

A Board of Directors meeting was held August 11, 1979 at the site of the Minnesota River Valley endurance ride. Present were John MacDonald, Dr. R. A. Beecher, Lindsay Taliaferro, R.T. Guy and Louise Riedel. Also present, ~~but~~ without vote were rider representatives Dianne Whitcomb and Bonnie Kaufman.

A letter was presented by Diane and Bonnie proposing a 1000 mile distance horse award. The purpose of this award would be to recognize the achievement of the horse and to encourage the use of the same horse for several seasons. Horses would be nominated at a \$10 nomination fee. The nomination is good for the life of the horse, and mileage would accumulate regardless of rider. Mileage would be retroactive to the beginning of 1975 ~~up until the time of the January 1980 annual meeting,~~ ^{if nomination is made before} after which only mileage for the current year would be counted. The award would consist of a plaque or other suitable item, a patch and the horse's name inscribed on a perpetual list which is kept with the UMECRA secretary and displayed at the annual meeting. A unique design will be created for this award. Winners will be recognized at the annual meeting. A horse's miles in both the endurance and competitive divisions will count. ~~Bonnie Kaufman was appointed to accept nominations and fees.~~ Lindsay moved and Tom seconded to accept this proposal. Motion carried. Bonnie Kaufman was appointed to accept nominations and fees.

The question of expanding the territory of UMECRA with the possibility of regional divisions was discussed. There has been some interest indicated from rides in Ohio and Michigan. Louise Riedel and Dr. Beecher were appointed to act as a committee to approach the people from this area, explaining our program and requirements, to determine the extent of their interest. If they respond affirmatively a board meeting will be called at the Palisades Ride.

The board voted to set Madison Wisconsin as the site for the annual meeting. Dianne and Bonnie were appointed to choose year-end awards.

John MacDonald recommended that rides be required to pay dues and their share of the cost of the brochures, as well as to ~~make~~ have their requests for ride dates in at the time of the annual meeting.

Louise Riedel
Secretary

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	Ind.	Comp.	Total	Ind.	Comp.	Total
Battle Creek				30		30
Badger	25	51, 21 Nov 12 4-H	109	24	45 plus 12 Nov.	61
N.E. Kans I	16	10	26	15	15	30 +
Loud Thunder				29 plus 8 Nov.		37
Wolf Creek		36	36	20 plus 6 Nov		26
Iowa 78 - AHDRA 79	17	43	60	19	44	63 +
badger 60		54	54		34	34
NESD	20	18	38	12	20	32
Badlands	11	12	23	3	12	15
Neillsville	100 -11 50 -16	37	64	100 - 5 50 - 25	34	64 =
Minn. River Valley	14	44 plus 9 nov	67	15	28 plus 5 Nov	48
Namekagon				15	22	27
Black Hills	7	15	22	9	16	25 +
S.E.Minn	13	46	59	8	35	43
Old Trooper				9	11	20
Underdown	24	32	56	11	38	49
Pillager	13	35	48	8	14 plus 10 nov	32
Ozark Colorama				6	0	6
Kettle Moraine	15	68 plus 16 rejects	99	14	69	83
Palisades	15	45	60	15	38	53
Jubilee	18	38	56	10	25	35
Hoofbeat	17	47	64	21	52	73 +
Kansas II	14	12	26	15	12	27 +
Grand Island		25	25	14	35	49 +
Paradise Valley	8	37 plus 7 nov	52	11	35 plus 4 Nov	50
St. Jude				11	24 plus 11 Nov	46
sier	23	30	53			
Many Spots	11		11			
	av. 308 16	av. 800 40	av. 1108 50 per ride	av. 325 14	av. 763 31	av. 1088 41 per ride