

January 15, 1983

The Board of Directors of UMECRA met at 10 a.m. at the Midway Motor Lodge, Janesville, Wisconsin. Present were Lindsay Taliaferro, Dr. Beecher, Louise Riedel, Ted Cooper, John MacDonald and JoAnne Gernant, Directors; and Chuck Melcher, newly elected rider representative.

The first item of business was to change Item IV, Section 3 of the Articles of Incorporation to read ". . . . Four delegates chosen at large by the individual and family members shall be accredited voting members at any general meeting."

A problem concerning sponsorship of the Merrill Ride was presented to the Board. The Merrill Riders Club has been the sanctioning body for several years. Three former members of the Merrill Club who have managed the ride for the past two years have resigned from the Club due to their feeling that they were receiving very little participation from club members while profits from the ride were being channelled into show activities. They wish to put on the ride under the title, Prairie River Ride. Both parties to the disagreement had been asked to present letters to the Board, but only the Prairie River group had done so. The Merrill Riders Club wishes to retain the date, but at this point have no concrete plans to present, as far as actually putting on the ride. JoAnne Gernant moved to accept the group which had made a definite commitment to put on a ride. The date will be awarded to the Prairie River Ride (Aug 27, 28). Motion seconded and carried.

The next question concerned the dates of May 14, 15, which have been traditionally used by the Badger Ride for the Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association. At this point no one from WAHA has been named as ride manager to replace John MacDonald. Application for the date has been made for the Shenandoah Riding Center for a symposium and competitive ride. If no one from WAHA is present to be seated at the meeting this afternoon, this date will go to Shenandoah.

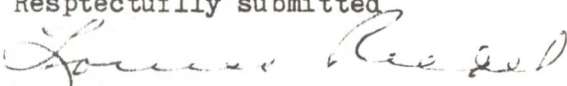
The proposed scoring system was discussed. Dr. Beecher moved that since the Board feels that there is no advantage in changing the present system, it will remain in effect unless there is a motion otherwise from the floor of the general meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

Due to the increased number of rides and events per ride, it has become almost impossible for UMECRA to continue to furnish Junior ribbons. JoAnne moved that we not raise ride fees to \$45 as proposed, but that the rides take care of their own junior ribbons. There will be no restriction on the junior entry fee, but it is recommended that the rides try to keep these fees as low as possible. Motion seconded and carried.

The 1000-mile horse award program was discussed. It was moved that anyone entering the program for the first time will pay a nomination fee of \$10 and miles will be counted from that time. Anyone wishing to have back miles counted may/a fee of \$15 per year or portion thereof for which they wish to have miles researched. Motion seconded and carried.

It was moved that UMECRA donate \$100 to any national championship ride put on by any breed organization that takes place in the Midwest and is sanctioned by UMECRA. Motion seconded and carried.

Respectuflly submitted


Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING
1:30 p.m., January 15, 1983

The annual meeting was held at the Midway Motor Lodge, Janesville, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order by the president, Lindsay Taliaferro. The minutes of the 1982 which had been mailed were approved as corrected. The treasurer's report was approved as circulated at the meeting. (Copy attached to these minutes)

Lindsay announced that the Board had acted to change the Articles of Incorporation to affirm the election of four rider representatives as voting members. They are also eligible to alection as officers or directors. The following rider representatives were installed and seated: JoAnne Gernant, Chuck Melcher, Marian MacDonald and Ron Schmid.

Responding to roll call were representatives of the following rides: Battle Creek Hunt, Ride for Equine Research, St. Jude, Grand Island, Wolf Creek, Glacier Trails, Hayward, International Arabian Championship Endurance Ride, ApDRA, SE Minnesota, Sunset Valley, AHDRA, Neillsville, Minnesota River Valley, Wilderness, Palisades, Pillager Cup, Kettle Moraine, Valhalla, Jubilee, Camp Courage, Last Ditch and Newton Lake. Forty four were entitled to vote.

The next item of business was to confirm the schedule. The date of May 14, 15, which had been the Badger Ride was left open by the failure of WAHA to appoint a ride manager. Harriet Haenert had requested the date if not used by WAHA for the Shenandoah Riding Center Symposium and Competitive Ride. There being no one present from WAHA, it will be awarded to Shenandoah.

The Board took action earlier in the day in the case of the Merrill Ride. The group who had been managing the ride for the Merrill Riders Club have left this club and wish to put on the ride as the Prairie River Ride. The Board voted to sanction that ride.

Dr. Beecher announced the International Arabian Horse Association national championship 50 and 100 mile endurance rides on June 18, 19. This ride will be run concurrently with the AHDRA ride and is open to all breeds.

The following rule changes were considered and motions were made and carried in separate actions to accept them all:

- 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." Successful completion is defined in the Veterinary Guidelines manual.
- Add Rule C. 3 a. "A horse that has required a recheck shall not be penalized by being held extra time."

The rule concerning medication of stressed horses had been referred to Dr. Beecher who recommended that the rule read: "Any distressed horse requiring medication within four hours of completion shall be disqualified. . . ." The question was raised as to whether a horse that was taken home before four hours would then be disqualified. After lengthy discussion it became apparent that no satisfactory solution could be found. It was moved to send the motion back to committee and that the present rule which states "any stressed horse requiring medication before leaving the grounds. . ." will stand.

A motion was made to add Rule Rule II C 7: "No whips etc. will be used or in hand 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." Motion seconded and carried.

Revision of the score sheet had been referred to a committee of veterinarians. It will be completed prior to printing. There will be provision made for "plus points" in p/r scoring.

Regarding the proposal for changing the scoring system for year-end awards: The board's decision was to recommend leaving the scoring system as it presently exists. There being no motion to the contrary from the floor, the system will remain the same.

It was moved, seconded and carried to change the present "derby" system to a "limited distance" award as follows: Only 125 competitive 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.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the board's recommendation as follows: Ride fees will not be raised as proposed, but the rides in the future will take care of furnishing their own junior ribbons. There will be no restriction on the junior entry fee, but it is recommended that the rides try to keep these fees as low as possible.

The Board recommends the following change in the 1000-mile horse award. Anyone entering the program for the first time will pay a nomination fee of \$10, and miles will be counted from that time. Anyone wishing to have back miles counted may pay a fee of \$15 per year, or portion thereof, for which they wish to have miles reserached. The rider should provide as complete a list of his rides as possible. Motion carried.

It was moved that the annual dues be raised from \$5 to \$8 for an individual membership; and from \$7 to \$12 for a family membership. Motion seconded and carried.

The Board has moved to donate \$100 to any national championship ride put on by any breed organization that takes place in the Midwest and is sanctioned by UMECRA. It was moved, seconded and carried to support this action.

Elections of officers and directors followed.

Nominated for president were Ron Schmid and JoAnne Gernant. The first ballot resulted in a tie. Ron was elected on the second ballot.

Dr. Beecher was nominated for vice president. There being no further nominations a unanimous ballot was cast.

Louise Riedel was nominated for secretary-treasurer. There being no further nominations a unanimous ballot was cast.

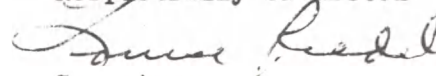
Jan Worthington, JoAnne Gernant and Marian MacDonald were nominated for one of the directorships. JoAnne Gernant was elected.

Jan Worthington, Jim Johnson, Marian MacDonald and Chuck Melcher were nominated for the second directorship. Jan Worthington was elected.

Mindsay Taliaferro will serve on the Board as past president.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted


Secretary