

BOARD MEETING
November 18, 1995

The Board of Directors met at the home of Louise Riedel. The meeting was called to order by President Art Priesz at 1:00 p.m. Also present were Board members Dr. Beecher, Louise Riedel, Rick Nelson, Dale Lunde, Mary Mott, Dianne Kuhn and Becke Grams; also Rider Representatives Lori windows, Roberta Harms, Jan Halvorson and Grace Ramsey.

The first order of business was approval of the minutes of the meeting at the Wildcat Ride. Dr. Beecher moved, Becke Grams seconded that they be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$5797.59, which reflects a shortfall of \$1424.94 as compared to 1994 at this time. The largest discrepancy is in a decline in membership from 1994, which was a peak year. The cost of services to each membership (newsletter, ride book and directory) total \$12.22, a deficit of \$2.22 per individual member. Dr. Beecher moved to raise the dues to \$17.50 for individual and \$22.50 for family memberships with a late fee of \$5.00 for dues paid after February 1. Dianne seconded. Becke proposed a friendly amendment for the fees to be \$18.00 and \$23.00. The late renewal fee would not apply to new members. To be effective immediately. Friendly motion accepted by Dr. Beecher and Dianne. Motion carried unanimously. The rider representatives agreed with the motion.

Arrangements for **convention** on January 12 - 14 were discussed. Mike and Sandi Thomas have completed arrangements. Dr. Beecher moved that **in the future the convention account be closed within 30 days after the meeting, and the remaining money be deposited in the UMECRA account.** Becke seconded. Motion carried. **Proposals for hosting the 1997 conventions will be presented at the Board meeting January 12.**

Art reported on **Awards**. For top ten there will be a choice of quarter sheets, hay flake bags, paintings and the UMECRA jacket, which will require the winner to contribute \$10. Most choices have already been reported. Connie Priesz and Gerri Wanner have arranged for awards for the past several years and deserve a vote of thanks.

Louise reported for AERC that at the midyear meeting the following rule was passed: "Horses that have passed the post ride examination may not be pulled for veterinary reasons." This is in conflict with UMECRA rule III K 7, which states that in order to complete "Horses may not have required nor received medication for any metabolic reasons before leaving the grounds (to include colic, tying up, thumps, etc.)" Dianne moved that the following be presented to the general meeting **"that the AERC rule be adopted and that UMECRA Rule III K 7 be changed to coincide."** Becke seconded. Rick proposed a friendly amendment **to table this motion until the board meeting before convention.** The original motion makers accepted. Motion carried. Dr. Beecher pointed out that the horse needs to be observed more than the 2 or 3 minutes it takes to trot out sound and pass the pulse criteria. He wishes to include as part of the discussion that the horse should be seen at 1 hour.

OLD BUSINESS

The next order of business was a protest concerning scoring at a competitive ride where the vet card had been lost, resulting in an arbitrary placing of 5th. Dr. Beecher moved that the protestor be refunded his \$25, that the ride results be corrected to 2nd place, and that the rider be reprimanded. Motion defeated. It was pointed out that there was no actual rule broken by management, and the discrepancy in score had no effect on year-end standings. Rick move that the protestor be refunded his \$25 fee and that we acknowledge that the rider was indeed in second place, and will follow up with ride management. Dale seconded. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Lori reported having received a query from a rider concerning finishing criteria on competitive rides. The

rules state that the failure to meet pulse criteria only (30 minutes after finishing) results in disqualification. However, this rider pointed out that at the 10-minute check at the end, the rider must meet **both** pulse and respiration criteria, and if not, is subject to a 10-minute recheck, which results in a 30-point penalty, as at any other check. **The following will be added to Rule II, F 2 b "NOTE: Ride managers should remember to score the final 10-minute pulse/respiration check and recheck if appropriate."**

In response to a letter suggesting that horses be allowed to use "unnatural" water for sponging at checks during hot and humid weather, Dianne moved, Becke seconded to allow this. Motion withdrawn. Mary moved that **we state in the Guidelines in the Ride Managers' Manual and in the Newsletter that water can be made available equally to everyone at the discretion of ride management.** Grace seconded. Motion carried.

Also in the preceding letter the "Buddy" rule was questioned. Rule I D 8 now reads "Official competitors may not be accompanied by horses that have not entered the ride." Louise moved, Rick seconded to clarify the rule by adding "**or have been pulled from**" after the words "have not entered" and to add at the end the words "**on the trail or at checks**" Motion carried.

Another letter had been received concerning spot checks. The suggestions were reviewed. No action was taken. It was suggested that ride management announce if there is to be a spot check so riders can plan their time accordingly, (time or place not to be revealed). No action was taken.

Art proposed some changes in the way we sanction rides and assess fees. Dianne moved that **rides must announce mileages at least seven days prior to the annual meeting. If not they will receive last year's mileage.** Mary seconded. Motion carried. Dr. Beecher moved that Louise be **appointed sanctioning director to provide a schedule at the annual meeting, effective immediately.** Dale seconded. Motion carried. Dianne moved **to allow more that one 100-mile to be held on a given weekend if the distance between them is at least 500 miles.** Roberta seconded. Voting will be postponed until th board meeting preceding the annual meeting. Ride managers are invited to send written comments on this subject to Art.

Art also suggested that the fee schedule be revised with the \$40 basic fee reduced and with rides be **assessed extra** on the basis of how many divisions a ride has. No action was taken.

In regard to Dr. Beecher's letter in the November Newsletter concerning judging competitive horses, several proposals **to be presented to the annual meeting** were considered: (1) that we open the window so that riders who prefer to ride faster can come in early without penalty. (2) that spot checks be reduced to 2 - 3 minutes and regular checks to 5 minutes (3) that a Cardiac Recovery Index be used at the final check.

Dale moved that **we open the window by 35 minutes, with 30 minutes before the perfect time and 5 minutes after without penalty.** Rick seconded. Motion carried.

Dale moved to use a five-minute p/r hold at all competitive checks. Rick seconded. Motion carried.

Dianne moved that a Cardiac Recovery Index be used **2 - 5 minutes after the horse passes the final p/r check, with the rate going up 1 beat = 0 points off; 2 beats up = 5 points/beat off; 3 beats or more up = 10 points/beat off.** Mary seconded. Motion carried.

The proposed 1996 schedule was reviewed. No action was taken. A finalized schedule will be presented to the January board meeting and the general meeting.

Rick moved to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Mary seconded. Motion carried

Louise Riedel

FINANCIAL REPORT
1995

	1995	1994
BALANCE 1/1/95	3,257.41	3,239.85
1995 INCOME		
Ride Sanctioning	1,800.00	2,170.00
Ride Fees	4,440.00	4,667.00
Memberships	4,469.00	5,615.00
1000 Mile Nominations	795.00	675.00
Donation	100.00	100.00
Convention Income	-----	642.00
Sale of Patches	80.00	-----
Refunds, Awards	235.00	160.00
Additional Ride Sheets	100.00	-----
Protests	50.00	-----
Interest, 4 months	33.74	-----
Miscellaneous	106.50	90.00
YEAR'S INCOME	12,209.24	14,119.00
TOTAL INCOME	15,466.65	17,358.85
EXPENSES		
Printing	3,923.51	3,470.38
Directory	405.37	-----
Postage	1,057.89	1,060.38
Phone	628.50	369.02
Office Supplies	266.86	162.43
Fax Machine	317.19	-----
Convention Expense	195.60	600.00
General Awards	3,602.84	3,933.59
1000 Mile Awards	927.00	-----
Patches	130.00	-----
Chevrons	-----	818.00
Newsletter	2,500.00	3,533.45
Miscellaneous	116.45	154.19
YEAR'S EXPENSES	14,071.21	14,101.44
CASH ON HAND	1,395.44	3,257.41
Plus funds in 1994 convention account	200.00	

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS FUND

BALANCE 1/11/95	5,809.25
INCOME - Raffle	5,308.00
Interest	<u>273.59</u>
TOTAL INCOME	11,390.84
EXPENSES (Grants to 3 NA Champ. riders)	2,100.00
BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/95	9,290.84