



**BOD MEETING  
January 19, 2013  
Oconomowoc, WI  
Annual Convention**

**Present:** Lynn Reichert, Elizabeth Laurie, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Olivia Rudolphi, Maxine Bernsdorf, Bonnie Mielke, Peggy Pasillas, Jill Feller, Theresa Meyer, Linda Mowrer, Tony Troyer, Jeanne Crispin, Wayne Gastfield, Joslyn Seefeldt, Dianne Schmidt, Marty Power

**Guests:** Wes Elford, Barb Kurti, Chris Power

**Agenda items:**

- Secretary minutes from November; Tony motioned, Maxine seconded; Approved
- Treasurer report for 2012; Tony motioned to approve, Linda seconded; Approved

1. Bylaws/Rules CHANGES

- Add under UMECRA general rules

4. Rider Requirements

L. Juniors riders are not allowed to compete on stallions in any division. Tony motioned to bring this discussion off the table; seconded by Wayne.

REVISED: Stallions must be ridden by a rider 18 years of age or older. Juniors in competitive must not ride stallions; Approved and will be sent to the annual meeting.

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- Blind horse discussion
  - General Rule:
    - 3. Veterinarian Requirements
      - Horse blind in both eyes are not allowed to participate. Tony motioned, Olivia seconded; Failed 5/6
      - A discussion followed on this subject.
      - Wes read the AERC veterinarian statement regarding blind horses.
      - Marty moved: Dianne seconded to put a rule in the UMECRA RM/Vet Handbook that states:
        - A final decision allowed unsighted or a partially sighted equine to compete will be decided on a case by case basis by the control judge at each event. Riders of vision impaired equine should contact the ride manager prior to entry for approval.
        - Approved and goes to the annual meeting

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- By-Law Changes (both moved to March meeting)
  - \*\* Board eligibility must be 18 years old and a member for 2 years.
    - This was moved to March meeting until guidance from Art is received.
  - ARTICLE V: 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)

- Tony motioned; Joslyn seconded to remove this from the agenda; Approved. This issue will be revisited and worded for the March meeting.

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- Add division: **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.

- Maxine moved to bring this topic off the table; Tony seconded.
  - Can an accomplished rider ride Short Comp for mileage only? There is nothing saying that any rider on any ride can't ride for mileage only.
  - How will this be an advantage to the organization? Will this bring in new members? Will the vets at a ride be able to handle more horses at a ride?
  - After discussion: vote was taken; Failed to pass; no further action taken.
  - Motion made by Bonnie; seconded by Dianne: to rescind Novice rule that was approved in 2012. Failed to pass; no further action taken.
    - *The revised rule is: A rider placing Top Five novice for three years is not eligible for further Novice Awards and may enter Novice rides for mileage only. ~~Horse/A rider teams A rider not meeting this criteria may enter novice rides for mileage only.~~*

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- G. If ride management, ride veterinarians, or a rider feels that any personnel have been abused or harassed by a member, ride veterinarian, volunteer or non-member rider, they have the right to notify the Board within 3 days of the close of a ride, who will respond in the following order:
  - Upon review, the Board will ask for comment from the alleged offending person and other people who might have witnessed the event; then if deemed warranted, the Board will privately warn that member, ride veterinarian, volunteer, or non-member rider part of the warning being that if the offense continues, the member person will may be publicly warned. *If not satisfied, a formal protest can be filed within 7 days. If the conduct continues the Board can take whatever further action it deems, such as but not limited to: loss of membership,*



probation of ride(s), or loss of sanctioning. Tony motioned; seconded by Maxine; Jill motioned; Maxine seconded to table this to March.

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- Rider counseling for over-ridden horses
  - Pulled for metabolic twice within a year; you cannot enter another ride the following year- FEI rules.
  - Is this something that should be tackled by AERC?
  - Does UMECRA have a welfare rule? If not, we should have one.
  - Maxine suggestion was that Olivia leads a vet team to make a statement to be presented in March.
- Trail fund requests (from trail fund)
  - Holly Egerer- request for donation for electricity in shelter at Zumbro's Bottom camp. Joslyn motioned and Linda Mowrer seconded; Approved to send \$250 for this request.
- Promotion requests (from general fund)
  - MN request for funding for MN Expo; Linda Mowrer motioned and Wayne Gastfield seconded; Approve to send \$250 for this request.
  - IL Horse Fair request for funding for booth: Maxine Bernsdorf motioned and Lynn Reichert seconded ; Approved to send \$250 for this request.
- AHA Championship ride will be held the last weekend in October: Tony would like UMECRA to donate \$400 toward a sponsorship for the ride. Tony motioned; Joslyn seconded. Dianne requested the amount to be \$250; denied. Approved for \$400 donation.
- Insurance update/costs paid by rides
  - Tony motioned; Linda seconded to keep insurance as it has been with UMECRA paying ½ of the daily \$45/day costs and rides paying all costs for additional insured (i.e. a 2 day ride with one additional insured would be \$45 x 2 + \$20; UMECRA would pay \$45 and the ride would pay \$45 + 20). Approved
  - Jill will find out about using the UMECRA insurance for clinics.
    - **ANSWER FROM INSURANCE COMPANY:** *UMECRA insurance can be used for a ride clinic as long as UMECRA is the sponsoring organization of the clinic as the insurance is in the name of UMECRA.*
- Spring meeting date
  - March 9 location TBD
- Ride calendar was reviewed again
  - UMECRA's ride season needs to be defined as what our ride year is. A ride is on the calendar for the first week in November. Is our ride season Dec-Nov or Jan-Dec?
  - Tony motioned; Linda seconded to approve 2013 ride calendar. Approved and will go to annual meeting.
- Self-nominating process for elections
  - Move this discussion to the March meeting.
- Membership committee report was presented by Marty and will be presented at the annual meeting.
- Blue Ribbon Committee update
  - Marty presented a document that will be discussed at the annual meeting.
- Wayne motioned that there should be a 1 minute limit per motion at the annual meeting and only one chance to speak; seconded by Bonnie. Tony amended it to 2 minutes. Wayne accepted amendment; Bonnie did not. Failed. .
- Joslyn motioned; Elizabeth seconded that each person gets 1 minute to speak, but have multiple opportunities to discuss. Approved: Wayne will make this announcement at the beginning of the annual meeting and Wayne will be the time keeper.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Jill Feller  
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer