



Annual Meeting Minutes`
January 18, 2014

Call to order by President Theresa Meyer
Roll call was taken; 83 votes were present

Minutes from 2013 annual meeting: Tony Troyer motioned to approve minutes: Wayne Gastfield seconded; passed.

Treasurer's report

Table with financial data for Dec 31, 13. Includes ASSETS, Current Assets, Checking/Savings, Convention fund, ICF Fund, Mayville Savings Bank, Trail checking, Total Checking/Savings, and Total Current Assets.

- Motion made by Barry Saylor; seconded by Sheryl O'Brien to approve treasurer's report; passed.
Mileage reimbursement for spring and fall BOD meeting was voted on and approved at the morning BOD meeting; no discussion and/or questions were presented on this subject.
Run meeting with 1 minute discussions. Wayne Gastfield motions to keep all discussions at this meeting to 1 minute; seconded by Sara Mowrer; passed. Robin Schadt will be the timer.

Old Business:

- Bylaw - age/experience limit

ARTICLE III
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. The property and business of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. Only Delegates may be elected as Officers or as Directors, with the following exceptions: the Board position of Veterinarian Representative will be composed of an endurance or competitive ride veterinarian, President (see, Article III, Section 5, below), and Secretary/Treasurer (see, Article III, Section 7, below). Authorized alternate voting delegates shall not be eligible for election for the purpose of this section. (1/25/09)

The Board shall not be less than three in number and not more than sixteen. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, immediate Past President, two members elected at large, or more as may be determined by majority of the Board of Directors up to a maximum of six, a Veterinarian Representative and four geographic board members and four rider representatives. (1/23/10). The Veterinarian Representative will be elected to a two year term commencing at the January 2008 convention. Each state, or foreign country which maintains a minimum of 25 UMECRA memberships (individuals to count as one and families to count as two) and which hosts a minimum of five sanctioned rides in the preceding season, shall be eligible to have an official delegate from that state or foreign country nominated and elected by the official delegates to the general meeting to a two-year term as geographic board member. If more than four states or foreign countries qualify, the number of rides shall be the first qualifier for determination of which four geographic areas are eligible, followed by the number



of memberships within that state or country. If still tied, the state or foreign country with the largest number of rides over the history of UMECRA shall be given priority.

One, two, or three directors at large will be elected each year for two-year terms, to stagger their service, or until their successor shall have been elected at the annual meeting by majority vote of the attending delegates at the convention. Commencing at the 1997 convention, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota will initially qualify for geographic board members. Commencing at the 1997 convention, Illinois, Michigan's geographic board members will be elected at the convention, together with one at-large board member. The geographic board positions will be filled for 1997 by current Directors at Large, Monna Radtke and Dianne Kuhn. Their geographic positions will come up for election at the 1998 convention, together with the second at-large board position. The geographic board members will be nominated by delegates from their respective states and elected by the voting delegates at large at the general meeting. In even numbered years, four rider representatives will be elected by the membership for two-year terms. They will have voting rights and any other privileges pertaining to Board membership. **To be eligible for election as a rider rep to the board of directors, members must be at least 18 years old and be a UMECRA member for the previous 2 years.**

Motion made by Tony Troyer, Wayne Gastfield seconded to change the Election of Directors to the above. Passed

Rules:

- Revisit the stallion rule
 - If a stallion is confined to a pipe corral- do they still need to be tied?
 - If a stallion is high-tied- how do you follow the rule? (**Proposed change to current rule in bold**)
 - *Stallions must be double tied (two halters & two lead ropes ~~tied to two distinct tie points~~) to trailer, hitching post, or high tie when not being ridden or handled. **They may be tied with a single halter and lead rope if also enclosed in a charged electric fence or in a secure pen provided by campground.** Stallions must be marked with a yellow ribbon on the bridle or forelock and tail at all times. **Alternative containment options may be approved by Ride Management.***

Motion made by Tony Troyer, Carmen Steuck seconded. Passed

- Rider requirement rule: (**Proposed addition rule in bold**)
 - There is no consequence listed in the rule book for a rider who breaks a requirement rule.
 - To add to page 13 of the rule book: (**H**) **The penalty for failing to follow the above requirements: completion only, miles only or disqualification.**

Motion made by Tony Troyer, Sheryl O'Brien seconded. Passed

- Re-evaluate the 'Boot' rule for competitive rides; some of the new hoof boots go above the coronet band and results in point deductions. (**Proposed change to current rule in bold**)
 - *If boots, bandages or wraps are used, the horse shall be penalized two points per leg per day. **Boots and their permanent attachments, designed to protect the sole of the hoof, are permitted and shall not be penalized. The judges may request to observe the area covered by the attached strap, keeper or gaiter at any time. If boots are not declared, see (H).***

Motion made by Tony Troyer; Robin Schadt seconded. Tony called question; Roberta seconded; passed. Hand vote resulted in passing this rule change.



- Rule changes suggested by UMECRA members. (**Proposed change to current rule in bold**)
 - UMECRA GENERAL RULES
 - 2. Management Requirements:
 - M. There shall be weight divisions for endurance and competitive: Lightweight- ~~179~~**185** pounds and under; heavyweight- ~~180~~**186** pounds and over WITH TACK. Any rider competing as a heavyweight may be required to prove their weight.

Motion made by Tony Troyer; Wayne Gastfield seconded. Passed. This will go into effect in 2015 as all new forms need to be created. A suggestion was made to also put pertinent medical information on the ride entry form.

- UMECRA General Rules 3. Veterinary Requirements (**proposed change in bold**):
 - A rider may ask for one recheck on a P/R. **Pulse rechecks must be done with a stethoscope.** P/Rs shall be taken as a unit and a recheck shall be requesting immediately after BOTH have been taken and announced. The recheck must be taken immediately and the rider must accept the second score, whether higher or lower. **In the case of a documented arrhythmia a stethoscope must be used for all vet checks. Heart rate monitors (HRM) will be allowed as long as they are used for all riders and in the same manner. Individual rider HRM must be turned off as they interfere with the hand held.**

Tony Troyer motioned; seconded by Jodi Johannessen. Hand vote resulted in rule passing.

Competitive rules

4. Veterinary requirements- judging competitive horses

2) Pulse and respiration

f) P/R's shall be taken for 15 seconds and recorded as actual during the recording period. No plus points shall be awarded for pulse and respiration. **See chart Appendix A for scoring with stethoscope (regular score sheet).**

i) **If HRMs are used they must be placed on the horse and have the pulse read 30 seconds after being placed on the horse. The pulse taker must give care that they keep the watch/receiver within one foot of the HRM for the full 30 seconds. Horses must stand at least 10 feet apart. The actual HRM count at 30 seconds is recorded on the pulse card. Do not divide by 4. Fractional points shall be deducted as indicated. Scoring of P&R with HRM will be indicated by chart in Appendix B.**

ii) **For an immediate P&R recheck, a stethoscope must be used. The actual count at 15 seconds is recorded on the pulse card. Do not multiple by 4.**

Motion made by Tony Troyer; seconded by Joslyn Seefeldt. Hand vote resulted in rule passing.

- Lameness on competitive horses (**proposed change in bold**):
 - Competitive – Veterinary Requirements- 6.Completion Criteria
 - Horses that are grade **3 or 4** lame will not receive placing or completion points but will receive mileage. Grade 5 horses will be disqualified.

Motion made by Tony Troyer; seconded by Dianne Schmidt. Hand vote resulted in rule passing.

- **Any UMECRA sanctioned ride with ride miles of 15 miles or less must follow the established UMECRA Novice rules or the AERC Introductory rules. AERC Introductory rides or Ride and Ties are not eligible for UMECRA points and miles.** Tony Troyer motioned; Barb Kurti seconded. Ramona Radtke amended to add the Ride and Tie; Elinore Tonsor: amendment passed. Passed

New Business:

- 2014 ride schedule
 - Motion made by Tony Troyer; seconded by Barry Saylor to approve schedule with minor changes; passed.



- Ride insurance update
 - Insurance: Jill motions; Tony seconded that UMECRA will pay for ½ of the daily insurance costs for rides in 2014 and rides will be required to pay for all additional insured costs. Passed
- Self-nominating form was explained and will be available on the website to access. Hard copies of the form will be mailed out if needed by contacting Jill.
- Promotions Committee Report was given. The full report will be posted on the website; anyone wanting a hard copy of the report can contact Nicole Mauser-Storer. Raven Flores & Alice Hubert volunteered to be part of the committee.
- Membership Committee Report was given. Elinore Tonsor volunteered to join this committee.
- Convention 2015 update
 - The convention will be held at Clair MI. More information will be on the website.
- Other:
 - Member numbers:
 - Robin discussed the need for riders to be entering their UMECRA membership number on their ride entry forms. We are working on creating a searchable database for all UMECRA membership to use and we will need rider numbers to make this process work.
 - A letter will be sent out with remaining membership cards to remind people to record the numbers on entry forms.
 - Ride Flyers-the ride flyers are due by February 1st. Send them to Jill in word format, PDF and hard copy will work. If anyone needs assistance with their ride flyer, they can contact Jill or Robin for assistance.
 - Rider's choice voting ballots; vote by 6:00 pm.
- Rider Rep announcement: Maxine Bernsdorf, Bonnie Mielke, Joslyn Seefeldt, Elizabeth Laurie are the rider reps for the next two years
 - The March meeting will discuss alternative ways of voting to get better turnout; only 45 ballots were returned for rider rep votes.
- Election of officers:
 - President: Nominated: Wayne nominated **Theresa Meyer**; Carmen Steuck seconded. Barb Gardner nominated Tony Troyer; seconded by Joyce Mocilan. Wayne motioned to close nominations; Ed Hauser seconded. Winner: Theresa Meyer
 - Veterinarian Representative: Tony Troyer nominated Dr. Olivia Rudolphi; seconded by Jill Feller. Wayne moved nominations closed; Linda Mowrer closed.
 - **MN Regional Director**: Darlene Molitor nominated Dianne S. Ken Meyer seconded; no further nominations.
 - **WI Regional Director**: Jill Feller nominated Jon Wagner; seconded by Katie Bachhuber; no further nominations.
- Dr. Olivia gave a summary of the AERC rule changes.
 - Use of Cushings medication is no longer prohibited
 - LD rides can have BC award
 - Random drug testing will be done on horses throughout the ride and not just the top ten horses.
- Vet committee
 - RM's should contact Dr. Olivia with ride vet information who might be interested in joining this committee.

Wayne motioned to adjourn meeting; Tony Troyer seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Feller
UMECRA secretary/treasurer