

The UMECRA Board of Directors met December 12 at John MacDonald's. Present were John, Dr. Beecher, Louise Riedel, Ted Cooper, Rick Nelson, Lindsay Taliaferro, and ride representatives JoAnne Gernant and Tom Guy.

John reviewed the two protests that occurred during the year. A protest over the improper breaking of a tie at the Brookings Ride was upheld. A protest concerning horses finishing late at the Camp Courage ride was denied.

Dr. Beecher moved and Lindsay seconded that the Merrill Ride be put on probation for one year based on the fact that the rule was violated which states "Ride management may make alterations if time and/or weather conditions warrant it. However any changes must be made and announced prior to the ride." In the case of the Merrill Ride the time was extended to cover the second spot check; however this was not announced until after this spot check and not all riders were so notified. Motion carried.

Lindsay moved to commend the Jubilee Ride on an excellent job of conducting and managing their 1981 ride, and to inform the ride that it has been removed from probation. Rick seconded. Motion carried.

Ted Cooper moved and Rick seconded that sanctioning of the Black Hills Ride be withdrawn due to non-payment of sanctioning and rider fees and a bill for printing, and failure to send ride results. Motion carried.

Dr. Beecher moved and Rick Nelson seconded that the Pillager and Wolf Creek rides be placed on probation for one year due to failure to submit rider fees and ride results. (Rule III A). Failure to comply will lead to withdrawal or sanctioning. Motion carried.

Rick Nelson moved and Ted seconded that we disallow anyone from receiving year end awards, points, or mileage accumulation if they have outstanding debts to UMECRA or UMECRA rides to be effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1981. Motion carried.

The following recommendations from ride managers and members were considered:

- 1) Bonnie Kaufman recommended that a UMECRA championship ride be held toward the end of the season for horses that have won at least one endurance ride--to be held in conjunction with a regular ride. The consensus of the board was that we not consider this since it would not be a valid test, and the year-end awards are a reasonable proof of the championship.
- 2) Gordy Sussman proposed that UMECRA work with the Wisconsin DNR in planning horse facilities and that UMECRA go on record as supporting a head-tax on horsemen. John explained that the Wisconsin Horse Council is working on both issues quite successfully and is in a better position as a state organization to meet the problem, whereas UMECRA is a multi-state organization.
- 3) Judy Schlink of the Sunset Valley ride proposed sanctioning a combination endurance-competitive ride. The board showed interest in the concept, but felt it is not possible to fit it into either the endurance or competitive category for rule and scoring purposes. At this point it is impractical to add a third category. It will be discussed at the annual meeting.
- 4) Judy Schlink also proposed the "window" concept for competitive rides under which riders would be required to finish within a 10-minute period, outside of which there would be penalty points deducted for minutes late or early, rather than disqualification. This topic will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Lindsay reviewed the "derby" system of year-end awards and compared winners under both the regular and derby systems. He moved to continue the derby program for one more year to furnish a more valid basis for comparison. Ted seconded. Motion passed.

The following changes in the rules were discussed and recommended:

I. General:

- Add: (following rule 4) "There must be a marker two miles from the finish line."
- Add: (following rule 14.) "Any horse requiring medication for any physiological reasons before leaving the grounds will be disqualified. (Physiological reasons to include colic, fatigue, tying up, thumps, etc.) Any medication administered on the grounds must be under the supervision of the veterinarians."
- Add: (following rule 20) "Anyone having outstanding debts to UMECRA or a UMECRA ride will be disallowed from receiving points, year-end awards or mileage accumulation."
- Add: (following the above). "The normal criteria for advancement is 72/40." (pulse parameter to be changed from 70 to 72 wherever mentioned).

II. Competitive Rides.

- Add: (to rule 8) "Forward motion must be maintained the last two miles."
- Add: (following rule 11.) "No ice, linaments or braces may be used before the final vet check."
- Add: (following the above) "There must be a minimum of one rest stop per 25 miles or increment thereof"
- Add: (to 14 A 2)b) "P/r's shall be taken for a minimum of 15 seconds and recorded as actual during the recording period."
- Delete: (14 A 2)c) which reads "The normal criteria for advancement is a pulse of 70 and a respiration of 40." This was transferred to the General rules above.
- Change: (14 A 2)e) That portion which reads "he shall let them go at 30-45 second intervals" to read "at 5 second intervals".

THE RIDES LISTED BELOW HAVE APPLIED FOR 1982 DATES AS FOLLOWS:

|                                                                     |                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| May 1, 2 - Shenandoah Riding Center<br>Symposium & Competitive Ride | Aug. 7, 8 - Minnesota River Valley Rides |
| May 8 - Battle Creek Hunt End. Ride                                 | Aug. 14, 15 - Sogonosh Ride              |
| May 15, 16 - Badger Rides                                           | Aug. 21, 22 - Hiawathaland Rides         |
| May 22, 23 - St. Jude Charity Rides                                 | Aug. 28, 29 - Merrill Rides              |
| May 29, 30 - Grand Island Rides                                     | Sept 4, 5 - Baker Montana Rides          |
| May 30 - Wolf Creek Comp. Ride                                      | Sept. 11, 12 - Palisades Rides           |
| June 5, 6 - Glacier Trails Rides                                    | Sept. 11, 12 - Baraga Plains Rides       |
| June 23, 13- Hayward Rides                                          | Sept. 18, 19 - Keweenaw Rides            |
| June 19, 20- AHDRA I Rides                                          | Sept. 25, 26 - Kettle Moraine Rides      |
| June 19, 20- Columbus Montana Rides                                 | October 2, 3 - Valhalla Rides            |
| June 26, 27 - ApDRA Rides                                           | October 2, 3 - Jubilee Rides             |
| June 26, 27 @ Jordan Montana Rides                                  | October 10 - Hoofbeat Comp. Ride         |
| July 10, 11 - Miles City Montana Rides                              | October 16, 17 - Camp Courage Rides      |
| July 10, 11 - Southeast Minnesota Comp. Rides                       | October 23, 24 - Last Ditch Rides.       |
| July 17, 18 - Sunset Valley Rides                                   |                                          |
| July 17, 18 - Northeast South Dakota Rides                          |                                          |
| July 24, 25 - AHDRA II Rides                                        |                                          |
| July 31, Aug 1-Neillsville Rides                                    |                                          |
| Aug 7, 8 - Ingomar, Montana Rides                                   |                                          |

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TREASURER'S REPORT  
1981

INCOME

|                              |               |           |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Balance on Hand, 1/10/81     |               | \$1585.58 |
| Ride Sanctioning             | \$1281.75     |           |
| Rider Fees                   | 1384.00       |           |
| Membership                   | 1122.50       |           |
| 1000 Mile Nominations        | 210.00        |           |
| T-Shirts, Jackets, Patches   | 718.00        |           |
| NESD Ride (put on by UMECRA) | 860.00        |           |
| Misc.                        | <u>126.45</u> |           |
|                              | 5702.70       |           |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS               |               | 7288.28   |

EXPENSES

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Printing                   | 993.22        |
| Postage                    | 324.16        |
| Phone, Office Supplies     | 570.78        |
| Newsletter                 | 531.27        |
| Awards                     |               |
| (Balance of 1980)          | 875.71        |
| (1981)                     | 1285.54       |
| T-shirts, Jackets, Patches | 1177.86       |
| NESD Ride Expenses         | 833.46        |
| Misc.                      | <u>169.35</u> |
| Total Expenses             | \$6691.35     |

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK, 1/19/82  | \$ 596.93     |
| Jackets, T-shirts, Patches on hand | <u>558.67</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS                       | \$1155.60     |