

Minutes from UMECRA BoD Conference Call on August 29, 2017

The “meeting” was called to order by President Theresa Meyers at ~7:35 pm, CDT. Also in attendance were Nicole Mauser-Storer, Bruce Birr, Tony Troyer, Dr. Wes Elford, Jon Wagner, Darlene Molitor, Jan Sasena, Lisa Germann, and Maxine Bernsdorf.

The first topic that Theresa brought up was to ask if anyone had any questions of Bruce on the Treasury. Tony asked if ride fees were coming in regularly and if deposits were being made regularly. Bruce replied that for the most part ride fees were coming in properly, and that he made deposits at least weekly when receipts supported that. Being no more questions of Bruce, Theresa moved on to the next topic – Electronic Member Cards.

Discussion ensued: Wes asked to have that explained a bit as to what it was and how it would work. Theresa described what she had previously emailed to the board. Max asked if it would be printable for those who wanted a hard copy, and Theresa replied that it would be so. Wes asked for clarification on what the procedure would be and it was stated that nothing would be printed unless the member wanted/needed that. The resulting ‘card’ could be printed, or taken a picture of for saving on a smart phone. Tony stated that there had to be a way for some members (maybe 10%) who could or would not be able to log onto the website for their member card, and it was discussed that there would be a way for the member to state that on their member form so that a paper member card could be mailed to them. Lisa agreed that a paper option is needed. Jan stated that a facebook poll should maybe be done to gauge interest in such a system. After much more discussion, Darlene stated that we just go ahead and go that route (at least on a one year trial basis) and see what kind of feedback we got – that it wouldn’t pay to offer folks too many choices in the matter. Tony stated that monies should continue to go to the Treasurer, and then made a motion (which Bruce seconded) to proceed. Before he could support it, and while he was not opposed to an electronic member card, he wanted to see what the process/procedure was first. Bruce suggested a committee to draft such a procedural document. Max mentioned that the Board needed to establish a definitive start and end date to the ride year, and it was agreed that this was a necessary action for the Board, but was not relevant to this topic. Bruce asked if this had to get settled before our November Board meeting, and it was felt it could probably wait, but would be good to settle and get voted on before then as it would likely require a change in the membership form which could be wanting to be included in the November newsletter. Tony and Bruce withdrew their motion, and Theresa then chose members for said committee – Nicole, Bruce, and herself (since no one else stepped forward).

Theresa then moved on to the topic of Member Coordinator. Jon suggested that we get the member card issue settled. Wes suggested that Theresa draft a SOP for that position for consideration by the Board. Bruce supported Jon’s idea as it may help define what leftover tasks are needed for the ‘new’ position, and that maybe what was needed was a person to welcome new members with offering information. Theresa mentioned that a person from each state to address new members from that state, has not worked well in the past because of inconsistent outreach. She also stated that since we weren’t going to wrap up this issue tonight, that we wait a month for the Member Card committee to come up with and present a process/procedure draft to the Board.

The last topic presented was for a report on the upcoming Convention. Nicole and Tony briefed the Board on the plans for the speaker, and that input was needed on how many topics our guest speaker could/would cover. There was apparent interest to have as many topics be presented as possible by “Dr. Susan”, and they thought the idea of having the hotel provide box lunches would be pursued (and the Board agreed) so as to avoid ‘downtime’ for a lunch break --- though this was not firmly decided. General consensus from the Board was to have as 3 or 4 90-minute topics presented (apparently topic talks could be ~60 or ~90 minutes each.)

Tony moved and Darlene seconded to adjourn, and this passed unanimously at 8:35 pm CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Bruce A. Birr, Sec/Treas