

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 1, 1990

The Board met in Dubuque, convening at 12:30 p.m. Those present were Art Priesz, Dee Burns, Louise Riedel, Wayne McVeigh, Fred Kuhn, Connie Gray, Paul Heberling, R.A. Beecher, Leonard Rounds and Rider Representatives Roberta Harms, and Roxanne Swisher.

Fred Kuhn moved, Dee Burns seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand December 1 of \$4,527.24.

Under old business:

Lay Judges--Leonard reported that Mary Lou had sent tests to four applicants, none of whom responded. It was suggested that a notice be included in the Newsletter that Mary Lou Rounds should be contacted by those interested in becoming lay judges.

Weight Division Committee--Art Priesz appointed the following people to serve: Fred Kuhn, chairman, Gene Dake, Bob Wadzinski, Jim Donaghue, Louise Riedel, Lori Windows, Rick Nelson. A survey of AERC rides in 1990 showed the following breakdown of entries: Lightweight - 36%; Middleweight - 44%; Heavyweight - 19%.

Competitive Completion Committee--The following committee was appointed: Chuck Gray, Chairman, Elinore Tonsor, Dianne Kuhn, Dr. Beecher, Robin Whitney, Leonard Rounds.

Both committees to report at the annual meeting with recommendations.

The ballots for rider representatives had been counted by Chuck Gray, Dianne Kuhn, Audrey Gehrig and Mary Lou Rounds. Their report showed the election of Marsha Achenbach, Carl Harms, Leonard Rounds, and Lori Windows.

Art reported that awards were being ordered.

New Business:

Trails--In response to a report that the Wisconsin DNR has proposed to limit all competitive events in the State Parks, Louise circulated a proposed letter explaining UMECRA's position, to be signed by the Board members, and to be sent to Dave Weizenecker, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. Dr. Beecher moved to send the letter, to include a similar letter in the Newsletter for our members to sign and send in, and to prepare a petition for circulation at the annual meeting for signature by those in attendance. Connie Gray seconded. A friendly amendment was offered to establish a committee to pursue this matter. Motion carried. The following committee was appointed: Dee Burns, chairman, Wayne McVeigh, Connie Gray, Faye Nelson, Terry Jensen and Roberta Harms. Suggestions for Rule Changes:

Mark Jensen proposed for Competitive Rides only, that if a rider feels that the pace is too fast and comes in after the maximum allowable time that he would not be considered for placing, but would receive mileage--up to six hours total time for 25 miles and 12 hours for 50 miles. This proposal failed for lack of a motion, citing management problems.

Dianne Kuhn proposed that competitive horses be allowed to wear splint boots. Dr. Beecher moved to reject this proposal. Connie seconded. Motion carried.

Dianne Kuhn proposed that all juniors on competitive rides be required to wear helmets. Fred moved and Wayne seconded that this proposal be presented at the general meeting with the Board's recommendation to approve. Motion carried.

Dianne Kuhn proposed that all juniors (not to be 13 as of December 1) be required to be accompanied by a sponsor in the same manner as endurance juniors. Wayne moved and Dr. Beecher seconded to present this proposal to the general meeting with the Board's recommendation to approve. Motion carried.

Letters from Dianne Kuhn, Joe Yogus, Ray Gehrig, and Valerie Harris concerning Rule III 4.a. c, "Sound at a trot" were read. Most remarks concerned lack of consistency in judging. Fred moved and Connie seconded to go back to "lame at a walk" for endurance. Motion defeated 6-2.

Dr. Beecher moved that the following be presented to the general meeting with the Board's recommendation to approve: Rule III 4 a. c shall be retained as

presently written with the addition: "The horse shall be trotted out and back in a straight line on as level ground as possible." Dee seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Dee moved, Leonard seconded to present the following addition to Rule III 4 a. with the recommendation to approve: "Horses may be presented for a trot- out any time within the hour; however ride management and/or the ride veterinarian may prescribe a specific time period (not more than one hour after crossing the finish line.) Motion carried.

- * Louise moved, Leonard seconded to present the following to the general meeting with no recommendation either to approve or disapprove: "Respiration as a criteria for advancement in endurance riding shall be eliminated." (Rule II C 2) Motion carried 5-3.

- With regard to multiple day competitive rides, Leonard moved to present the following to the general meeting: Rule II E 1 shall be changed to read: "Horses shall all be kept at the camp site or on the marked trail....", this to replace the phrase that says "Horses shall all be kept under uniform conditions." Connie seconded. Motion carried.

- Leonard presented a motion to change rule I B 5a through 5c (concerning the Lay Judge program) to read "a ride that has two veterinarians may use a lay person approved by the veterinarian to check pulse, respiration, dehydration, CRT, mucus membranes, temperature, and lesions." Wayne seconded. Leonard and Wayne accepted a friendly amendment to delete the Lay Judge rule. The amendment rule passed. Dr. Beecher suggested that the word "lesions" be deleted. Leonard moved, Wayne seconded that a statement be added to the Guidelines to read "a ride that has two veterinarians may use a lay person approved by the veterinarian to check pulse, respiration, dehydration, CRT, mucus membranes, and temperature." Motion carried.

In a letter from Valerie Harris she pointed out that the veterinary judging guidelines stated that the horse's legs were to be examined before the horse is trotted out. (p.17). This is contrary to the statement on p. 14. Wayne moved, Louise seconded to correct this inaccuracy. Motion carried.

Jim Donaghue proposed that the schedule as presented at the annual meeting be frozen for the balance of that season, with no rescheduling for any reason. Fred moved that this be submitted to the general meeting, Paul seconded.

Fred proposed a friendly amendment to read "no ride may be rescheduled for any reason on the same date as another ride without the approval of the originally scheduled ride/rides." To be added to Rule IB under Sanctioning Requirements. Motion carried.

Dee moved, Wayne seconded to limit the UMECRA ride season to a period from April 1 to November 30. Motion defeated.

- A letter from Jeanne Smith requested a rule be made regarding rider abuse of ride personnel. After lengthy discussion Leonard moved, Wayne seconded to present the following to the general meeting with a recommendation to approve: If ride management feels that any personnel have been abused or harassed by a rider they (management) would have the right to notify the board, who would respond in the following order: The board upon review would ask for comment from the alleged offending rider and other people who might have witnessed the event; then if deemed warranted, would privately warn that rider; as part of the warning that if the offense continues, would publicly warn the rider; if the conduct continues the board can take whatever further action it deems appropriate, including prohibiting the rider from entering the offended ride or any other UMECRA event in the future. Motion carried.

A letter from Julie Klug requested that on the competitive score sheet only notations should be made concerning the horse's pre-ride fatigue (no minus points). There being no motion, the proposal will not be presented.

- * Andrea Vargo, Katrina Lunden, Dianne Johnson submitted a proposal that for competitive rides the Limited Distance awards should go to horse and rider teams who attend rides of only 30 miles or less, with unlimited mileage. Paul moved, Dee seconded to present this proposal to the general meeting. It was pointed out that limited distance was designed to recognize those people who can only attend a limited number of rides. Paul and Dee withdrew the motion. Paul moved that limited distance would only include 30-mile or less rides, but retain the mileage limit of 195 miles. Dee seconded. Motion carried.

✓ Dianne Kuhn proposed assessing an additional \$.50 per rider fee to be used to award the year-end high-point riders a saddle. It was the consensus that giving an award of this magnitude to only two riders was not appropriate, but that the extra assessment could be used to upgrade awards for ALL winners. Connie moved, Dee seconded to present this proposal to the general meeting; in an effort to improve year-end awards we increase the rider fee by \$.50 per rider. Motion carried.

Louise proposed replacing the present score sheet for endurance with the AERC cards carried by the riders. The present score sheets are used only for check-in and do not lend themselves to use during the ride. It was the consensus that the cards be used and that UMECRA furnish them.

Louise moved that the following be presented to the annual meeting: The gate-into-a-hold type check shall be mandatory at all vet checks. Connie seconded. This in line with AERC's recommendation. Motion carried.

The proposed 1991 schedule was presented. Fred moved, Dee seconded to approve the schedule with the addition of the original Maplewood ride on June 22, '23 (this will necessitate a name change for the Maplewood ride on May 4) and the deletion of the SE Minnesota ride, where a conflict exists with the 4th of July. An attempt will be made to find another date for this ride.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Louise Riedel, Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

	1990	1989	
Balance 1/1	\$1,473.14	\$1,811.90	
INCOME			
Ride Sanctioning	2,060.00	2,340.00	-280.00
Ride Fees	3,215.00	3,023.00	+192.00
Memberships	4,073.00	3,246.00	+827.00
1000 MI. Nominations	895.00	590.00	+305.00
Interest	129.13	144.85	- 15.73
Miscellaneous	153.20	89.00	+64.20
Donation		200.00	-200.00
Year's Income	10,525.33	9,632.85	+892.48
TOTAL ASSETS	11,998.47	11,444.65	+553.82
EXPENSES			
Printing	2,549.37	2,574.05	- 24.68
Postage	644.78	569.90	+74.88
Phone	520.15	496.98	+23.17
Office Supplies	496.50	138.16	+358.34
Convention Expense	450.28	443.92	+ 6.36
Donation		100.00 (FEI)	-100.00
1000 Mile Awards		952.95	-952.95
General awards	3,763.42	2,293.62	+1,469.80
Miscellaneous	197.34	154.01	+ 43.33
Newsletter	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,247.92</u>	<u>+252.08</u>
Year's Expenses	11,121.84	9,971.51	+1,150.33
CASH ON HAND 12/31/90	876.63	1,473.14	- 596.51

PROPOSED BUDGET - 1991

INCOME

Ride Sanctioning	\$2,000.00
Ride Fees (based on proposed Increase to \$1.50)	4,500.00
Memberships	4,000.00
1000 Mi. Nominations	700.00
Interest	125.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>
PROJECTED INCOME	\$11,425.00
BALANCE FORWARD	875.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$12,300.00

EXPENSES

Printing	2,750.00
Postage	700.00
Phone	550.00
Office Supplies	250.00
Convention Expense	450.00
1/3 of 1000 Mile Awards	300.00
General Awards	2,750.00
Chevrons	500.00
Miscellaneous	175.00
Newsletter	<u>2,500.00</u>
PROJECTED EXPENSES	10,925.00
BALANCE	1,375.00