

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
December 3, 1988

The Board of Directors met at the home of Fred and Dianne Kuhn, Rochester, MN. In attendance were Art Priesz, Dee Mielke, Ray Gehrig, Dr. Beecher, Guy Worthington, Louise Riedel, Paul Heberling, Leonard Rounds, and Kathy Love. Dr. Beecher moved to dispense with reading of the minutes.

Art reported that top ten awards have been ordered, and that limited distance awards will be taken care of. The agenda for the annual meeting was set as follows for Saturday, January 28:

Board meeting - 7:30 a.m.  
Presentation by Dr. Dane Frazer - 10:00 a.m.  
General Meeting - 1:00 p.m.  
Cocktail Hour - 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

AHORA and ApORA meetings will be held Sunday morning, times to be announced.

Copies of the tentative 1989 schedule were distributed. Louise announced that under the new AERC championship system, competitors will ride in their own regions until August. At that time the top 20% of riders in each region will become eligible to participate in 3 national championship rides. Tentative plans call for the first to be held in 4 regions on September 16, the second in 4 more regions on October 7; and the final on October 28 in the Central Region. As of now the Midwest region is scheduled to put on a 50-100 mile ride on October 7; however AERC has indicated that we might be able to change to the previous date (Sept. 16). AERC will be contacted for more specific details before this ride is scheduled.

Art presented a proposal for liability insurance coverage for all UMECRA rides. This coverage could be provided for each ride by assessing an extra dollar per entrant fee. (If the DNA required extra coverage, there would be an additional fee). Dr. Beecher moved that this proposal be presented at the annual meeting with the recommendation that it be accepted. Ray seconded. Motion carried.

A recommendation has been received to the effect that no rides start before daylight. Leonard moved that a suggestion be included in the Ride Managers Manual stating that 50-mile or less endurance or competitive rides should not start before daybreak. Dee seconded. Motion carried.

Dee presented a proposal she had received to the effect that a new division be instituted called the short-distance open-division. This would be a 10-15 mile ride with no weight divisions, and would be appropriate for young horses or horses recovering from injuries. It would attract more new and local riders. There would be no year end awards involved, but mileage would be counted. Dr. Beecher moved to table this proposal. Guy seconded. Motion carried.

Anne Ness had submitted a request for approval for the AERC Limited distance program. Dr. Beecher moved that a letter be written from the Board stating that at this time we do not wish to sanction 25-mile endurance rides, that they are presently being tried at AERC rides and we feel that there needs to be more information gathered before we can safely sanction them. Leonard seconded. Motion carried.

Dee presented a proposal she had received asking the Board to consider expanding the Rookie of the Year award to be a top-five novice program. Ray moved to table, Dr. Beecher seconded. Motion carried.

Guy moved that the wording to describe the Rookie of the Year award be changed to read "Awarded in both endurance and competitive to the senior riders with the most points of those riders who have not competed in open rides previous to the current year. This shall be limited to a one rider--one horse combination in each division. Ray seconded. Motion carried.

Kathy moved, Dee seconded to change the wording describing High Point Awards to read...Places will be given through 10th to those who have 40 points or more competitive and 60 or more endurance. (Formerly 20 and 40)

Art moved and Ray seconded to add the following (section in boldface) to Rule I C 2. "Normal criteria for advancement are a pulse of 68 and a respiration of 68. These criteria must be met at all regularly scheduled vet checks, and on a competitive ride the pulse criteria must be met within 20 minutes at the final check in order qualify for completion and placing.

Louise moved, Kathy seconded to re-number Rule III D--to become Rule I D 9. This moves the rule concerning entrants being present and accounted for at the start of a ride from the Endurance Rule Section to the General Rules. Motion carried.

• Dr. Beecher moved to present to the general meeting an amendment to Rule I D 3 to read "Entrants must follow the prescribed course, do multiple loops in the correct order, and pass all control points. A competitor who fails this criteria should be pulled from placing but may be allowed a completion, if in the opinion of ride management the violation was not intentional and did not result in making the course easier or shorter. However if the rider wishes to compete for placing then he must go back to the point of departure and must complete the entire trail in its correct order." Guy seconded. Motion carried.

Requests have been received from the AHAM Ride to adopt the elevator system as outlined in AERC rules for their 2-day 100-mile endurance ride and 2-day 75 mile competitive ride. A request was also received to adopt this system for the Glacier Trails 2-day 75-mile competitive ride. Art moved and Louise seconded to grant approval for this concept.

A suggestion had been received that ride management announces how many spot checks will be used, and that time held in spot checks should not be included in ride time. Dr. Beecher moved to present to the general meeting an addition to Rule II D c. to read "The number of spot checks shall be limited to two per day." Guy seconded. Motion carried.

A suggestion had been received that extra points be awarded to the competitive horse with the overall high score as is done for best condition in endurance. Paul moved that the following be deleted from the description of scoring for high point awards "... plus 2 additional points for best condition on a 50-mile ride, 4 on a 100 miler." (The best condition award will still be given at rides, but no year-end points would be awarded). Motion seconded and carried.

A suggestion had been received that weigh-ins should not be done the night before the ride, that the weigh-in before the ride should be entered on the best condition sheet, and that each rider should ride in his appropriate weight division. Paul moved and Leonard seconded that an amendment to Rules II A B 2 and IIIA be presented to the general meeting to read "...All riders must be weighed with tack pre-ride and shall ride in their respective weight divisions." Motion carried.

A proposal had been made to the effect that a 5 or 10 minute hold check shall be used, to be decided by ride managers. Leonard pointed out that although horses continue to recover for the 10 minute period, they drop the most rapidly during the first 5 minutes. If we go to a 5-minute check, it becomes imperative that the horses be checked exactly at 5 minutes. If there a number of horses in line, it would be almost impossible for all of them to be checked at exactly 5 minutes, which gives the end horses more of an advantage under a 5-minute hold than under a 10-minute hold. Ray moved, Louise seconded that this suggestion be presented at the annual meeting without the Board's recommendation. Motion defeated. Guy moved and Leonard seconded that it be presented with the Board's recommendation that it NOT be passed. Motion carried.

Leonard moved, Dee seconded that the following be included as a suggestion in the Ride Manager's Manual: that persons taking p/r's not take readings on horses belonging to members of their families.

A suggestion had been received that UMECRA should not sanction any ride which is also sanctioned by another distance riding organization which is geographically exclusive within the UMECRA region in its sanctioning of rides or awarding of points. Further, no person who belongs to such a geographically exclusive organization can serve as a UMECRA officer or on the UMECRA Board of Directors. Ray moved to present the above at the annual meeting with the recommendation that it not be passed. Dee seconded. Motion defeated.

Dr. Beecher moved to adjourn.

Louise Riedel, Secretary

## FINANCIAL REPORT

|                                       | 1988        | 1987       |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Balance on Hand, January 1            | \$1,736.90  | \$ 978.51  |
| INCOME                                |             |            |
| Ride sanctioning                      | 1,910.00    | 2,080.00   |
| Ride Fees                             | 2,748.00    | 2,493.00   |
| Memberships                           | 3,266.00    | 2,807.00   |
| 1000-Mile Nominations                 | 705.00      | 705.00     |
| Interest                              | 107.11      | 82.53      |
| Miscellaneous                         | 168.88      | 145.00     |
|                                       |             |            |
| Year's Income                         | 8,904.99    | 8,312.53   |
| TOTAL ASSETS                          | \$10,641.89 | \$9,291.04 |
| EXPENSES                              |             |            |
| Printing                              | \$2,447.33  | 2,588.45   |
| Postage                               | 602.19      | 533.30     |
| Phone                                 | 284.56      | 305.48     |
| Office Supplies                       | 266.28      | 136.59     |
| Newsletter                            | 2,500.00    | 1,680.00   |
| Convention Expense                    | 211.95      | ----       |
| Donation, ApDRA (Nat'l Ride)          | 100.00      | ----       |
| Miscellaneous                         | 150.26      | 151.38     |
| Awards                                | 2,267.52    | 2,158.94   |
|                                       |             |            |
| Year's Expenses                       | 8,830.09    | 7,554.14   |
| CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK, December 31 | \$1,811.80  | \$1,736.90 |