

June 11, 1978

The Board of Directors met following the Badger two-day. Present were Lindsay Taliaferro, R. T. Guy, John MacDonald and Louise Riedel.

John MacDonald moved that UMECRA purchase a first aid kit to be taken to the rides. R. T. Guy seconded. Marian MacDonald was appointed to investigate the cost and availability of such a kit and report back to the Board.

Harriet Haenert has offered to make a promotional movie of UMECRA rides to be presented to groups who might be interested. Dr. French also has films that would be available. Tom Guy moved that his films be reviewed by Harriet with the view of developing such a promotional film.

Louise Riedel moved that horses and riders that have not entered the ride may not accompany official competitors. R. T. Guy seconded. Motion carried.

R. T. Guy moved that a horse that has been disqualified by the veterinary judge must return to base camp by trailer unless permitted by the veterinarian to return on foot by the shortest possible route. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

L. Riedel, Secy

Aug. 5, 1978

The Board met briefly following the Neillsville ride. A location for the 1979 annual meeting and banquet was discussed and it was decided to hold this affair at Rochester, Minn. Dianne Whitcomb was appointed to make arrangements. Lindsay will investigate the possibility of securing blanket insurance coverage for UMECRA rides.

L. Riedel, Secy

Sept. 9, 1978

The Board of Directors met following the Underdown endurance ride. Present were Lindsay Taliaferro, R.T. Guy, John MacDonald and Louise Riedel. Also present but not voting were Sandi Thomas and Bonnie Kaufman, representatives at large of the general membership. Under old business Lindsay reported he is still looking into possible insurance coverage for UMECRA rides.

In the case of two endurance riders who disregarded veterinary instructions to withdraw from the ride: R.T. Guy moved that if it is ascertained that the veterinarians did indeed notify the riders in question not to continue on the trail, they be disqualified from any further UMECRA rides for the remainder of the season and that they be so notified. Lindsay seconded, motion carried. (NOTE: it was later determined that there was a question of how definite veterinary instructions were--the riders will not be disqualified as proposed) R. T. Guy moved that in the future when a rider refuses to comply with the rule concerning disqualified horses (adopted at the June 11 board meeting and published in the June newsletter) ~~it is~~ and such rider insists in continuing along the trail, it is recommended by the Board that the veterinarian obtain a signed release from the rider acknowledging that he has been advised not to continue. Seconded by J. MacDonald. Motion carried.

Lindsay moved that UMECRA send a memorial or flowers for Ralph Larson's funeral in the amount of \$30, the cost to come from the treasury. It was suggested that the secretary should also send a note of sympathy to the family recognizing Ralph's efforts in behalf of UMECRA, this note to be published in the newsletter. Lindsay also moved that a memorial plaque be presented to the Larson family at the 1979 annual banquet. It was also suggested that a trophy or award in Ralph Larson's name be established, and that the family be consulted as to what their wishes are.

The following item should appear in the Newsletter: "Should a ride receive a bad check from an entrant, the UMECRA secretary should be advised so that other rides can be so notified."

The following resolution was proposed by Lindsay and seconded by R.T. Guy.

"Resolved that for the remainder of 1978, the Board members present at a ride meet with ride management and the judges prior to the ride to insure an understanding of UMECRA rules and standards of procedure. Should judges or management state that they will not act in accordance with UMECRA rules, the Board member may notify the riders prior to the ride that sanctioning may be removed subject to full board action. John moved to amend the above motion to include the representatives at large of the general membership. Lindsay seconded the amendment. Motion carried.

L. Riedel, Secy