

UMECRA Board meeting

April 6, 2024

Quality Inn, Lodi WI

Present: Robin Schadt, Peggy Pasillas, Deb Moe, Janet Sarver, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Sarah Maass, Crystal Esqueda, Kim Fosler, Sherry Aune, Debby Weisbecker, Emily Schupp, Theresa Meyer, Dr. Alana McNutt. Karen Jarvi present though Zoom.

Others in attendance: Janette Sasena, Janet Cram, Linda Jacobsen, Ann DeLang

Absent: Barb Gardner, Sarah Mowrer

Meeting called to order by Robin at 10:02. Robin welcomed the newly elected people on the board.

Minutes from 2024 passed on the IO account.

Treasurer's Report – Deb stated that the treasurer's report will be posted to the group IO account for review at a later date. Deb requested a change to the nomination forms, currently the 1000 Mile Horse and 100 Mile Horse programs, which require payment to be sent directly to the Treasurer and not the points keeper to enable a faster processing of the checks. Discussion. Agreed to change in forms.

Trail Grant Requests – 1) Request for \$500 for fire rings at Northern Kettle Moraine Trail Horse Riders Campground. Discussion. Peggy made a motion for a conditional approval that funds be used for trail or horse specific items, not fire rings. Sherry seconded. Passed. 2) Request for \$500 for outhouse repair at the Franklin Creek Natural Area for the Rock River Charity Ride. Deb made a motion to approve. Crystal seconded. Passed.

Committee Reports - Robin stated that she would like to utilize committees to work on issues/problems and bring a summary to the board. Committee members do not have to be a board member. An announcement will be put in the newsletter.

Vet Committee – Dr. Alana asked for ideas for this committee. Recruitment of vets continues to be a problem in some areas. Ideas of how to recruit were discussed. Janet relayed a request for the vet handbook to be online. The handbook is listed on the UMECRA website under membership. Discussion of vet licensing in multiple states. The treatment vet at a ride must hold a license in the state where the ride is held. The control judge does not.

Rules Committee – Theresa brought up the issue of the timing of the results at the end of the year and the ordering of awards (as written in UMECRA Rules 4. Rider Requirements M). It currently states that year end results posted on the website will be final **30** days after publication. Jan stated that when she sees the final results she sends out an email to the riders to choose their award, however she cannot order the awards until things are finalized which gives limits time to get awards ordered. Theresa suggested 14 days after the year-end standings were posted. Kim proposed the day before Thanksgiving. Theresa rescinded her motion. Kim's motion passed. But clarity is

needed in the rule so that riders don't think they have 30 days after the final ride(s), and that the Thanksgiving deadline only applies to final standings and points. Dr. Alana seconded for it to go back to committee.

Awards Committee – Sarah Maass presented a sample of an awards poll that she wants to send out to members. Dr. Alana made a motion to use the election runner tool to create a poll to send to members which has a minimal cost. Discussion. Crystal seconded. Discussion. Passed. Deb will run a sample through the iO account for review before the final goes out to the membership.

Awards Chair Report – Jan Sasena gave a report on the status of the vendor for year end awards. She presented quotes from three different embroidery vendors. Dr. Alana made a motion that the awards chairperson be allowed to select the vendors they want to work with. Sherry seconded. Discussion. Dr. Alana moved to amend her motion so that the vendor picked is subject to board approval. Crystal seconded. Amendment passed. Original motion with amendment voted on and also passed.

Rookie award qualifications – Robin stated that the rookie award only allows for one horse per rider to be nominated. Discussion. Deb made a motion that rookie qualification change to “a rider may nominate two teams (rider/horse) per division. Points are calculated per team. Only one award allowed per division.” Peggy seconded. Discussion. Theresa called the question. Motion failed. Kim made a motion that “riders can only nominate one horse rider team per division” and be replaced with “a rider must nominate per division. The ride may earn one award per division”. Discussion. Kim rescinded her motion. Kim made a new motion **stating that a rider shall nominate per division and** may ride multiple horses per division. Points **shall be** earned for each horse/rider team. **Only one award allowed per rookie division.** Sherry seconded. **Motion passed.**

Convention – Kim thanked Sarah Maass for her help in searching for a location. The date will be January 17-19, 2025. The hotel will be the Wintergreen Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells, which has been recently remodeled. Reviewed the pricing for meeting rooms, food costs. Contract will be signed soon. Dr. Melissa Ribley will be the main speaker.

Old Business

UMECRA ride sponsorships - A motion was made by Elinor Tonsor at the UMECRA general meeting on 1/20/24 that money donated to a UMECRA ride must be matched and donated to the rides that take place the week before and week after. Tony seconded. Discussion was held at the annual meeting. Linda Mowrer made a motion and Donnie seconded that this issue go to the March board meeting. Board discussion of this motion and voted. Motion did not pass.

- International Competition (USEF) – Theresa stated that there has been no news from USEF on this topic due to a lack of management for the endurance division. There may be an update in the fall or annual convention.
- Social Media Coordinator - Emily stated she would take this position.

New Business

- Appointments for Point Keeper and Treasurer.
 - o Robin stated that she had 3 people interested in the Pointskeeper position. One person withdrew leaving two people remaining. Board took a vote and Amber Davis was appointed as Pointskeeper.
 - o Janet Cram stated her interest in the treasurer position. Deb Moe stated that she will remain as treasurer for the remainder of her term and Janet will be trained as interim treasurer to learn the duties with this position. She will be added to the bank accounts during this interim period. In January 2025 when Deb's term as treasurer concludes, she will be removed from the bank accounts. Dr. Alana made a motion to accept Janet Cram as interim treasurer adding to bank accounts now while Deb remains as official treasurer to the end of Deb's term. Emily seconded. Discussion. Motion passed.

- Protest Investigation Process - Janet presented the current UMECRA Protest Investigation Process. Peggy will contact AERC Board to get a copy of their procedure. Janet will design a form to put on the webpage.

- Ride Manager Code of Conduct - Theresa introduced the proposal for a code of conduct for ride managers. A committee will be formed to create this process. Peggy, Sarah Maass, Janet Cram will be on the committee.

- Ride Schedule Updates – Theresa reviewed that Detroit Horse Power has been sanctioned by UMECRA and will have a novice and an intro.

- **The newly sanctioned Panther Creek ride was discussed.**

- Kim suggested that the membership address book be updated. This can be taken up through the iO account.

Meeting adjourned at 3:18pm

