. Theresa stated that having HW awards in LD keeps some riders coming back. Increasing rider numbers would be one solution. Awards committee will review current awards structure and present ideas in November. Agreed.

UMECRA awards structure

- Deb suggested that a committee to look at awards could be formed to look at what will bring in riders. Discussion of what other ride organizations offer. Kim stated that the UMECRA rules would need to change. Deb stated that it will take time to review this area. The issue is that the sport is losing riders. Deb, Janet, Jan, Sarah Maass, Linda, Kim, Karen will be on this committee.

Photo website

- Deb presented her website www.umecraphotos.com and its functions. She has reached out to other photographers to see if they want to move their ride photos to the site. When a photographer uploads, it submits a form that a team of administrators review to ensure that they are appropriate. Discussion of guidelines for photos to be developed and brought to the IO account.

Rules and Bylaws – Article VIII Membership

- Currently reads that any “family membership shall be entitled to as many votes, up a maximum of two votes per family membership as there are adults within the family unit.” These votes are for Rider Representatives. Jon stated that in 2017 the votes were linked to email addresses of adults. He stated that juniors do not count as an individual member as these are for 18 years of age or older. Deb stated that to run the online election she would need two emails of the adults in the family to send the information. Theresa referred to Section 1: Eligibility does not have an age for an individual membership. Nicole suggested that every current member who has paid for that year could vote as it would simplify things. Jon clarified that the basic question is allowing juniors to vote or not. Rules committee to review suggestion of having members with a rider number be allowed to vote.

Awards

- Novice Jackets. Reviewed photos of Novice Jackets over the years. Agreed that the Novice jacket should have the same back as the awards jackets with the Purina logo on the front. There will be a standard color chosen by Jan. Peggy made a motion that the Novice jacket will be red, have the full UMECRA logo, will be a different style from the Elite 8. Janet seconded. Kim stated that a decision on color should not be chosen at this time. Motion amended to prefer red but to allow other colors. Peggy accepted that amendment. All agreed.

- Shining light award. Theresa stated that an article was to be written in the newsletter about this award. Sarah Mowrer will write an article on this award. Sarah Mowrer stated the name of the award should not be changed.

Board agreed to look into the history of the name of this award.

- Discussion of alternate awards for Elite 8 instead of a traditional jacket.

Break for lunch
Start 1:49 pm

Trail Grants

- Janet reviewed the current form and made a recommendation that the maximum is \$500 up from the current \$300. Deb reported that UMECRA has \$5071 balance in the trail account. This does not include proceeds from the silent auction. Peggy motioned to establish \$500 as a standard trail grant and the form will be updated. Theresa seconded. No discussion, passed. Jon asked if funding for horse expos comes out of trail fund. It does not.

Janet presented the trail grant requests.

- 1) Trail grant request for \$300 from Jesse Shadrick for Governor Knowles Equestrian Campground to improve high ties. Motion made by Theresa to grant \$500 and Peggy seconded. Passed.
- 2) Trail grant request for \$300 from Jon Wagner to clean up trail and improve footing for the Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association. Motion made by Deb Moe to grant an extra \$200 to this request. Seconded by Peggy. Passed.
- 3) Trail grant request of \$300-\$500 from Theresa for Forestville/Mystery Cave equestrian campground to add gravel to high ties and trails. Peggy motioned to approve \$500, Deb seconded. Passed
- 4) Trail grant request of \$300 from Peggy for Three Rivers Park District to add additional high ties to the River Bend equestrian campground at Crow Hassan Park . Motion by Deb to approve \$500, Sarah Maass seconded. Passed.

Scholarship Fund

- Dr. Wes asked about details of the scholarship fund. He suggested that he and Jon form a committee to communicate with the manager of the fund. There is a question about the annual distribution of silent auction funding. Currently a set amount goes into the scholarship fund as decided by the membership. Jon stated

that the board could make suggestions to the membership about redistribution but that the membership is the only one that can make changes. Sarah Mowrer stated that the information can be brought to the November meeting or the IO account.

AHA National Ride Update

- Sarah Maass reports that there are many riders stating their interest. She went to the AERC convention with her banner and connected with attendees. Henry Gruber has offered to be the official ride photographer.

- Discussion of UMECRA sponsorship for the national ride. Sarah Maass will put together some ideas and amounts and send them out to the IO account.

Convention

- Michigan is hosting. Sarah Mowrer will reach out to Bruce Birr for details.

Other

- Nicole brought a folder of history from the early years of UMECRA. Theresa will take the documents to be scanned for the website.

- Mona Radtke presented ideas to grow the awareness of UMECRA. Discussion. Robin suggested that UMECRA set up an official social media position. Agreed to advertise for volunteers.

Deb motioned to adjourn, Peggy seconded. Passed.

Meeting adjourned 3:32pm



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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.

Date: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY and LEGIBLY!

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:

Deb Moe – Treasurer
2632 County Road G
Emerald, WI 54013



UMECRA TRAIL GRANT REQUEST

Trail grants are provided to public trails only and are for an organization, not individuals.

Requests will be reviewed and voted on at each board meeting three times a year.

Send completed form to: Janet Sarver 5670 Foxboro Lane, Wyoming MN 55092 or email to Jsarver662@gmail.com.

Date: _____

UMECRA Member making request: _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Amount of request (\$500 maximum): _____

Date money is needed: _____

Name required on check if grant is approved:

_____ *The name needs to be an organization name; not an individual name.*

Address to send check:

Please explain the reason for request. Include:

- What the money will be designated for (be specific)? You can use back of form or submit more information if needed.
- How UMECRA will benefit from granting this request?
- How UMECRA will be recognized for this request?

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Date received: _____

Date approved: _____

Check number/amount: _____

Date check sent: _____

Want to find all those lovely photos taken at the ride or share the photos you took? Check out <https://www.umecrphotos.com/albums/>.

You can browse all the photos taken by our talented photographers! Photo credit for all the pictures in this newsletter go to Katy Carter! Thank you!



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