

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Jan. 10, 1981

Present were MacDonald, Taliaferro, Beecher, Riedel and Cooper. Also rider representatives Kaufman and Whitcomb.

It was pointed out that supporting the junior divisions cost UMECRA approximately \$500 in 1980 (including lost rider fees and ribbons at \$425). Dr. Beecher moved that we continue to support the junior divisions by furnishing ribbons, but that the rides again be assessed \$1.00 per junior rider. The junior entry fee shall still be no more than \$10 based on a 25-mile ride) and rides shall furnish a junior division trophy. Lindsay seconded. Motion carried. It will be presented at the annual meeting.

Weight divisions were discussed. It was decided to present the motion passed at the December 6 board meeting providing for the competitive weight to be 160 pounds without tack.

The subject of using the "best five rides" to determine year-end awards was discussed. Dianne Whitcomb had prepared a statistical study showing how the season was broken down according to frequency of attendance. It was decided to present a proposal that in addition to the present award system we establish a derby based on the combined mileage of 125 miles, competitive, and 250 miles endurance, the entry fee to be \$10 per horse. End of year awards will be given based on UMECRA rules and points, with the board of directors to establish bookkeeping procedures and to purchase awards.

Dr. Beecher moved to approve the following rides. Lindsay seconded and motion carried: Sunset Valley, Combo, Valhalla, Glacier Trails and Governor Dodge. Camp Courage had been approved at the December board meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

Present were representatives from the following rides: Badger, St. Jude, Wolf Creek, Glacier Trails, AHDRA I & II, ApDRA, Neillsville, SE Minnesota, NE South Dakota, Minnesota River Valley, Namekagon, Marquette County, Grand Island, Palisades, Kettle Moraine, Camp Courage, Valhalla, and Governor Dodge.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. See attached copy.

The motion concerning junior division fees as proposed by the Board of Directors (see above minutes) was carried.

A discussion followed concerning the function of ride veterinarians. It was the consensus that they should be hired with the understanding that they should be capable and prepared to take care of emergencies that may arise necessitating treatment of horses. At the December 6 board meeting a motion was passed requiring that a veterinary acknowledgement form be submitted to the UMECRA secretary 60 days prior to the ride date. Failure to do so will result in loss of sanctioning and notification of same in the Newsletter. The veterinary acknowledgement form will be written by the UMECRA veterinary committee and provided with the ride packet. The form will insure that the ride veterinarian is made aware of and understands his responsibilities. There being no objection, the motion was accepted as it stands.

At the December Board meeting a policy was instituted to the effect that "rest stops on both endurance and competitive rides must be a minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. " In this context Dr Beecher moved that if a ride wishes to use the "stop and go" concept the board should be contacted for approval and the establishment of procedures. The board's action and rules will be publicized in the Newsletter in adequate time to notify riders. Motion seconded and carried.

Skip Svendsen moved that rides charge a \$2.00 post entry fee to encourage riders to enter in advance. Etta Beecher seconded. Motion failed to carry.

- * Lindsay Taliaferro moved that in addition to the present award system we establish a "derby" based on the combined best mileage of 125 miles, competitive, and 250 miles endurance, the entry fee to be \$10 per horse. End of year awards will be given based on UMECRA rules and points, with the board of directors to establish bookkeeping procedures and to purchase awards. Motion seconded and carried.

Ted Cooper moved that weight divisions in both competitive and endurance go back to 180 pounds with tack, with the minimum weight requirement of 145 pounds in competitive to be eliminated. Juniors who pay the full fee may ride in the open division of competitive rides. Motion seconded and carried 20 - 13.

The following were nominated for rider representatives: Sandi Thomas, JoAnne Gernant, Dianne Whitcomb, Bonnie Kaufman, R.T. Guy, and Mary Ruckwardt, voting to be done at the close of the meeting.

Nominated for president were John MacDonald and Lindsay Taliaferro who declined. Nominated for vice-president was Dr. R.A. Beecher and for secretary treasurer, Louise Riedel. All three were elected by unanimous ballot. Nominated for directors were Hugh Miller, Ted Cooper, Rick Nelson, Wanda Van Meir and Dick Burt. Ted Cooper and Rick Nelson were elected.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Louise Riedel, Secy

JoAnne Gernant and R.T. Guy were elected as rider representatives.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

The Board of Directors met Sunday morning, January 11. Present were MacDonald, Beecher, Taliaferro, Riedel and Cooper

- * It was pointed out that the proposed "derby" system of awards based on the best 125 or 250 miles would not furnish a valid comparison with the present system as long as payment of fees is involved. Lindsay moved that we restructure the Derby so that all riders are included, fees to be eliminated. This will be done on a one-year trial basis. Separate records will be kept and UMECRA will donate year end awards. Ted Cooper seconded and motion carried.

Louise Riedel, Secy

1981 UMECRA RIDE SCHEDULE

May 9 - Battle Creek Hunt
May 16, 17 - Badger
May 23, 24 - St. Jude
May 30, 31 - Brookings
May 31 - Wolf Creek
June 6, 7 - AHDRA III (Glacier Trails)
June 13, 14 - SAHARA
June 20, 21 - AHDRA I
June 27, 28 - ApDRA
July 4, 5 - Neillsville
July 4 - Sunset Valley
July 11, 12 - SE Minnesota
July 18, 19 - NE South Dakota
July 18, 19 - Combo
July 27 - Badlands
Aug 1, 2 - Arabian International Competitive Ride
Aug 8, 9 - Minnesota River Valley
Aug 15, 16 - Namekagon
Aug 15, 16 - Sogonosh
Aug 22, 23 - Marquette County
Aug 22, 23 - AHDRA II
Aug 29, 30 - Grand Island
Sept 5, 6 - Merrill
Sept 12, 13 - Palisades
Sept 12, 13 - Black Hills
Sept 19, 10 - Pillager
Sept 19, 10 - Keweenaw
Sept 26, 27 - Kettle Moraine
Oct 3, 4 - Jubilee
Oct 3, 4 - Valhalla
Oct 10, 11 - Hoofbeats
Oct 17, 18 - Camp Courage
Oct 24, 25 - Governor Dodge

TREASURER'S REPORT
1980

INCOME

Balance on hand, Jan 1980	\$1129.71
Ride Sanctioning	1296.00
Rider Fees	1167.00
Membership	896.00
1000 Mile Nominations	830.00
Sale of T-shirts	449.00
AHDRA share of Horse Fair	150.00
Donation for Trophy	25.00
Newsletter ads	<u>6.00</u>
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 5952 .71

EXPENSES

Printing	1052.45
Postage	291.56
Phone	406.52
Newsletter	372.13
Office Supplies	55.69
Midwest Horse Fair	309.03
Publicity (pictures)	43.20
1980 convention expense	87.88
T-shirts	339.80
Chevrons	251.40
1000 Mile Awards	657.66
Junior Division Ribbons	425.96
Misc.	<u>13.85</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4357.13
--------------------	---------

BALANCE ON HAND AND IN BANK - 1/10/81	\$15 95 5.58
---------------------------------------	-------------------------

NOTE: Bills for 1980 trophies have not been received.

