

MINUTES

The Board of Directors and Rider Representatives met at 5:30 p.m., July 27, at the Wildcat Ride site. Present were Ray Gehrig, Louise Riedel, Mary Mott, Dianne Kuhn, Monna Radtke, Vet Representative Wes Elford, and Rider Representatives Lori Windows, Roberta Harms and Grace Ramsey.

Louise reported membership at 395 as compared to 374 in 1995. (This does not reflect total individual members, but families as one unit). The bank balance as of this date is \$5848.20. She also reported on numbers of entries on limited distance rides--31 UMECRA members have participated in 8 rides.

The following items which were discussed at the February 11 board meeting were reviewed:

Amendments to By-Laws to clarify eligibility for election as officers and directors, and the possibility of appointing rather than electing the position of secretary/treasurer.

Video Tape: Rick Halvorson is filming rides and Lori Windows is working on a script

Zone Representation: It was suggested that each state with more than 5 rides elect a director from that state, and that there be a director-at-large.

5-Minute p/r's. This has been done at two rides. Dianne had offered to compile this information, but has not yet received the information.

Mentor Program. Ray reported having organized a program at his ride. Otherwise it has been done informally as in the past.

Horse Fairs. The benefits of having UMECRA coverage at horse fairs were discussed. There was representation at the Minnesota and Iowa fairs, and in Wisconsin in the past. It is difficult to get personnel to man these events, and the costs are high.

The meeting was suspended for dinner and reconvened afterwards. Art Priesz was also present at this time.

Art presented a set of proposed amendments to the by-laws to be recommended to the general meeting by the Board. They cover the eligibility for election as officers and directors, the position of secretary/treasurer, zone representation, and a policy to cover "grievances" in the same manner as protests, and are attached to these minutes. They will be studied further and will be published for consideration by the membership.

It was decided that the Board will meet at the Point Chaser Ride, October 19.

Louise Riedel, Secretary