The Board of Directors met December 6, 1986 at the home of Fred and Dianne Kuhn, Rochester, Minnesota. Present were Art Priesz, Louise Riedel, Dale Scott, Dr. Dean Peterson, Tom Pickard, Rick Nelson, Mike Thomas, Paul Heberling and Ray Gehrig.

Dianne Kuhn and Audrey Gehrig opened and counted the ballots for rider representatives, resulting in the election of Marsha Achenbach, Ray Gehrig, Paul Heberling and Guy Worthington.

Arrangements for the annual meeting and banquet were discussed. Mike moved to allow Ray Gehrig a sum not to exceed $300 for entertainment. Tom seconded. Motion carried. Rick moved that a sit-down dinner consisting of a choice of three entrees be selected at a cost of $11.90 per person, including tax and tip. Paul seconded. Motion carried. Rick moved, Mike seconded that a "club seating" system of individual tables be utilized for the banquet. Motion carried. Vendors will have a chance to display merchandise in the general meeting room if they desire. An open board meeting will be held Saturday, January 31 at 8:30 a.m. preceding the general meeting.

Mike volunteered to compile a list of names and addresses of ride veterinarians. It was also suggested that we offer to include veterinarians' names on our mailing list for the Newsletter if they indicate a desire to receive it.

A discussion followed as to awards needed for presentation at the banquet.

Dr. Peterson moved that the zero pulse-respiration point on the score sheet be changed to 36 pulse--8 respiration. Paul Heberling made a friendly amendment to the effect that pulse increments go up by three points for every two beats, and respiration increments remain at two points for every two breaths. Dean accepted this friendly amendment. Motion seconded by Ray Gehrig. Passed with 7 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

A new format for the lower half of the score sheet was presented. Points to be deducted in the various areas remain basically the same but the format has been revised and simplified. Louise moved that the bottom section of the score sheet be adopted as presented. Rick seconded. Motion carried.

Rick moved that a letter be written to AERC requesting clarification of their Rule 6 concerning disqualification of a horse after the final vet check. There is conflict between this rule and UMECRA's rule concerning disqualification of a horse that has been treated before leaving the grounds. Motion seconded and carried.

In the case of the following four requests which had been presented, the board elected to take no action; however motions from the floor may be reconsidered in these matters at the general meeting:

1. "If a motion check is to be held at a vet stop, the rider shall be allowed up to departure time to present his horse."

2. "After the ride brochures are published and ride dates accepted by the board, the schedule should be frozen. Rides should not be allowed to change dates or be added to the schedule."

3. "The mandatory 20-minute hold, endurance stop and go, could be reduced at the end of the season to 10 or 15 minutes."

4. "Completion and mileage (but not placing) should be allowed for a horse that may need metabolic treatment within a period extending to one hour after ride time."

Motions were made to present the following four proposals at the annual meeting:

1. Louise moved to change Rule II B 8 to read "There must be a minimum of one rest stop during each 25 miles or increments over 15 miles thereof. (For example a ride must be 40 miles or over in order to require two rest stops)."

2. Rick moved to add rule I D 8: "During a veterinary examination the rider must refrain from touching the horse except with the examining veterinarian's permission." Louise seconded. Motion carried with two abstentions.

3. Ray moved to reinstate the stress division. Twenty-five percent more points will be added. A stress division may not be used in combination with the 'window system.' Dean seconded. Carried 5-4.

4. Paul moved to change rule II B 1 to read". . .The maximum riding speed shall average 5.5 to 8 miles per hour with minimum ride time to be 3 hours, 7 1/2 minutes."

5. Mike moved that the following sentence be added to Article VII, Section 3 of the By-laws: "Ride managers are not eligible to be elected as rider representatives." Dean seconded. Motion carried.

A suggestion was received to the effect that "proxy voters" not be eligible for any elected position on the Board of Directors. Mike moved that this matter be tabled and that the issue of who is ride management, who is considered a proxy and who should vote should be addressed either by the Board or a committee appointed by the Board. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Mike moved to table the suggestion that the Newsletter Editor be given a vote at the annual meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

Rick moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary