

Nov. 12, 1972

The first official meeting of THE UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE RIDE, INC. was held at Sunday, Nov. 12 at Black River Falls, Wis. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Holder.

The meeting was called to order by our temporary chairman, Ralph Larson. Eight people were present that represented or were connected with various rides, and 3 vets, bringing the total to 11.

They were: Harold B. Heinen – '72 Chairman from the Kettle Moraine Ride  
Richard Nelson – '72 Chairman from the Palisades Ride  
Ralph Larson – '72 Chairman from the S.E. Minn. Endurance Ride  
Merle Vrieze, Gail Bonnicksen, Roger Berg – from the St. Croix Falls Pinto Ride  
Elwood Juers – from the Wis. Desert Horse Ass'n.  
Carol Zoran – Sheboygan Falls, Wis.  
Dr. D.B. French – Chatfield, Minn.  
Dr. Glen Leslie – Spring Valley, Wis.  
Dr. Gene Linholm – Osceola, Wis.

It was agreed by those present to set up a selection committee of Dr's French, Leslie and Linholm to recommend officers for our first year. They suggested Ralph Larson – President, Harold Hienen – Vice President, Gail Bonnicksen – Secretary and Richard Nelson – Board of Directors. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept these people as stated.

After much discussion on the amount of dues needed to run this organization the first year, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to set the dues for each sanctioned club at \$20.00 per year, plus \$1.00 per each entry. A graduated point system was explained and shown to those present. This is how it works:

#### 50 Mile Endurance Ride

Time	1 <sup>st</sup> Place - 7 pts.	Each Weight	Completion Point
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place - 6 pts.	Division	Included in 1 thru 6 <sup>th</sup>
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - 5 pts.		Place placing
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place - 4 pts.		
	5 <sup>th</sup> Place - 3 pts.		
	6 <sup>th</sup> Place - 2 pts.		

Completion (acceptable condition) - 1 point

Best Condition - 1 point

Same Horse -- Any Rider -- Same Weight Division

Points times two for 100 miles

## 25 Competitive Ride

Time	1 <sup>st</sup> Place - 7 pts.	Each Weight	Completion Point
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place - 6 pts.	Division	Included in 1 thru 6 <sup>th</sup>
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - 5 pts.		Place placing
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place - 4 pts.		
	5 <sup>th</sup> Place - 3 pts.		
	6 <sup>th</sup> Place - 2 pts.		

Completion (acceptable condition) - 1 point

Same Horse – Any Rider – Same Weight Division

Points Times Two for 50 miles

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept this point system. The secretaries of each member club will send the results with names and addresses of individual riders, within ten days, to the secretary of the Upper Midwest Endurance Ride, Inc. If your ride does not have six places, please send the names of the people that would have received these places to the secretary anyway so that she may record them for the year-end awards. At the end of 1973 there will be awards for the GRAND CHAMPION and RESERVE CHAMPION ENDURANCE HORSE in each weight division, being light-weight and heavy-weight and a GRAND CHAMPION and RESERVE CHAMPION COMPETITIVE HORSE in each weight division, being light-weight and heavy-weight.

The weight divisions were discussed at length. Some felt that there should be a 170 weight split and some felt that the point of weight split should be higher, and others felt that a minimum weight would be the answer. When all was said and done, it was made a motion, seconded and carried to leave the same two weight divisions of L.W. and H.W. and to have the cut off point at 180 lbs. and under as L.W. and 180 lbs. and over H.W. and not have a minimum weight.

The three vets present held a brief meeting and agreed to contact other vets working on endurance and competitive rides and to set up a meeting to standardize their own rules governing endurance and competitive rides. They are also willing to help familiarize any other vets that may be interested in helping with rides as to the ins and outs of the rides. The opinion was given by some present that ten minutes was too soon to be watering down your horse after an endurance ride since warm water was not usually available, but that it seemed to be a necessity to obtain a top reading with a ten minute vet check. An article was read from HORSE AND SHOW magazine with this same theory, and a member offered to use their horses as a test at a ride, not watering them down until at least 20 or 30 minutes after completion. This and many other things will be discussed at the Vet. Board meeting and reported at our next meeting to be held in the spring.

Most rides state in-effect that to be eligible for awards the same unit (horse, rider, and equipment) that started a ride must finish. This was started with the idea for example, that a person could not check out with a heavy saddle just make H.W. and then change to a light saddle to ride the ride. It was not really voted on, those present seemed to feel it should be worded so as to allow for blanket changes, girth changes, repairs and etc. ((Rick Nelson adds, "We eventually went to same Horse, Ride and tack weight that start must finish.)) SO LONG AS THE MINIMUM WEIGHT, IF SO SET, IN YOUR WEIGHT DIVISION WAS MAINTAINED, we decided to allow for weighing borderline cases at the end of the ride. ((Whole sentence missing due to poor copy quality.))

S.E. Minn. Endurance Ride – Sept. 8 and 9, 1973

Pillager Cup Ride – not known

Palasades – Sept. 22 and 23, 1973

Kettle Moraine Colorama Ride – Oct. 6 and 7, 1973

St. Croix Falls Pinto Ride – not known

Individual rides must send a mailing list to the secretary so that she may make up a master mailing list. When all of the final approved dates for the rides are received by the secretary, she will mail out a post card with all the dates to the people on the master mailing list.

The secretary was instructed to send a copy of the minutes to each of the rides represented so that they may read them to their individual clubs. The secretary will also prepare and send articles to various Western magazines telling of our organization.

A motion was made, and seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Secretary and Treasurer,

Gail Bonnicksen