

# UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



## Pull out your calendars! 2014 Ride Schedule

Apr 12-13	Brighton Competitive Trails Spring	Howell, MI
Apr 26-27	Brushy Creek Distance	Fort Dodge, IA
May 3-4	White River Spring	Hesperia, MI
May 3-4	Kettles & Bits	New Prospect, WI
May 10-11	Glacier Trails	Palmyra, WI
May 17-18	SISU on the Border	St Croix Falls, WI
May 24-25	Grand Island	Rapid River, MI
May 30, Jun 1	Endure	Chanderville, IL
May 31, Jun 1	Maplewood West	Pelican Rapids, MN
Jun 7-8	ApDRA	Palmyra, WI
Jun 14-15	White River Summer	Hesperia, MI
Jun 13-15	SE Minnesota	Forestville, MN
Jun 21-22	Hopkins Creek	Manton, MN
Jun 21-22	Dead Dog Creek	Kinmundy, IL
Jun 28-29	AHDRAI My Backyard	Wyanet, IL
Jul 4-5	Endless Valley	Spring Green, WI
Jul 5-6	AHAM	Augusta, MI
Jul 12-13	Mosquito Run	Rogers, MN
Jul 19-20	Grand Island North	Limestone, MI
Jul 26-27	Wildcat	Palmyra, WI
Aug 3	Shore to Shore Warmup	Oscoda, MI
Aug 4-8	Shore to Shore	L Huron to L Michigan, MI
Aug 9	Shore to Shore Cool Down	Empire, MI
Aug 9-10	Louise Riedel Memorial	Arkdale, WI
Aug 16-17	Thistle Down Run	Frazee, MN
Aug 16-17	Rock River Charity Ride	Utica, IL
Aug 23-24	Northern Highland	Spooner, WI
Aug 30, Sep 1	White River Fall	Hesperia, MI
Sep 6-7	Charity Cup	Pillager, MN
Sep 6-7	Keweenaw	Lake Linden, MI
Sep 6-7	Lincoln Trail	Kinmundy, IL
Sep 12-14	Colorama	Greenbrush, WI
Sep 13-14	Tin Cup Springs	Luther, MI
Sep 20-21	Run for the Ridge	Fairfax, MN

Sept 27-28	Pine Marten Run	Nahma Junction, MI
Oct 2-5	DRAWarama	Palmyra, WI
Oct 11-12	Iron Oak	Arkdale, WI
Oct 11-12	Oak Leaf Run	Hamilton, MI
Oct 17-19	Point Chaser	Wabasha, MN
Oct 25-26	AHDRA III – Big River	Keithsburg, IL

Ride Managers – please review the dates and location of your rides. Contact Peggy Pasillas if any corrections are needed.

### Hay Riders!

Pay attention to ride flyers -  
There are extra rules at some rides this year:  
mandatory helmets for all – fines and/or DQ for  
unleashed dogs – no stallions -  
Read ride flyers before leaving home!

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**Want to request a donation for trail improvements?** There is donation form that needs to be used for ALL requests for trail grants, Expo money, etc. The form can be obtained by contacting Jill Feller at: [jfeller@nconnect.net](mailto:jfeller@nconnect.net) or by regular mail at: Jill Feller, N9280 Cty Road TW, Mayville, WI 53050.



Dr. Marine Gamm was named the first recipient at the January 2014 awards banquet. She received 3 separate nominations. Below is the one of the nominations by Pam Cotton: Over the years I have seen Dr. Marnie Gamm be nothing but pleasant and friendly to riders and horses, in quiet and stressful times at rides. She is willing to take extra time to explain things to new riders to the sport – ensuring our sport will continue to grow in membership, and that new riders have a positive first experience in the sport. I value her customer service skills as a ride manager, and the entire organization should value this as well. In August of this year, we used a brand new vet at Northern Highlands. As head vet, Marnie took Katie under her wing and spent the weekend discussing protocol and process, what to expect during different times of the day, how to examine a horse, how to fill out the reporting cards, how to keep documentation organized, etc. By Sunday, one would have had no clue that it was Katie's first ride because she demonstrated a great deal of confidence in her examinations of horses and discussions of with riders. Marnie was also instrumental in using the rules to settle a dispute that occurred at the ride and helped both ride managers and riders come to a resolution that was fair to all involved. At Colorama, Marnie was responsible primarily for the 100 mile riders on Saturday, and worked an unspeakably long day (22 hours or more?) with a smile on her face to make the ride a positive experience for everyone involved. Marine never complains, can laugh and smile when others might not maintain their composure, and is encouraging towards experienced and newbie riders alike. I cannot imagine managing rides without her participation!



**Flaming enthusiasm, backed up by horse sense and persistence, is the quality that most frequently makes for success.**

*Dale Carnegie*

(It applies to Distance riders too!!)

**2013 UMECRA Hall of Fame Award Recipient:  
Ruth Stewart**



One of the most memorable quotes I have heard about Ms. Stewart was: “We decided we needed to reroute the ride because the creek water was over Ruth’s head”. This was from Linda and Aaron Mower regarding a torrential rainstorm that hit one year at their Dead Dog Creek Ride. The best thing about this was that no one asked “who is that?” Ruth has been a legend and mentor to so many of us, majority being in the Illinois region but I’m sure over the past 40 years of UMECRA, everyone has either competed in a ride she has managed or acted as a governing steward, competed against her or her daughters, or seen her crewing for the many juniors and adults she has encouraged to join this sport and become lifelong members. Who is the lady that will be up several hours before sunrise and not go to sleep until the final person in camp is tucked away, while still having that great smile on her face at all times? Ruth. Who knows the rulebooks of UMECRA, AERC, and AHA like the back of her hand? Ruth. Who has been one of Illinois’ longest acting 4H leaders and ambassador of the Arabian horse? Ruth. Ruth has several competition miles on the horse, but those don’t begin to compare to the number of miles she has a manager, crew, steward and volunteer. Ruth has worn the hat as a showwoman within the Arabian Horse World, trainer, manager, rider, pit crew, volunteer, mother, and mentor—many times doing several of those all at one time.

– Dr. Olivia Rudolphi

Ruth's daughters came for the surprise at convention, here's what they said.

Mom, thank you for teaching us that we can do anything, be afraid of nothing, and to enjoy everything. Thank you for teaching us to look after everyone around us, including the animal kingdom and all life. Thank you for being the best Mom any girl could have, and three of us have this privilege! - Tiffani, Haley and Nikki

**Here is a summary of the numerous roles Ruth Stewart has played outside of UMECRA; not only with her family, but also in the community and in the equine world.** For 46 years that Mom's been a 4-H leader, always of course specializing in the Horse and Pony projects and taking her 4-H'ers to endless shows, judging contests, Horse Bowl and Hippology competitions at regional, state, and sometimes national level. Ruth's three girls each spent nine years under their Mom's guidance in 4-H, and the opportunities to develop as future leaders were endlessly granted, thanks to Ruth's encouragement and dedication. demonstrating their projects at Ruth has given endlessly of her time to her children, grandchildren, and four generations of young people coming through 4-H and Arab Inc and locally, helping them develop a lifelong relationship with the horse, including the sport of long-distance riding. Another of Ruth's accomplishments was getting the Martinsville Agricultural Fair Arena and announcers stand rebuilt.



Study Evaluates Horses' Voluntary Consumption of Teff Hay  
By Kristen M. Janicki, MS, PAS Aug 05, 2012

Teff is a relatively new type of warm season grass in the United States and is capable of producing large hay yields in a short period of time, making it an attractive option for horse owners in need of forage. Some horse owners in drought-affected states have been searching high and low for affordable forage for their horses. To that end, one research team recently completed a study evaluating an alternative type of grass hay that could be a viable option for some equids: teff hay.

Teff is a relatively new type of warm season grass in the United States and is capable of producing large hay yields in a short period of time, making it an attractive option for horse owners in need of forage. To date, however, no researchers had compared its acceptability versus that of legumes and cool season grass hays. Thus, Laurie Lawrence, PhD, professor in the department of animal and food sciences at the University of Kentucky, led a two-part study aimed at a) determining if horses would consume teff hay as readily as timothy or alfalfa, and b) comparing intake levels of teff and timothy hay.

In the first part of the study, the research team evaluated eight adult mares' preference for two different teff hay maturities and comparable alfalfa and timothy maturities. Researchers provided the horses with approximately 4 kg (just shy of 9 lbs) of two different hays--teff and either alfalfa or timothy--in separate hay nets for one hour. Then, the researchers measured the remaining hay to determine how much of each the horse had consumed.

The team found that horses showed a preference for the alfalfa and timothy hays over teff hay offered. Of the two varieties of teff offered, horses preferred less mature opposed to more mature.

In the second part of the study, the team evaluated eight adult mares' teff hay intake as compared to timothy hay of the same maturity. They randomly assigned each mare a hay type and fed that type (the mares did not act as their own controls) for 17 days at 2% body weight (or greater). During the last 10 days the researchers calculated the mares' voluntary dry matter intake.

Interestingly, the team found no difference in voluntary dry matter intake between timothy and teff hay; however, horses consuming the teff hay lost an average of 9.75 kg (22.5 lbs) of weight over the course of the study.

The researchers concluded that horses will select against teff hay when given a choice of consuming teff hay versus alfalfa or timothy. However, teff hay intake was no different than timothy hay intake, but horses consuming the forage lost an average of more than 20 pounds during the study. This suggests that teff hay might be an appropriate option to feed overweight horses or those with lower nutrient requirements.

The authors' noted that the teff hay in this study was not harvested in early maturity when nutrient content, and possibly palatability, might have been highest. They noted further research is needed to compare horses' voluntary intake of early maturity teff hay with other common hays.

**Morning BOD Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2014**

**Call to order by President Theresa Meyer**

**Present:** Theresa Meyer, Tony Troyer, Jill Feller, Sarah Mowrer, Wayne Gastfield, Dianne Schmidt, Joslyn Seefeldt, Barb Kurti, Bill Suskey, Olivia Rudolphi, Maxine Bernsdorf, Bonnie Mielke, Robin Schadt, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Jon Wagner, Wes Elford, Linda Mowrer

**Minutes from fall BOD meeting:** Tony Troyer motioned to accept minutes; seconded by Wayne Gastfield; passed.

**Old Business:**

- Abused/over-ridden horses issue- update by Dr. Olivia (from spring meeting).
  - What is the statement that UMECRA wants to move forward with? Dr. Olivia has researched a lot of different ride organization's horse health statements. UMECRA does have a statement in our rules; do we need more than this?
  - Sample statements will be posted for the general membership to review and make suggestions to. This topic will again be discussed at the January annual meeting.
    - After discussion no further action was taken as our rules already address this issue.
- Barry Saylor: AERC will not allow a competitive ride to be held on the day off between the Championship rides and Barry had determined volunteer recruitment would be difficult; therefore Barry has withdrawn his request to host the AERC National Championship ride; no further discussion.
- HRM in competitive rides
  - Tony presented a chart that would be used to convert HRM numbers to fit into the competitive ride score sheet. The use of HRM would be an option for RM' and not required to be used.
    - UMECRA General Rules 3. Veterinary Requirements (**proposed**):
      - 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 motioned to add this above verbiage to the competitive rules; Joslyn seconded. Passed 7/4
- Lameness on competitive horses (**proposed**):
  - Dr. Wes presented this change; he does not want lame horse (grade 3) to have to continue trotting out and in circles; he would like to have them stop and receive only miles.
    - 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. Dianne Schmidt motioned to accept the change; Tony Troyer seconded; passed.
- Fun ride rule from Nov meeting
  - The motion that was made at the November meeting regarding rides of less than 15 miles was rescinded based on the fact that AERC does allow for *Introductory rides*. After a discussion the following rule was created:
    - **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 are not eligible for UMECRA points and miles.** Tony Troyer motioned; Sara Mowrer seconded; passed.

- Pay-pal use for rider fees and memberships- survey discussed at spring meeting was not sent out to see if there was any interest; there is no new update on this subject.
  - Peggy sent out a survey; results were that there was not a lot of interest in this process.
- Self-nominating forms for elections.
  - Form was sent out to BOD members via email to review. The form was accepted and will be used beginning with 2015 elections. Nominations from the floor will still be accepted.
- 2014 ride schedule has a few minor changes since Nov meeting. Jill made motion to accept ride schedule; seconded by Joslyn; passed.
- Promotions Committee: an update was given with multiple handouts that are attached to these minutes.
- Membership Committee; no action has been done by this committee since it is so closely tied to the promotions committee. Theresa will ask for more members for this committee at the annual meeting.
- Protest process; this is being tabled until the spring meeting.
- Mileage reimbursement for spring and fall BOD meetings
  - Dianne motions, seconded by Tony to UMECRA will reimbursement BOD members, both elected and appointed, who drive to the spring and fall meetings at a rate of \$.25/mile.
  - Jill will create a reimbursement form to be used.
- Insurance: the insurance bill for 2014 has been paid. The cost for each day remains at \$45/day and additional insured will continue to be \$20 each. Jill motions that UMECRA pays ½ of the daily insurance costs for all UMECRA rides requesting UMECRA insurance and each ride pays 100% of their additional insured costs; seconded by Dianne Schmidt; passed.
- Convention; update
  - 2015- Wayne reported that the convention plans are on track.
  - 2016 convention proposal; DRAW will host the 2016 convention somewhere in or near Wisconsin Dells
- Trail grant requests; there were none to be discussed
- Other
  - Dr. Olivia would like to see UMECRA provide money for a necropsy to an owner who has a horse that dies as a result of a ride. AERC provides the owner with \$500 however, that does not cover all the costs of the procedure. After a discussion, no action was taken on this request.
  - Coffee and rolls should be provided at the morning BOD meetings at the conventions. Dianne motioned; Bonnie seconded; passed.
  - Jill motioned to give MN and IL \$250 for a booth at their state horse fair; Dianne seconded; passed.
- Spring meeting date is March 15 with the location to be decided.
- Rider Rep voting ballot count was conducted after the close of the meeting.
- Jill motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Tony.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Feller  
 UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer

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 UMECRA promotions report!  
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 our sport!**

**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**

|                               | <u>Dec 31,</u><br><u>13</u> |
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| <b>ASSETS</b>                 |                             |
| <b>Current Assets</b>         |                             |
| <b>Checking/Savings</b>       |                             |
| <b>Convention fund</b>        | 5,652.83                    |
| <b>ICF Fund</b>               | 7,384.76                    |
| <b>Mayville Savings Bank</b>  | 20,659.16                   |
| <b>Trail checking</b>         | <u>3,597.69</u>             |
| <b>Total Checking/Savings</b> | <u>37,294.44</u>            |
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| <b>Total Current Assets</b>   | 37,294.44                   |

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- 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

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**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

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- 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

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- 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.

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- 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.

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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.

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- 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.

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- **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

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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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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

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Check one:      **RENEWAL** \_\_\_\_\_      **NEW MEMBERSHP** \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*Family memberships shall consist of one or more related, or coupled as significant other, adults and/or children of such adults who are less than 18 years of age, all of whom reside in the same household.**

Please include all names of eligible family members.

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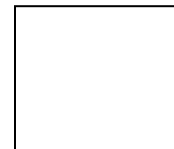
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