



BOD Meeting Minutes Rochester MN January 28, 2017

Call to order at 6:30 am by President Meyer.

Present: Theresa Meyer, Darlene Molitor, Bonnie Mielke, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Jan Sasnea, Maxine Bernsdorf, Jon Wagner, Tony Troyer, Bill Suskey, Wes Elford, Sarah Mowrer, Jill Feller

Guests: Bruce Birr, Carl Dousman

Secretary Report: Bill motioned to accept the minutes from the November meeting, seconded by Jon; passed.

Treasurer Report: Report included the balance sheet and P&L summary comparing 2015 to 2016 numbers was presented. Motion made by Wes and seconded by Jon to accept the financial reports as presented; passed.

- **ICF update**
 - The committee will be revisited in March. Ainsley was not awarded her approved money from 2016 because the Young Rider's event that it was to be used for was cancelled.
- **Financial audit results**
 - Wes reported that the financial audit was completed by himself, Linda Mowrer, Tony Troyer and no discrepancies were found. Motion made by Wes and seconded by Max to accept the audit results; passed.
- **Ride Insurance**
 - UMECRA insurance is with a new carrier and the certificates of insurance will be sent out after March 8th when our policy begins. The certs will be sent to the ride managers once they are available.
- **Ride Schedule**
 - There is a new ride proposed, Salamonie Stomp on Sept 23-24, put on by Maureen Fehrs in IN. Ride is over 600 miles from Run for the Ridge which is the only other ride scheduled on that weekend. Salamonie Stomp has been added to the ride schedule.
 - Tony motions to accept the ride calendar as presented with the Salamonie Stomp ride added, seconded by Bill; passed.
 - MI riders approached Theresa and Tony about sanctioning the AHAM ride for 2017; what would it take to get that ride put back on the UMECRA calendar? The riders were told if the ride is put under new management and a new name the ride could be sanctioned. GLDRA will be discussing this situation at their meeting in February.
- **National Championship**
 - Barry sent Theresa an email in the past week stating he was withdrawing his request for the NC ride.
 - Wes feels this is a lost opportunity to UMECRA.
- **Electronic Elections for Rider Rep**
 - Bill sent out a test sample to members last week to try this sort of voting. He received back 142 votes out of 357 sent; there were 33 rejected emails. This electronic process cost \$20. Members without an email address could either be sent a paper ballot or information on how to access the link/code to vote online through a computer.
 - Motion made by Wes to accept this method of voting for the rider reps, seconded by Max; passed.
 - More discussion will be done in March meeting with feedback from members



- **Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)- board members**
 - Several samples of SOP's were created by Jon and Jill since November and shared with the BOD electronically. Theresa will get those samples sent out to the BOD members for review.
- **Ride Attendance Numbers**
 - Robin sent the ride attendance numbers to Theresa this past week. In 2016 there were 40 rides/4359 riders; 2015 there were 4502 riders; 2015 there were 4581 riders. The full table of ride numbers will be published in the NL for members to see.
- **Trail Grant Awards**
 - There were no grants requested.
- **Promotion/Publicity Report**
 - There are no new initiatives; horse fairs and clinics are working well.
- **2018 Convention (Illinois)**
 - Will be held at the Garden Hilton in Rockford IL on January 27 & 28. Room rates will be \$99.
- **2019 Convention (Michigan)**
 - Carl and Bruce have the convention guidelines info and will be discussing a location at the GLDRA meeting in February.
- **Awards committee for 2018**
 - Jan Sasnea will be leading the awards committee; she will get more members to assist her. Robin will continue to assist with the committee.
 - Max, Boots and Linda were given a thank you for their past work over the years.
- **Competitive Score Sheet Review**
 - Wes led the discussion of the new form. The body score (BC 1-9) is on the form and pre/post ride trot out scores. Motion by Sarah, seconded by Nicole to separate fatigue and attitude scoring on the new form; passed.
- **Discussion of annual meeting (Light beige paper)**
 - Bonnie will be timer for discussions. Topic will be held with 2 minutes of discussion/person and each person gets 2 chances to speak per topic.
 - A discussion also ensued which covered the wording of the proposed by-law changes.
- **Article VIII membership**
 - Section 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. The Board of Directors may by a majority of a quorum ~~the whole~~ of the Board vote to terminate the membership of any member who has been shown to have conducted himself or herself in a manner which is inconsistent with the goals and objectives of the organization. Thereafter such terminated member shall not be entitled to participate in any corporate functions or other corporate activities in any manner whatsoever.
 - Motion by Wes, seconded by Bill to change the wording to say 'whole' board; passed
- **From Yahoo email group:**
 - In 2016, the UMECRA BOD became aware that the AHAM ride was not using the UMECRA entry form for their ride. A call was made to the RM by Tony Troyer and the RM confirmed that the ride had created their own entry form. A written letter was sent to the AHAM RM stating that he was required to use the UMECRA entry form for all ride entries; he was also allowed to use his own form as long as the UMECRA form was also signed by riders. IF the UMECRA form was not used, the AHAM ride sanctioning with UMECRA would be in jeopardy in 2017. In fall of 2016, AHAM ride requested sanctioning for the ride for 2016. At that time, the BOD made calls to several riders who attended the AHAM ride and they confirmed that they did not sign the UMECRA entry form. The AHAM RM was contacted and he was required to send copies of his ride entry forms to the UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer by January 11th showing that he complied with the written request in summer. No entry forms were ever received from AHAM ride; therefore, the following action happened.



- *January 13, 2017: Tony Troyer motions that AHAM sanctioning be taken off of the ride schedule for 2017. A letter of explanation is to be sent as to the rule(s) that have not been adhered to, along with the refund of their sanctioning fee. Seconded by Nicole Mauser-Storer. Motion passed.*

Respectively Submitted
Jill Feller
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer