



Minutes for Fall Meeting  
November 10, 2012  
Deforest, WI

**Present:** Wayne Gastfield, Tony Troyer, Jill Feller, Peggy Pasillas, Lynn Reichert, Marty Power, Linda Mower, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Dr. Olivia Rudolphi, Maxine Bernsdorf, Theresa Meyer, Joslyn Seefeldt, Bonnie Mielke

**Guests:** Sue Hamrick, Aaron Mower, Bill Suskey, Linda Jacobson

Meeting called to order by Theresa at 11:00 am

**Secretary report:** The minutes from the spring 2012 meeting were presented; a change was needed: Wayne Ringham should be Wayne Gastfield. Motion by Tony Troyer, seconded by Wayne Gastfield to accept the minutes with this change; passed

Treasurer's report was presented by balance sheet and P&L summary. Motion made by Wayne Gastfield, seconded by Tony Troyer; passed.

	<u>Oct 27, 12</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Convention fund	1,703.75
ICF Fund	7,481.34
Mayville Savings Bank	22,390.94
Trail checking	<u>3,266.67</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>34,842.70</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>34,842.70</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>34,842.70</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	16,860.34
Retained Earnings	10,689.22
Net Income	<u>7,293.14</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>34,842.70</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>34,842.70</u></u>



Jill discussed some recent issues with the UMECRA computer. The computer has the XP operating system and there is a compatibility issue with XP and QuickBooks 2012 program. XP is no longer supported by Microsoft and if we keep the current computer, the QB program will not be able to be updated as it will not be able to operate with the XP system. The BOD gave Jill permission to look into the cost of new computer; she will report back to the BOD via email with some options and to seek approval for the purchase.

#### Agenda items:

- **Follow up on protests**
  - The Board received a protest from a rider regarding a dispute over treatment by Ride Management at the Glacier Trails Ride on May 15, 2012. The Board authorized the Vice President and the parties involved, as well as witnesses were given an opportunity to present their direct knowledge of the facts as well as to provide rebuttal. The Board considered the matter in full on November 10, 2012, and ruled in favor of the Rider. The Ride Management has been provided a letter of reprimand and reminded regarding their responsibility to host an event that is pleasant and enjoyable for all participants.
  - On July 30, 2012, the Board also received a protest regarding the late cancellation of the Wildcat Ride. The Board considered this matter in whole, again, on November 10, 2012. The Board again has ruled in favor of the protest, and has established a suitable protocol for supervising the event's preparation and organization until further notice.
  - Motion made by Marty to have rules committee establish protocol to handle future protests; Dr. Olivia seconded; passed.
- **2013 tentative ride schedule**
  - The tentative ride schedule as presented; a few minor changes were made to the rides on each day. There are several rides that had no yet sent in their sanctioning forms; the due date is November 30<sup>th</sup>. The tentative ride schedule will be posted on the website.
- **Ride insurance 2013 update**
  - Insurance costs will be available at January meeting.
- **Bylaw and rule changes-**
  - **Edit under Competitive Drive – drivers: MUST BE PRESENTED AT GENERAL MEETING for Final approval**
    - I. All drivers ~~Multiples (pairs, tandems and teams)~~ will have 15 minutes to present their horses to the veterinarian for pulse and respiration at the vet checks ~~at end of the drive. (Single horses will have ten minutes to present their horse to the veterinarian.)~~
    - Motion made by Tony; seconded by Bonnie to accept this change; passed



- Add under UMECRA general rules **MUST BE PRESENTED AT GENERAL MEETING for Final approval**
  - 4. Rider Requirements
    - K. Stallions must be double tied (two halters & two lead ropes) to trailer, hitching post, or high tie when not being ridden or handled. Stallions must be marked with a yellow ribbon on the bridle or forelock and tail.
      - Motion made by Tony; seconded by Linda Mower; passed
    - L. Juniors riders are not allowed to compete on stallions in any division.
      - After a short discussion; this topic was tabled until the January BOD meeting.
  - Add under UMECRA general rules **MUST BE PRESENTED AT GENERAL MEETING for Final approval**
    - 4. Management Requirements
      - J. All Rides offering limited distance and endurance events must be AERC sanctioned.
        - Joslyn motioned; seconded by Wayne; passed
      - K. All sanctioning must be listed on the ride flyer. If not AERC sanctioned, it must be clearly stated on the ride flyer.
        - Marty moved; seconded by Joslyn; passed
  - Add under - **MUST BE PRESENTED AT GENERAL MEETING for Final approval**
    - COMPETITIVE RULES
    - 2. Management Requirements
    - H. There must be a minimum of one rest stop during each 25 miles or increments over 15 miles thereof. (For example a ride must be 40 miles or over in order to require two rest stops.) Horses may not travel more than 20 miles without a scheduled vet stop if the ride is between 25 and 34 miles. A one day ride of 35 miles or more may have one loop that is a maximum of 25 miles. All vet stops must be a minimum of 40 minutes long.
      - Motion made by Lynn; seconded by Tony; passed
  - Sanctioning Requirements: **MUST BE PRESENTED AT GENERAL MEETING for Final approval**
    - 2. UMECRA Rules
      - F. Once the schedule is finalized at the annual meeting, no new rides may be scheduled except with Board and ride manager approval via electronic ballot with a majority of 2/3rds of the managers responding. (One vote per ride) Rides seeking approval by Board vote must meet one of the following criteria:



- Be proposed for an open date
- 2) Be 501 miles or more from an already scheduled ride (as measured using Mapquest.com)
- 3) If less than 501 miles from an already scheduled ride (as measured using Mapquest.com), have written approval of those ride manager(s)
  - Motion by Linda Mower; seconded by Bonnie; passed
- **ARTICLE VIII MUST BE PRESENTED AT GENERAL MEETING for Final approval**
  - Standing Committees (1/23/10)
    - Section 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. An Executive Committee of the Board will be made up of its President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.
    - Section 2. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FUND COMMITTEE.
      - A. A permanent committee is established to fully administer, maintain, guide and keep an international competition fund for fund-raising to assist in supporting UMECRA members or ride managers who ~~may be selected to participate in~~ compete in or host international endurance ~~or competitive ride~~ events sanctioned by the FEI.
      - B. Committee members: The committee shall be made up of five persons as follows: a current UMECRA officer and four members at large to include a chairperson and three others. Preference shall also be given to appointing UMECRA members who are acting as Chef d'Equipe for time zone teams, generally the East or Central teams. The committee will be appointed by the UMECRA president.
        - C. Committee responsibilities:
          1. To prepare guidelines for administration and dispersal of the fund, to be approved by the Board;
          2. To prepare plans for fund-raising, to be approved by the Board;
          3. To implement Board approved guidelines and plans; and
          4. To furnish an annual report to the Board and membership at the general meeting, to include; financial report, fundraising report, activity/use report.
- **GENERAL RULES (Suggestion from the Blue Ribbon Committee) MUST BE PRESENTED AT GENERAL MEETING for Final approval**
  - 4. Rider Requirements
    - K. Non-UMECRA members will be charged a \$5 non-member fee per ride entry to be paid to UMECRA.  
(Current K moves to L)



- Marty motioned; Bonnie seconded; passed
- **ARTICLE V** (*Suggestion from the Blue Ribbon Committee*) **MUST BE PRESENTED AT GENERAL MEETING for Final approval**

#### OFFICERS

Section 1. ELECTION. When a quorum of the delegates is present at the annual meeting, a simple majority of all UMECRA members from the previous year who are present at the convention are allowed to vote on the board of directors shall elect a president, a vice president, and a secretary/treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Board. Commencing at the January 2008 convention the President will be elected to a two year term. Commencing at the January 2007 convention the Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer will be elected to a two year term. Said officers shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. (1-20-07)

- Marty motioned; Dr. Olivia seconded; passed
- **Add division: DISCUSSION ONLY- NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME**
  - **SHORT COMPETITIVE DIVISION**

To provide a division for those who choose not to ride or cannot ride 25 miles or more.

1. A UMECRA Short Competitive Ride cannot be longer than 15 miles. The ride must be part of the UMECRA sanctioning process. All fees apply.
2. Short Competitive rides must use the "window system" as follows: A short competitive rider may come in from 5 minutes before or up to 5 minutes after the exact scheduled time without losing points. One point per minute is lost for coming in before or after these limits, up to 55 minutes (a total of 55 points) without being disqualified.
3. The Short Competitive division must be a one horse/rider team.
4. Horse and rider combination is not eligible to place in any other UMECRA category.
5. Horse/rider team will use the same rules as competitive rides and including UMECRA general rules.
6. Short Competitive rides will have only one division. Juniors and seniors, no matter what weight division are one division for the purpose of awards and scoring for UMECRA.
7. Scoring for UMECRA awards will use the current system for High Point Awards. Awards will be given to Top 5 only.
8. Short Competitive riders must accumulate a minimum of 40 miles and at least 3 ride for Year End Top 5 Awards
9. If a UMECRA sanctioned ride offers short competitive classes, all fees and rules shall be observed. Short Competitive rides are only eligible for year-end awards in the short competitive division or other awards where the criteria specifically states that short competitive rides shall count. Short Competitive mileage shall count for chevrons and horse mileage, but shall not be considered in determining eligibility for Restricted Mileage awards.

- DISCUSSION NOTES:



- Objective: riders who cannot or choose not to ride 25 mile events.
  - If a rider is capable of riding 25 miles should they be allowed to ride in short comp division? Who determines if a rider is capable?
  - Riders may be more open to this division than RM's. Will this bring back some of our past riders?
  - Should we offer the short comp for three years like we did with Novice and then re-evaluate this division?
- **BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE:**
- The Riders' Sub-committee proposal was presented to the Board as part of the Blue Ribbon Committee Report, but due to the limited time frame the Board had to review the proposal, it was decided to put off a full discussion until the January Board meeting. There were several items regarding rule changes that were discussed (see the suggested changes listed above).
  - One item discussed but not action taken was that "Other Positions" (Newsletter Editor, Points Keeper, Sanctioning Coordinator, and Webmaster) have voting privileges on the Board. This subject will be reviewed again in the January BOD meeting.
- **DISCUSSION on BLIND HORSES:**
- Had several incidents where a horse could not start a ride because the horse is blind. Tony contacted Connie Caudill from AERC about a rule addressing this. Dr. Olivia gave her input on the subject based on the AERC vet committee. If someone knows the rider and horse they may be allowed to compete but if the horse/rider isn't known; they may not be able to compete. The horse/rider at Big River ride had successfully competed at two other rides earlier in the year without issues. Motion by Wayne; seconded by Linda to table until January meeting.
- **Year-end awards:**
- 3010 entries in 2012 x \$2.50@ = 7525; \$200 donation from ABC; \$350 donation from Purina; \$460 from mileage program; \$1101.53 remaining from 2011 year end award budget = total budget of \$9636.53 for year-end awards for 2012.
- **PAYPAL:**
- A discussion was held to set UMECRA up to have the ability to use PayPal for members to pay for memberships, rider fees, insurance costs and sanctioning fees. Jill presented a spreadsheet with the costs involved with using PayPal. A brief discussion resulted with some alternative ideas that Jill will look into.
- **APPOINTMENTS:**
- Appointment of Pointskeeper (Robin Schadt) and Webmaster (Nicole Mauser-Storer) for two-year terms.
- **Membership Committee:**



- Novice rides continue to be a problem. Clinics should be in each region to encourage more involvement. Wisconsin hosts a clinic each year but not all states do. UMECRA insurance can be obtained for these clinics if needed.
  
- **AHA National Distance Rides:**
  - Next year, the final ride of the UMECRA season will be the AHA National Championship;
  - All rides on every day will be open rides (anyone on any breed can ride).
  - Tony would like UMECRA Sponsorship toward AHA ride
    - Tony will bring more information to the January meeting in order for the BOD to make a decision on sponsorship.
  
- **Convention(s) update:**
  - The 2013 convention will be held in Oconomowoc on January 18- 20<sup>th</sup>. All the convention information is on the website and will be included in the next two NL's.
  
- **UMECRA Scholarship:**
  - There is \$2950 available for scholarships this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Feller  
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer