

* BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 7, 1991

The meeting was convened in Dubuque, Iowa, at 1:00 pm. Present were Directors Art Priesz, Dr. Beecher, Louise Riedel, Paul Heberling, and Terry Jensen; Vet representative, Dr. Robin Whitney; and rider Representatives Marsha Achenbach, Lori Windows, Leonard Rounds, and Carl Harms. (Directors Wayne Gastfield and Gene Dake were enroute by air but were unable to land at the Dubuque airport because of fog.)

Paul Heberling moved and Dr. Beecher seconded to dispense with reading of the minutes, which had been circulated. Motion carried. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$4,011.00 with all current bills paid. Louise announced that it was necessary to replenish the supply of mileage chevrons at a cost of \$1550, an increase of approximately 100% over the last order.

A tentative schedule for 1992 was presented. Dr. Beecher moved and Paul Heberling seconded to approve it. It will be presented at the general meeting.

All awards have been ordered.

New Business:

A letter had been received from Dianne Kuhn requesting that competitive horses be allowed to wear interference boots. Dr. Beecher moved and Paul Heberling seconded to present this proposal to the general meeting. Motion defeated.

The following matters were referred to rider representative Leonard Rounds.

1. A rider asks for a recheck and was refused a recheck on the pulse because she didn't ask as soon it was taken but waited until both pulse and respiration were taken.
2. At a check horses were moved forward up to 150 feet and had p/r's taken immediately, and then the riders were told to move forward, mount up and ride off as other riders were having p/r's taken.
3. On an endurance the rider was separated from the horse and the horses came into the vet check alone, with the rider walking in separately. What is the completion status in such an instance?
4. Some members have been concerned about the timeliness of the Newsletter during the ride season.

In the first matter Dr. Beecher moved, Paul seconded to add the following to Rule I C 4. "P/r's shall be taken as a unit and a recheck shall be requested immediately after BOTH have been announced." Motion carried.

In the second matter Dr. Beecher moved and Terry Jensen seconded to present the following to the general meeting with recommendation to approve. "At all competitive p/r checks a horse must be allowed at least two minutes of 'still time' before having a p/r taken." (Add rule II D 1 b 3 with remaining rules being renumbered.) Motion carried.

In the third matter Dr. Beecher moved, Dr. Whitney seconded to add the following to Rule I D 2 "and must travel the entire trail together." (The entire rule to read: "The same unit (horse, rider and equipment weight) must be maintained throughout the ride and must travel the entire trail together.") Motion carried.

In the fourth matter it was suggested that a simple printout of ride results and standings be sent out by the secretary at least once a month during the ride season under our third-class permit, all other news to be printed in the Newsletter. Terry moved that someone be

appointed to speak to Elinore about continuing to do the Newsletter. Robin seconded. Motion carried. Dr. Beecher volunteered to contact Elinore.

✓ Lori Windows reported that she had been contacted by a ride manager inquiring whether he had the right to refuse to allow pens to be used at his ride due to limited camping space. Managers may opt not to allow pens but this must be announced on the ride flyer. This will be incorporated into the General Suggestion section in the Ride Manager's Manual.

Lori had received a question as to clarification when trot outs and the final pulse following endurance rides should be done. AERC rules state that the final check can be done any time WITHIN the hour. UMECRA rules state that the trot out may be done any time within the hour; however ride management or the ride veterinarian may prescribe a specific time period, not more than one hour. AND must have...a pulse of 72 or less ONE HOUR from the time of crossing the finishing line. The UMECRA rule is more strict than the AERC rule and shall supercede the AERC rule.

Lori had received a suggestion that our present entry blank/release should contain a phrase stating that the rider is responsible for damage done by his horse. Art and Dr. Beecher will rework the entry blank.

Lori also suggested that a specific age be set at which an individual can sponsor a junior. Terry moved and Dr. Beecher seconded that the following be presented to the general meeting: Add to Rule III B "...must be accompanied by an adult sponsor (age 18 or over)" Motion carried.

A ride manager has made a complaint concerning conduct of a rider under Rule I B 6. Art will contact this rider for comment.

Dr. Beecher moved, Dr. Whitney seconded that the rider or horse owner be responsible for expenses incurred for veterinary, farrier or for any other services provided at a ride. This shall be settled before the person responsible leaves the grounds. Motion carried. Add as Rule I D 1 and re-number subsequent rules. This will also be added to the entry blank/release.

Louise relayed suggestions received by phone from the Chicago airport from Wayne Gastfield and Gene Duke as follows:

1. That the rider fee be reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.00. Proposal failed due to lack of a motion.
2. That the speed on competitive rides be raised to 8 mph. Proposal failed due to lack of a motion.
3. That completion criteria for lameness for competitive rides be changed to be the same as for endurance rides, with grade 3 being disqualification and the 65 point deduction being allocated between grades 1 and 2. Louise moved, Dr. Beecher seconded to present this to the general meeting without recommendation. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on the proliferation of the number of days and number of miles on some rides. One suggestion was that since 50-mile competitive rides on Sunday were usually poorly attended and were inconvenient for management, riders, and veterinarians, we should possibly limit the number of competitive miles on Sundays to 35 miles. The 25 or 30-mile competitive rides on Saturday afternoon have proved successful and have somewhat substituted for the longer rides on Sunday. No action was taken.

Paul moved to present the following the general meeting: Limited distance shall be eliminated and the top ten year end awards be expanded to 15. Terry seconded. Motion defeated.

Dr. Beecher moved that the following be presented to the general meeting with the recommendation to approve. A rider be limited to one award in the limited distance program in each division (endurance and competitive). Paul seconded. Motion carried.

The next item of business were protests.

A protest had been filed concerning a sponsor on the Prairie River Ride transferring his sponsorship of two juniors to a 16-year old. The rules state that a sponsor "must be a competent adult." (Eighteen is the accepted age of adulthood). Dr Beecher moved that since the rule is ambiguous and the decision at the ride was made in good faith, and since we have addressed the problem by inserting the age of 18 into the rule, that we not change the ride results but that we return the protest fee to the protestor. Terry seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Whitney moved and Terry seconded to disallow a protest concerning riders stopping within the two-mile marker on the Grand Island ride. It was felt that the riders made an honest mistake since the 2-mile marker wasn't in the usual format. Motion carried.

Dr. Beecher moved, Paul seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Louise Riedel

	FINANCIAL REPORT	
	1991	1990
Balance 1/1/91	\$ 876.63	\$1,473.13
INCOME		
Ride Sanctioning	1,700.00	2,060.00 (Included \$240 of '91 fees)
Ride fees	4,677.00	3,215.00
Memberships	4,525.00	4,073.00
1000 MI. Nominations	590.00	895.00
Interest	20.11	129.13
Miscellaneous	35.00	153.20
Donation	200.00	
Contribution--AHDRA	<u>420.00</u>	
Year's Income	12,167.11	10,525.33
TOTAL ASSETS	13,043.74	11,444.65
EXPENSES		
Printing	2,642.84	2,549.37
Postage	774.83	644.78
Phone	462.73	520.15
Office Supplies	200.27	496.50
Convention Expense	583.61	450.28
Deposit, Interlaken resort--refundable	500.00	
Chevrons	1,557.50	
General Awards	3,251.06	3,763.42
Newsletter	2,000.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>222.33</u>	<u>197.34</u>
Year's Expenses	12,195.27	11,121.84
CASH ON HAND 12/31/91	848.47	876.53
Refund from Interlaken pending	500.00	
TOTAL FUNDS	1,348.47	

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FUND

Balance 1/29/91	\$3,906.25
INCOME - '91 Auction (addition)	
Sale of sweatshirts/t-shirts	100.00
Interest	1,764.00
	<u>112.83</u>
Year's Income	5,883.08
EXPENSES - Disbursed for NA Champion-	
ship Ride	2,100.00
Cost of Sweatshirts	1,551.45
Administrative expenses	<u>24.00</u>
Year's Expenses	3,675.45
BALANCE 12/31/91	\$2,207.63