

BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 1992

The Board of Directors and Rider Representatives met at the home of Fred and Dianne Kuhn, Rochester MN. Present were Art Priesz, Dr. Beecher, Dianne Kuhn, Louise Riedel, Sue Lunderby, Gene Dake, Wayne Gastfield, and Dr. Whitney. Rider Representatives present were JoAnne Gernant, Carl Harms and Lori Windows.

Dr. Beecher moved, Wayne Gastfield seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried. Louise reported a balance on hand of \$6,466.99, with proposed expenditures of about \$3000 for awards and \$1000 for 1000-mile horse awards. Dr. Beecher moved, Wayne seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

Louise reported on the AERC board meeting held on November 14. The AERC convention will be held in Atlanta March 13, 14. This being the first convention held outside of Nevada, we should encourage attendance from our area. Issues discussed included insurance covering officers and directors, and liability policies for rides; drug testing and the cost of implementing such a program; higher rider fees for non-members. No action was taken on the above issues. The national championship series were discussed. A motion carried to the effect that in 1993 the first two rides of the series, which are held in each region, can be held on flexible dates, rather than AERC specified dates. Mileage for qualification for 1993 will be extended to the period from December 1, 1991 to the time of entering the first ride. In 1994 AERC will put on a high profile, championship level ride, qualification to be 1000 career miles for the horse with 400 of those miles to be the horse-rider team. The Board adopted "Guidelines to Promote Safety of Horses at AERC Sanctioned Endurance Rides." These will be printed in the AERC Endurance News. A new rider card will be designed to be used at all rides. The definition of a "veterinary control point" was expanded to ensure that a veterinarian will be present wherever horses are stopped for a check.

A protest had been filed by Sue Lunderby concerning harassment at the MnDRA II ride which she managed. Since the principal person concerned in the protest has not as yet been contacted, this matter will be decided at the board meeting in January. The first half-hour of this meeting will be closed. The waiver form appearing on our Entry Agreement was discussed. Since AERC is in the process of producing a waiver which will be required of AERC rides and will be based on the AHSA form, this matter was tabled.

The expenses involved in our convention, especially regarding speakers, were discussed. It was the consensus that we should consider a convention registration fee to help cover the costs of the speaker, the dance, etc. (This year the cost of the dance is included in the price of the meal.)

Discussion followed concerning awards. Letters listing the choice of awards (to be a painting, a jacket, and a third item to be decided) will be sent to top-ten winners.

A letter had been received recommending the purchase of a new computer. Dr. Beecher moved that we purchase a new computer, not to exceed a cost of \$7,000. There being no second, he withdrew this motion. Gene Dake was appointed to head a committee to investigate purchasing a new computer next year. Lori Windows and Louise will serve on this committee.

✓ Several letters had been received concerning endurance completion criteria. Dr. Whitney moved that for completion a horse must be metabolically sound with a pulse of 72 at one hour and be sound at the walk at one hour. Dr. Beecher seconded. It was pointed out that this would be incompatible with AERC rules, which basically state "Fit to continue." Lengthy discussion followed. Robin moved to amend her motion to be consistent with AERC rules, which will result in deleting our rules III J 1 a through J 2 a, and to replace this with the current AERC rule which reads as follows: (a parenthetical statement will be appended explaining the above, to be presented at convention) 1. All horses must stand a mandatory post ride evaluation within one hour of finishing. Riders may present their horses for the final examination at a time of their choosing during the one hour period. A horse that does not meet the established criteria within one hour of crossing the finish line shall be disqualified.

2. The horse must reach a reasonable pulse recovery based on ambient conditions. The maximum pulse criteria is 68 beats per minute; however, the ride veterinarian(s) may allow a higher pulse criteria in documented extreme weather

* Future AERC changes will be automatically incorporated into OMECRA rules

conditions. Respiration should be evaluated on its own merit. Ambient temperature and humidity effects need to be recognized and their effects on respiration rate considered.

3. The horse must be metabolically stable sufficient to demonstrate fitness to continue.

4. There will be no gait aberration that is consistently observable under all circumstances that results in pain or threatens immediate athletic performance. This examination should be conducted at a trot, straight out and back, without prior flexion or palpation. It must be recognized that we are dealing with a risk sport with its inherent wear and tear. Veterinarians must also be flexible enough to evaluate the horse injured after completing the course, etc. This is posed as a very minimal criterion not designed to disqualify legitimate stiffness and "leg weariness" but to discourage over-usage between the last veterinary check point and the finish line.

5. Soreness, lacerations, and wounds on the limbs and body--including the mouth--must be noted on the veterinary examination card. Lesions that are aggravated to a degree that affects the horse's ability to continue may be a cause for failure to complete the ride. It must be recognized by veterinarians that lesions caused by tack and interference may be from mild to severe and need to be evaluated on their own merit.

6. Evaluation of other monitoring parameters must indicate the horse is not in need of any medical treatment. It must be borne in mind that pulse, respiration, and soundness are but three of the important parameters considered in the state of condition evaluation. Motion carried, to be presented at the meeting.

There had been a suggestion that UMECRA request AERC to modify their completion rules. There was no motion forthcoming.

Discussion followed regarding awarding mileage for horses pulled at the end of a ride. There was no motion.

In response to a letter, Louise moved that UMECRA award mileage for limited distance endurance rides, (which are not UMECRA sanctioned.) Gene seconded. It was explained that according to AERC Rule 1.4.3. "The AERC records mileage for members, but the mileage remains in the Limited Distance Program and is not transferrable to any other AERC program." It was the consensus that it would not therefore be reasonable for UMECRA to include this mileage in its lifetime mileage programs. Motion defeated.

Wayne moved, Gene seconded to change the competitive ride sheet so that instead of having the pulse and respiration recorded for one minute, they be recorded for 15 seconds (i.e. 9 instead of 36 for pulse). (Our current rule II D B 5 already states "P/R'S shall be taken for 15 seconds and recorded as actual..." Motion carried.

✓ Art moved that in figuring whether or not competitive ride time falls within the 5-1/2 to 7 miles per hour speed, spot check time of 10 minutes per check must be included. Robin seconded. This will be added to Rule II A B 1. Motion carried. To be presented at the general meeting.

Wayne moved, Sue seconded to reinstate the Stress Division in competitive rides. Motion defeated.

✓ Beecher moved, Gene seconded to revise Rule I A 1 to read "on a ride of 30 miles or less, the horse must be at least 48 months old." Motion carried.

Sue moved, Gene seconded to eliminate respiration as a passing criteria. This would involve deleting rule I C 2 and adding (under Competitive Rules) D 1 b 2 "Normal criteria for advancement are a pulse of 68 and respiration of 68. These criteria must be met at all regularly scheduled vet checks within 20 minutes." Also added (under Endurance Rules) Rule J Pulse and Respiration Criteria. "The normal criteria for advancement is a pulse of 68." See AERC rule 2.1.6.1. Subsequent rules to be renumbered. Motion carried. To be presented at general meeting.

✓ Sue moved, Beecher seconded, to change rule I D 10 to read "must be physically present at the start of the ride." Motion carried.

✓ Robin moved, Beecher seconded to change Rule 1 B 6 to read "member" instead of "rider." Motion carried.

Gene moved, Beecher seconded to send a resolution to AERC requesting that

a statement be added to Guideline 2 (which now reads "Adequate veterinary staff should be provided to take care of emergencies as well as to provide appropriate veterinary control to the ride.") The proposed statement would read "this would require two veterinarians, minimum, to be on staff." Motion carried.

Beecher moved, Gene seconded a resolution to AERC to establish a time limit for horses to pass the criteria for advancement. Motion carried. These resolutions will be written and presented to the AERC veterinary committee by Dr. Beecher.

Beecher moved, Robin seconded to approve the proposed tentative 1993 ride schedule, with the possible addition of a ride at Antigo, Wis.

Louise was asked to contact the following rides with reference to the possibility of putting on the Midwest region championship series ride: Grand Island, Wolverine, Hayward and White River.

Discussion followed as to the length of the awards presentation at the banquet, with the possibility of presenting only UMECRA awards. It was the consensus that AHRA and ApDRA awards should also be presented, but that the presentation should start during dinner.

Wayne Gastfield again generously donated \$100 to be applied to purchase of awards.

Robin moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

Louise Riedel, Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT
1992

	1992	1991
BALANCE 1/1/92	\$ 848.47	\$ 876.63
1992 INCOME		
Ride Sanctioning	1,910.00	1,700.00
Ride Fees	4,887.00	4,677.00
Memberships	4,705.00	4,525.00
1000 Mi. Nominations	705.00	590.00
Miscellaneous	61.60	35.00
Donations	190.00	200.00
Contribution--AHDRA	420.00	420.00
Refund--convention	356.25	----
Interest	----	20.11
Year's Income	13,234.85	12,167.11
TOTAL INCOME	14,083.32	13,043.74
EXPENSES		
Printing	3,132.41	2,642.84
Postage	996.23	774.83
Phone	467.77	462.73
Office Supplies	149.64	200.27
Convention Expense	275.00	583.61
Deposit, Interlaken Resort	----	500.00
1000 Mile Awards	807.00	----
Chevrons	----	1,557.50
General Awards	3,487.17	3,251.06
Newsletter	3,000.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	225.56	197.34
Year's Expenses	12,540.78	12,195.27
CASH ON HAND 12/31/92	1,542.54	848.47

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS FUND

Balance 1/1/92	\$2,207.63
INCOME - Sale of Merchandise	562.35
Donations	64.04
Interest	101.96
Year's Income	728.34
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,935.98
EXPENSES - Cost of Merchandise for Resale	1,000.00
BALANCE 1/9/93	\$1,935.98