



**BOD Meeting
Clare MI
Annual Convention
January 17, 2015**

Call to order by President Theresa Meyer

Roll call was taken: 66 delegates, 3 rider reps and 1 vet rep = 70 total votes

Secretary Report: minutes from 2014 annual meeting was posted. Tony Troyer motions to accept minutes; seconded by Maxine Bernsdorf; passed.

Treasurer Report: balance sheet and P&L summary were presented Wayne motions to accept financial reports as presented; seconded by Tony Troyer; passed.

- **Rules of the Meeting:**
 - Present Theresa Meyer had a brief discussion regarding the running of the last two years of meetings. The meetings had a 2-minute limit of time for each person to state their comments on the topic at hand and a person could speak more than once on the topic but each discussion is limited to 2 minutes. Theresa asked if there was any opposition to keep this process in place for the 2015 annual meeting; no opposition was shown and the meeting rules of 2-minute discussions was put in place with Wayne Gastfield being the timer.
- **2015 ride schedule**
 - The ride schedule presented was based on sanctioning forms submitted in November. There were several changes to the schedule from the posted tentative schedule; all changes were discussed. The Run for the Ridge ride, which was already on the schedule, requested that their ride move from a two day to a three day ride; the change was made. Peggy Pasillas motions to accept the schedule as presented with the change of Run for the Ridge to a three day ride; seconded by Cathy Cook; passed.
- **2015 ride insurance update**
 - At the morning meeting, the BOD voted to have UMECRA pay ½ of the daily costs of rides who have the UMECRA insurance and the rides will pay 100% of additional insured costs for UMECRA insurance. This motion was approved for 2015 going forward. The motion will be revisited at a later date if there is a significant change in the insurance costs and/or process.
- **Update on horse/rider database and horse numbers**
 - Nicole Mauser-Storer gave a presentation on the new ride results reporting database that she and Robin Schadt created. The spreadsheet is preloaded with rider and horse numbers but in order for accurate tracking of mile and ride placings, all riders need to help by recording their AERC and/or UMECRA numbers on ride entries so RM's can record them on the reporting sheets. The message of using UMECRA and AERC numbers will be stressed to riders on the website and newsletters. A huge thank you was given to Nicole and Robin for all the time they spent creating this program!
- **Protest process**
 - A new protest process was presented to the attendees and will go into effect immediately. The new process provides a more detail process on how a protest will be handled.
- **Blind horses at rides**
 - Tony Troyer motions to accept the following wording to the Blind Horse rule; seconded by Dianne Schmidt; passed with change in bold and strike out.
 - *3. Veterinary Requirements G*
 - *A final decision allowing unsighted ~~or partially sighted~~ equines to compete shall be made on a case by case basis by the control judge at each event. Riders of ~~vision impaired~~ blind equines should contact the ride manager prior to entry ~~for approval~~.*
 - After a discussion the highlighted strike out word above (~~for approval~~) were removed from the original motion. Motion passed with these words removed.



- *Donnie Hamrick suggested to add "At least 7 days prior to entry". A discussion followed on the merits of adding a time frame to this rule; the suggested change was not accepted.*
- **UMECRA Rules Proposal:**
 - Tony Troyer motions to accept the changes in bold print to the general rules; seconded by Sarah Mowrer; passed
 - *General Rules*
 - *4. Rider Requirements*
 - *F. Horses must not be under the influence of drugs, medication or stimulants, **except those allowed under AERC, and may be subjected to drug analysis while entered in the ride.***
- **Sanctioning Coordinator:**
 - Tony Troyer motions to accept the changes in bold to the Article V of the bylaws; seconded by Rae Birr; motion failed.
 - *ARTICLE V- OFFICERS*
 - *B. Sanctioning Coordinator will work with the AERC Sanctioning Director to sanction and coordinate scheduling recommendations to the Board for UMECRA rides and shall edit and coordinate publishing of the yearly UMECRA ride book. **The sanctioning coordinator must be a current Delegate or UMECRA member who has been a ride manager within the past 5 years.***
 - A discussion was held as to the merit of adding this wording to the bylaws. The sanctioning coordinator position is appointed by the BOD; therefore the BOD can determine the eligibility of the applicants and appoint the person who is qualified to execute the position properly.
- **Remove convention corridor and move the convention with-in the four states:** Linda Mower motions to remove the convention corridor with the wording below; seconded by Ruth Stewart. The portion in bold below was added to the original motion after discussion; motion passed with the addition.
 - *A motion was made and seconded to remove the corridor and move the convention to each of four states beginning with MI in 2015, WI in 2016, MN in 2017, and IL in 2018. If any state elects not to host the convention in their designated year, the next state on the list will do the convention and **the state refusing their turn must wait for the next rotation to host the convention again.***
- **Rules brought forward from morning BOD meeting**
- **UMECRA GENERAL RULES – (Apply to both endurance and competitive rides)** Tony motions to accept the rule change written below in bold italics; Peggy Pasillas seconded; passed.
 1. *Eligibility*
 - *A. Each ride must be open to all breeds. On a ride of 35–30 miles or less the horse must be at least 48 months old, ~~on a ride over 30 miles a horse must be at least 60 months old.~~*
*New for AERC – Add to A above: **The equines entered in distances of 50 or more miles must be at least 60 months of age at the time of the ride with the exception of those entered in single day 100 mile rides. Equines entered in single day 100 mile distances must be at least 72 months of age at the time of the ride.***
 2. **Management Requirements (UMECRA General Rules)** Tony motions to accept the rule below written in bold italics; seconded by Katie Bachhuber; passed.
 - ***G. There must be at least one checkpoint and hold during all rides of 25 miles or more.***

Tony motions to accept the rule change below written in bold italics; seconded by Peggy Pasillas; passed.
 - *H. The ride manager must include a plan for providing emergency treatment for equines entered in the event. **Beginning the 2016 ride season this plan must be indicated on the sanctioning/re-sanctioning form. If your plan indicates nearby vet/treatment facility or on-call vet options phone numbers and maps must be available for inspection by ride veterinarians and riders.***
- **ENDURANCE RULES changed due to the AERC Horse Welfare rule changes.** These rules were not voted upon as UMECRA accepts the AERC rules as they are approved.
 - Add and renumber to 5 – AERC 2015 - 5. *Horses shall have a body condition score of no less than 3.0 and no greater than 8.0 to start an endurance ride as determined by the ride veterinarians. Veterinarians will use the*



Henneke Body Condition Scoring Guide in determining body condition score. Body condition score will only be judged during the pre-ride veterinary examination.

- 9. Completion Criteria - Each ride must have a post finish line vet examination which the equine must pass for a successful completion, the criteria to be announced prior to the ride.
 - A. The minimum criteria for the post finish line vet check are as follows. Any ride may adopt more stringent criteria, but these must be provided to competitors before the ride in written form. The post-finish-line vet check is where the final criteria for completion must be met; an equine has not completed the ride until he has passed this check. The post-finish-line vet check also serves as a safety check to monitor for late-developing problems (so that they can be treated if necessary) as well as extending veterinary control over the last leg of the ride. Because an equine at the finish line is not, in actuality, going on--and not going in to the wilderness far from veterinary aid--the standards for completion need not be as strict as those on the trail, but they must meet the minimum standards below.
 - Change to: *The minimum criteria for the post-finish-line control check are as follows.*
 - *The head control judge of any ride may adopt more stringent criteria, including the final pulse rate criteria, as part of the setting of the judging parameters under Endurance Rule 7. Additionally, the ride manager may increase the maximum time to meet the final pulse rate by up to 30 minutes after crossing the finish line if circumstances dictate a need for additional time to reach the final control check. Notice of any change in the maximum time to meet the final pulse rate criterion and notice of any other more stringent criteria for the post-finish line control check must be provided to competitors by written notice posted in a conspicuous location at the ride camp at least 12 hours prior to the start of the ride and shall also be presented by the ride manager or head control judge at any pre-ride briefing or meeting.*
 - 1) All horses must stand for a mandatory post ride evaluation within one hour of finishing. Riders may present their horses for the final examination at a time of their choosing during the one-hour period. A horse that does not meet the established criteria within one hour of crossing the finish line shall be disqualified. Once a competing horse has passed the post ride examination, it may not be removed from completion for veterinary reasons. (AERC only). No horse will be certified for UMECRA completion if it needs or receives treatment for metabolic reasons within 1 hour of finishing, regardless of whether it has passed its final check. Such horse/rider combination may still receive AERC points and mileage credit.
 - Change to *1) each equine must pass the post-ride control check within one hour of crossing the finish line. Each equine is required to pass the final pulse rate criterion alone in 30 minutes but shall have the full hour from finish to pass other completion criteria. After meeting the final pulse criterion, riders may present their equines for the final examination for other completion criteria at a time of their choosing during the one-hour period. An equine that does not meet the established pulse and completion criteria shall be disqualified. Once a competing equine has passed the post-ride examination, it may not be removed from completion for veterinary reasons. (AERC only). No horse will be certified for UMECRA completion if it needs or receives treatment for metabolic reasons within 1 hour of finishing, regardless of whether it has passed its final check. Such horse/rider combination may still receive AERC points and mileage credit.*
 - 2) The horse must reach a reasonable pulse recovery based on ambient conditions. The maximum pulse criteria is ~~64~~ 68 beats per minute; however, the ride veterinarian(s) may allow different pulse criteria. The MINIMUM pulse rate criteria shall be 60 bpm. Respiration should be evaluated on its own merit. Ambient temperature and humidity effects need to be recognized and their effects on respiration rate considered. (2015 AERC)
- Vet Directory
 - Dr. Olivia Rudolphi has a veterinarian directory created with our current UMECRA vets with their contacts. Any ride manager who needs assistance with finding a veterinarian for their ride or would like to add a veterinarian to the list should contact Dr. Olivia.



- **2016 Convention**
 - The 2016 convention will be held on January 15, 16 17, 2016 in Wisconsin Dells and is being hosted by DRAW.
- **Other**
 - Nicole Mauser-Storer discussed the efforts of the promotions committee. Several members volunteered to help last year, but not everyone who volunteered has been able to help the committee. The promotions committee would like a representative from each state to help with this committee.
 - If anyone has a publication or website in which we can place ads at no cost, such as the state horse councils, contact Nicole with those ideas. The electronic ride schedule can be sent out by contacting Jill for the schedule.
- **Voting:**
 - Winners of each position are highlighted in **bold**.
 - **Vice President:** Nominated: **Tony Troyer** – elected
 - **Secretary/Treasurer** Nominated: **Jill Feller**- elected
 - **Director at Large (2)**
 - Nominated: Barb Kurti, **Nicole Mauser-Storer**
 - Nominated: **Bill Suskey**, Barb Kurti, Chris Power (declined)
 - **IL Regional Director:** **Sarah Mowrer**- elected
 - **MI Regional Director:** **Wayne Gastfield**- elected
- Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Feller
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer