

The UMECRA Board of Directors met January 4 in Dubuque. Present were Lindsay Taliaferro, Dr. Beecher, John MacDonald, Ted Cooper, JoAnne Gernant and Louise Riedel

JoAnne Gernant moved to eliminate the selling of clothing (Jackets & t-shirts) after disposing of the present stock. John MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Eindsay moved that UMECRA participate in the MidwestHorse Fair in April on a pro rata cost basis, dependant on whether AHDRA, ApDRA and AERC also participate. John MacDonald seconded. Carried.

Lindsay moved that each ride prior to the annual meeting advise the secretary as to who the authorized voting delegates and/or alternates will be. Beecher seconded. Carried.

JoAnne Gernant moved that the Hoofbeat ride be put on probation because of lack of properly measured and marked trails and proper organizational procedure. Beecher seconded. Carried

Louisse moved that the Merrill ride be taken off probation. Seconded and carried.

Lindsay moved to place the Last Ditch ride on probation for violation of the rule setting 72/40 pulse and respiration as a criteria to go on. Beecher seconded. Motion defeated.

Lindsay moved to rescind the Board's previous action with regard to the St. Jude ride in which all fees were excused. JoAnne seconded. Carried. (All charity rides will henceforth pay sanctioning and rider fees)

Lindsay moved that the Junior rider entry fee be put on the agenda for the annual meeting. Seconded and carried.

JoAnne moved that the board recommend to the annual meeting that, due to increased costs of printing and postage, dues be raised to \$8.00 single and \$12.00 family. Lindsay seconded. Carried.

JoAnne moved that the board recommend the increase in ride sanctioning fees to \$45 to cover increased cost of materials.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the following rule changes be considered at the annual meeting.

- II B 1 a. For 1982 the "window" concept may be used on a trial basis. Delete words underlined.
 - II D 1 e. Delete the following. Lameness: A horse completing the ride judged to be clinically lame shall not be eligible for awards other than completion. (This issue is now addressed by the use of the score sheets)
 - II D 2 Delete "Although horses do not have to meet the 72/40 criteria at spot checks the veterinarian may hold the horse for a longer examination". Add "Horses do not have to meet the 72/40 criteria at spot checks. A horse shall not be held at a spot check. If in the veterinarian's opinion the horse is critical, the horse should be pulled"
 - II E 1. Delete. Add "Horses shall all be kept under uniform conditions. If a contestant wishes to walk the horse during the night he may do so, but must do it himself.
 - III C. Delete. Substitute "The winner of the ride is the horse and rider who successfully complete the ride in the fastest time.
- Add Rule C. 3 a. A horse that has required a recheck shall not be penalized by being held extra time.

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Add. Rule ~~I. D. 8~~. No whips etc. will be used in the pre-or post-ride examination or any examination during the course of the ride. The horse is expected to trot out freely in hand when asked to do so. Failure of a horse to trot out when asked should result in points being deducted. *in hand.*

Rule I. C. 5. (concerning distressed horses requiring medication) The board has requested Dr. Beecher, together with several other veterinarians to present a consensus on clarification of the rule at the annual meeting.

Lindsay requested Dr. Beecher to consult with several other veterinarians with the purpose of revising the score sheet.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a symposium be held Sunday morning following the annual meeting from 8:30 to 10:00 for all ride managers, secretaries, veterinarians and other interested persons. Topics will include a thorough presentation of ride management and veterinarian responsibilities.

JoAnne moved to recommend that the derby system be changed to the "limited distance award", under which only 125 competitive miles and 250 endurance miles will count. If the points so dictate the rider can place in both open and limited distance; however once a rider goes over these mileages he is no longer eligible for the limited distance award. All senior members are eligible and UMECRA will provide year end awards through 6th place for both endurance and competitive riders in both weight divisions.

The Board voted to add the proposed scoring system change to the agenda for the annual meeting. (See December Newsletter for details of this system)

Dr. Beecher moved that UMECRA donate \$100 to the International Arabian Horse Association for the purchase of awards for the championship endurance ride to be held in Cascade in June. This will be an open ride, UMECRA and AERC sanctioned, with dual awards. Lindsay seconded, Carried.

Ted Cooper moved that the by-laws be amended to provide for two more rider representatives, and that for this year the 3d and 4th places in the rider representative election will fill those positions. JoAnne seconded. Motion carried. The by-laws state that this motion can be settled at the next Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Louise Riedel, Secy