

DECEMBER 2, 1989

The Board of Directors met at the home of Fred and Dianne Kuhn. Those present were Art Priesz, Dr. Beecher, Ray Gehrig, Paul Heberling, Louise Riedel, Dr. Kiehm, Leonard Rounds, and Connie Gray.

Louise Riedel moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as circulated. Motion seconded and carried. There was no old business.

The first item of new business was consideration of a suggestion that Rule I C 2 be changed to read "to be eligible for placing, a (competitive) horse must meet normal criteria for advancement of 68/68 within 20 minutes of the final vet check; otherwise it will be eligible for completion and mileage only." Dr. Beecher moved, Ray Gehrig seconded to consider the suggestion. It was pointed out that granting completion in such a case would result in the horse-rider team receiving at least 5 points (or as many as 20). Dr. Beecher moved to amend the motion to read "If the horse fails the finishing pulse requirement, the only award he will be eligible for is mileage." Louise seconded. After lengthy discussion, Dr. Beecher withdrew the motion to amend. Rule I C 2 will stand as presently written.

A suggestion had been received that the following be added to Rule IC 7 E for competitive: "Horses that are Grade III and above are not eligible for placing, only completion and mileage." This subject had been discussed along with the previous proposal--it was the consensus of the board that this rule ("Not lame at a walk" as a completion criteria) should remain the same.

A request had been received that the language of II B 1 a, concerning the window system be changed. It was moved and seconded that this rule be clarified to read: "A rider may come in from 5 minutes before or up to 5 minutes after the exact scheduled time without losing points. One point per minute is lost for coming in before or after these limits, up to 55 minutes (a total of 55 points) without being disqualified." Motion carried.

The following suggestion had been received. "Monetary awards cannot be given for competitive and endurance ride placings in a UMECRA sanctioned ride or at a ride that is held in conjunction with a UMECRA sanctioned, the only exception being the Arabian horse sweepstakes if a UMECRA approved steward is hired." There was no motion regarding this proposal, therefore no action will be taken.

It was suggested in light of the fact that there has been very little interest in nominating rider representatives, the nomination and election of rider reps should be held at the annual meeting, effective this year. There was no motion regarding this proposal--the system will stand as is.

A proposal was received as follows: To add a provision to become Rule I B 1 (Veterinary Requirements). Horses must be under veterinary supervision throughout the duration of the event, which would allow for the use of Lay Judges for the judging of endurance and competitive rides. Louise moved, Dr. Beecher seconded to present the following proposal at the general meeting.

Rule I B 6 - A ride may use a lay judge under the following circumstances:

1. A ride may use a lay judge only if the ride already has two veterinarians working the ride.
2. A person wishing to be certified as a lay judge at UMECRA sanctioned rides must apply to the UMECRA Board of Directors for this title. He or she must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Be approved by the board.
 - b. Pass an open book test with a 95% or better score. This test would be aimed at assessing the person's knowledge of the UMECRA rules governing both endurance and competitive rides.
 - c. Have served as an intern lay judge under two different experienced veterinarians at two separate events, both of whom must approve the lay-judge. ("experienced" would mean a veterinarian who has been the head vet at not less than five UMECRA rides.)

3. Lay judges may not pull a horse from competition without the approval of the head veterinarian. The lay judge may judge locomotion but may not score lameness. Lay judges may not score legs for pain, heat or filling.

4. In all other aspects lay judges would act just as a veterinarian. The points that they deduct would stand, just as if they were a veterinarian judge.

5. Under no circumstances does this rule restrict family members from participating in rides.

6. Also, this rule should not restrict the use of non-veterinarian personnel for the taking of P/Rs.

7. To maintain certification as a lay judge, he or she must review the rules yearly, and must lay-judge at least one ride every two years.

Motion carried.

It was suggested that the Veterinary Representative work with a committee to formulate a written test and a form for the certification of the lay-judge.

It was moved and seconded to present the following proposal to the general meeting: "A Novice or Rookie Top Five" in endurance and competitive categories shall supplement the present Rookie of the Year award. Motion carried. Ray Gehrig and Connie Gray were appointed to put this suggestion into final form. Their proposal is as follows:

"There shall be instigated a Senior Rookie Top Five in both endurance and competitive divisions, to be implemented as follows:

1. Awards would not necessarily have to be the same as other year-end awards.

2. Participants would be required to register with the UMECRA secretary and mark their entries at rides with an "R" for Rookie.

3. One horse-one rider teams to count

4. Rookies would be defined as riders who competed in not more than two open events prior to their year as a declared rookie, only open rides to count.

5. Participants must accrue at least 20 points in competitive and 40 points in endurance to be eligible.

6. This would replace the current Rookie of the Year award. However the present travelling trophies will be awarded to the champions in both divisions.

A proposal was received to change the current procedure for notifying UMECRA rides that there has been a rule infraction at their ride to include a benign letter stating the rule infraction. This would provide an intermediate step before PROTEST. There was no motion--no action will be taken.

In response to a suggestion to assure that competitive horses not be required to travel faster than the established maximum speed of 7 mph, Ray Gehrig moved and Dr. Beecher seconded to add the following to Rule II D 2 c "The number of spot checks cannot require a rider to go faster than 7 mph." Motion carried.

Ride	0 Ck	1 Ck	2 Ck	3 Ck	4 Ck	Ride	0 Ck	1 Ck	2 Ck	3 Ck	4 Ck
Length						Length					
25 Mi	3:34	3:44	3:54	4:04	4:14	45 Mi	6:25	6:35	6:45	6:55	7:05
30 Mi	4:17	4:27	4:37	4:47	4:57	50 Mi	7:08	7:18	7:28	7:38	7:48
35 Mi	5:00	5:10	5:20	5:30	5:40	55 Mi	7:51	8:01	8:11	8:21	8:31
40 Mi	5:42	5:52	6:02	6:12	6:22	60 Mi	8:34	8:44	8:54	9:04	9:14

In response to a suggestion received by a rider representative, Ray Gehrig moved that "on endurance rides, in both mandatory holds and gate-into-a hold there shall be one rest period of at least 30 minutes after the horse has passed the p/r check in a 50-mile ride and two such rest periods in a 100-mile ride." Leonard seconded. Motion carried. Leonard moved, Dr. Beecher seconded that on competitive rides of more than 30 miles there should be one hold of at least 40 minutes from the time of arrival. (The above two motions will require that General Rule I B 3 be deleted; that Rule II B 2 shall be inserted to cover holds on competitive rides, with subsequent rules to be re-numbered; and that the following be added to Rule III I 2

(endurance) to read that "except in BOTH mandatory holds and gate into a hold there shall be one rest period of at least...(see motion above)

A suggestion was received that size of pens be limited--possibly to 12 x 12 feet. Ray moved that the following be added as a suggestion to the Ride Managers' Manual "Ride managers should take the initiative to insure that pens do not take the place of other rigs, limiting where necessary the size of the pen or use of the pen." Leonard seconded. Carried.

Dr. Beecher moved, Leonard seconded, that any error or omission in ride results as printed in the Newsletter must be reported within thirty days after the mailing of the Newsletter. Motion carried. To be added as Rule I G (Errors in Reporting Results).

Ray Gehrig moved, Dr. Beecher seconded to raise dues to \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a family membership. Motion carried.

It was announced that Wayne Gastfield, manager of the White River Rides, has donated \$200 toward year end awards. The Board expressed their gratitude.

Dr. Beecher moved to delete Rule I C 7 a, which reads "Horses shall be certified for completion and placing if they: could be safely ridden further, are capable of going on even if at a reduced speed." He felt that this is incompatible with the finishing criteria which requires only "sound at a walk". Ray Gehrig seconded. Motion carried.

Art moved that Elinore's proposal for fund-raising to support UMECRA members who may be selected to participate in FEI events overseas be approved, Ray seconded. Motion carried.

Leonard moved, Louise seconded that Rule I A 1 be changed to read "on a ride of 30 miles or less, the horse must be at least 48 months old; on a ride over 30 miles it must be at least 60 months. Motion carried.

The proposed ride schedule was presented. Dr. Beecher moved, Ray seconded to hold the schedule over until the board meeting preceding the annual meeting. Motion carried.

In the matter of the protest filed by Judy Schmid concerning her placing at the Prairie River endurance ride, Louise moved, Dr. Beecher seconded to uphold the protest. Although Judy crossed the finish line 4th, Wendy Thiede had been awarded 4 minutes to make up for her having been held that much too long at a vet check, and accordingly was awarded 4th place. The Board felt that (1) in actuality the rider should be responsible to ascertain that the time card is correct, (2) Other riders should have been notified of this change of order of participants so they could plan their strategy (3) placements should be determined by the order of finish. Motion carried. Ride results will be amended to show Judy Schmid as fourth and Wendy Thiede as fifth.

Art moved to adjourn the meeting at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Louise Riedel, Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

	1989	1988
Balance 1/1	1,811.80	1,736.90
INCOME		
Ride Sanctioning	2,340.00	1,910.00
Ride Fees	3,023.00	2,748.00
Memberships	3,246.00	3,266.00
1000 Mi. Nomination	590.00	705.00
Interest	144.85	107.11
Miscellaneous	89.00	168.88
Donation	200.00	
Year's Income	9,632.85	8,904.99
TOTAL ASSETS	11,444.65	10,641.89
EXPENSES		
Printing	2,574.05	2,447.33
Postage	569.90	602.19
Phone	496.98	284.56
Office Supplies	138.16	266.28
Newsletter	2,247.92	2,500.00
Convention Expense	443.92	211.95
Donation (FEI Team)	100.00	100.00
Awards	3,246.57	2,267.52
Miscellaneous	154.01	150.26
Year's Expenses	9,971.51	8,830.09
CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK, 12/31/89	1,473.14	1,811.80