

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 6, 1995

The Board of Directors met at the Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc WI, at 5:00 pm. Present were Art Priesz, Dr. R.A. Beecher, Louise Riedel, Rick Nelson, Becke Grams, Wayne Gastfield, Dianne Kuhn, Veterinary Representative Dr. Rae Birr, and Rider Representatives Ida Hendrickson and Lori Windows.

Dr. Beecher moved, Wayne seconded to dispense with reading of the minutes which had been circulated. Motion carried. Dr. Beecher moved, Wayne seconded to dispense with the treasurer's report which was circulated. Motion carried. (The report showed total revenues of \$17,358.85; expenses of \$14,101.44, leaving a balance of \$3,257.41.) Dr. Beecher moved, Wayne seconded to accept the Newsletter financial statement. Motion carried.

Methods of mailing the Newsletter were discussed. Elinore will investigate the possibility of having an agency doing the mailing with bar coding and with a lower postal rate.

Dr. Beecher moved, Ida seconded to approve the amended tentative ride schedule to be presented to the general meeting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards - All awards are completed and on hand for presentation

AERC - Policy of ride managers riding their own rides was reviewed. They may ride but for completion and mileage only. This proposal to be voted on at AERC convention.

The suggestion that extra points be awarded to horse-rider teams coming in early on competitive rides was discussed. One letter was read objecting to this concept. Becke moved, Dr. Beecher seconded to *change competitive scoring on a one-year trial basis, with trials to occur on one competitive ride in each state. Feedback and information from the trials will be collected by the Board for review. Feedback from riders will be encouraged as well. A review of that information and any proposal for permanent changes or further trials will be presented to the general meeting in 1996. The trials would be held at rides with more than one competitive ride and must be advertised.*

*Rides must use the 'window system' as follows: A rider may come in from 5 minutes before or up to 5 minutes after the exact scheduled time without losing points...however, one-half point per minute is lost for coming in for the first 25 minutes after the window, and one point per minute is lost for coming in for minutes 26-55 after the window, or for minutes 26-55 before the window. If a rider comes in during minutes 1 - 25 before the window, he will earn one-half point per minute. Therefore the maximum time **penalty** will be 42.5 penalty points and the maximum time **benefit** will be 12.5 points.* Motion carried. A list of rides where these trials could be held was suggested.

Dr. Birr read a letter she had written to veterinary schools with reference to assisting in a possible drug testing program. She had received favorable responses from Michigan State and Iowa State.

The need for new promotional material (for example a video) to replace the old slides was discussed. It was decided to view a video belonging to Anne Ness and to consider producing something for UMECRA that could be sold, rented, or lent for clinics etc. Becke offered to send copies of material used by GLDRA.

Art proposed a UMECRA Challenger Ride Series which would be held separately but in conjunction with existing open rides and would be open to any horse or rider who was in top 10, top 5 rookie or top 6 limited distance for the previous year, profits after expenses to go to UMECRA. It was pointed out there have been difficulties with this type of ride, for example IAHA

rides being held in conjunction with other rides. No action was taken.

Dianne moved, Wayne seconded that UMECRA purchase a FAX machine at a cost not to exceed \$500 with approval of executive officers. Motion carried.

Rick moved, Dr. Beecher seconded that we adopt AERC's new policy concerning ties on endurance rides (add together points that would accrue for tied placings and divide by the number of the ties). Motion carried.

The meeting for next year was discussed. Offers have been received to put on the convention at Rockford, IL, Wausau WI, and Rochester MN. This will be decided at the general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Louise Riedel, Secretary

GENERAL MEETING January 7, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Art Priesz at 1:00 p.m. He thanked Elinore Tonsor and Monna Radtke for the efficiently organized arrangements for the convention. He also thanked Ray Gehrig for organizing the demonstration of chiropractic, acupuncture and massage techniques held on Friday evening; Wes Elford for arranging for the speaker; Prue Critchley and Jan Halvorson for making some of the awards; Geri Wanner for ordering awards.

Roll call of rides resulted in 77 delegates eligible to vote plus 3 rider representatives.

Dr. Beecher moved, Dr. Birr seconded to dispense with reading of minutes. Motion carried. Dr. Beecher moved, Mary Mott seconded to approve the treasurer's report which was printed in the convention agenda. Motion carried. Art referred to the action taken at the Board meeting giving Louise permission to research the cost of installing a FAX machine, up to \$500 with the approval of the executive officers. Elinore moved, Dr. Beecher seconded to approve the Newsletter financial report. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AERC - Refer to Board Meeting. Louise also spoke about the North American Championship Ride to be held in Arizona on September 16. Nominations from the Central Time Zone are being accepted up to March 31. Funds from the UMECRA-FEI account which come from the silent auction can be used to help defray costs for UMECRA members of the team. The AERC National Championship Series will be continued in 1995 and 1996 at which time the awards system will be re-evaluated. The MW region ride will be held in conjunction with AHDRA III.

VET COMMITTEE - See Dr. Birr's report at board meeting. She also stated that the veterinarians present met at lunch today. They are hoping to attract more veterinarians to these meetings in the future. To that end they are considering securing a speaker who would qualify to entitle veterinarians to receive continuing education credits.

Dr. Birr answered questions concerning procedure for drug testing. No action is being considered at this time to implement a drug-testing policy in UMECRA.

Dr. Beecher moved, Mike Thomas seconded *to accept the proposed ride schedule for 1995.* Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Dianne moved, Dr. Beecher seconded to delete Rule I C 2 (Normal criteria for advancement are a pulse of 68 and a respiration of 68) from the General Rules, and insert same into Competitive Rules as Rule II D 2 b 1. The following rule will be inserted into Endurance Rules as Rule III and subsequent rules renumbered.

The normal criterion for advancement shall be a pulse of 68 to be met at all regularly scheduled vet checks within 20 minutes. Respiration shall be taken and recorded but shall not normally be used as a criterion for advancement; however the setting of veterinary parameters including but not limited to pulse and respiration shall be determined by the head veterinarian. Since the ambient conditions are of prime concern concerning the setting of parameters, these parameters should not be finalized more than 24 hours prior to ride start.
Motion carried.

Dr. Beecher moved, Wendy Thiede seconded that no individual can place more than one horse per limited distance top 6 division. Elinore Tonsor proposed a friendly amendment to read either lightweight or heavyweight in each division. This amendment was accepted by the original makers of the motion. The motion will read *No individual can place more than one horse either lightweight or heavyweight in each limited distance top 6 division.*
Motion carried 40-31.

NEW BUSINESS

Art reviewed Board discussion concerning promotional materials.

Dr. Beecher moved, Becke seconded to adopt the Board's proposal concerning penalty and plus points on competitive rides. See minutes of Board Meeting. Motion defeated.

Louise moved, Rick seconded to adopt the AERC rules on ties. See Board meeting minutes.
Motion carried.

Results of the election of rider representatives resulted in the following: Lori Windows, Grace Ramsey, Roberta Harms and Jan Halvorson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominated for President were Art Priesz and Rick Nelson. Art was elected.

Dr. Beecher was nominated for Vice-president. There being no further nominations, he was elected by acclamation.

Louise Riedel was nominated for Secretary-treasurer. There being no further nominations, she was elected by acclamation.

Nominated for Directors were Wayne Gastfield, Dale Lunde, Mary Mott, Lori Windows and Ken Kasinski. Dale Lunde and Mary Mott were elected for two-year terms.

Nominated for Veterinary Representative were Rae Birr and Wes Elford. Wes was elected.

CONVENTION SITE - Offers had been received from Wausau, Rochester, Rockford, and Oconomowoc. Rockford was chosen. Mike and Sandi Thomas will make arrangements. (Rochester alternate)

Meeting adjourned at 3:15

Louise Riedel, Secretary