BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 18, 1997

The Board of Directors met at 7:00 a.m. at the Apache Motel, Rochester, Minnesota, with Ray Gehrig presiding. Also present were Directors R.A. Beecher, Louise Riedel, Dianne Kuhn, Mary Mott, Monna Radtke, Art Priesz, Dale Lunde, veterinary delegate Wes Elford, and rider representatives Roberta Harms, Grace Ramsey, Lori Windows, Connie Gray. representative, The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Dianne read the results of the survey that had been distributed as members signed in. Results of the survey that had been mailed were reviewed. Copy attached. Louise Riedel referred the board to a copy of correspondence that had been received from Vi Bredl and Larry and Jean Miller.

Mary Mott moved ***to establish a centralized location for the convention, beginning in 1999.*** Monna Radtke seconded. Motion carried. Dianne Kuhn moved that the location ***be in a corridor between Wisconsin Dells and Rockford, Illinois.*** Monna seconded. Motion carried.

Ray Gehrig explained the principles of the scholarship fund that he and Audrey have established. He proposes to turn this fund over to UMECRA next year if the organization wishes it. Louise Riedel moved, Mary Mott seconded***to go on record as being in favor of the scholarship fund as envisioned by Ray and Audrey Gehrig.*** Motion carried.

The methods of disbursement of funds from the silent auction were recommended as follows:

Wes moved ***to maintain a blance of $9,000 in the FEI fund.*** Monna Radtke seconded. Motion carried.

Art Priesz moved that ***a percentage of the money raised be designated for specific projects for trails.*** Bob Beecher seconded. Motion carried.

Art Priesz moved, Dianne Kuhn seconded that ***a percentage of the money be designated to the scholarship fund.*** Motion carried.

Dianne Kuhn moved, Dale Lunde seconded that ***a percentage of the money be designated to an office contingency fund to be capped at $2500.*** Motion carried.

Bob Beecher moved, Wes Elford seconded ***that the receipts from the silent auction be allocated as follows:***

The first portion to maintain the ICF fund at $9,000.
The next $500 to be allocated to the Scholarship fund
The next $500 to be allocated to the Trails Fund
The balance to be allocated to the Office-Contingency Fund up to a cap of $2500
The remaining funds (after the $2500 cap on the office-contingency fund is reached) to be split between the Scholarship and Trails Funds

Motion carried. A new bank account will be opened for the trails-contingency fund (savings or money market)

Bob Beecher moved, Wes Elford seconded that ***the silent auction and trade show be held every year.*** Motion carried 8-1. A committee will be appointed for the silent auction.

Dianne reported on a computer analysis of the 5-minute p/r study. Action has already been taken not to implement this plan. This committee (Chuck Gray, chairman) will remain intact to further study the score sheet.

Wes discussed the subject of fees for convention speakers. It was suggested that the convention fee be increasesd to $10 to cover this and other convention expenses. This will be added to the agenda for the next board meeting.

A letter was presented to the Board from Mike Thomas concerning our rules in relationship with AERC rules. This will be added to the agenda for the next board meeting.

Louise asked the Board's permission to circulate a straw ballot concerning the issue of cash awards at endurance rides. It was decided that Bob and Art would present the positive and negative aspects at the close of the general meeting and the ballot would then be distributed.

The meeting adjourned.

Louise Riedel, Secretary

GENERAL MEETING
January 18, 1997

The general meeting was called to order by the President, Ray Gehrig, at 1:00 p.m. at the Apache Motel in Rochester. The following rides responded to roll call: AHDRA I, White River Spring, Summer, Labor Day and Fall, Maplewood East, Little Manistee, DRAW, Glacier Trails, Grand Island, Dead Dog Creek, AHDRA III, ApDRA, SE Minnesota, Southern I and II, AHAM, Kettle Classic, Copper Country, Animal Rescue, Wolverine, MnDRA I, Prairie River, Tin Cup Springs, Diamond Lil, Northern Highland, Charity Cup, Northern Illinois Challenge, Bear River, Mt Valhalla, KM Colorama, Hopkins Creek, One More Ride, Point Chaser.

Art Priesz moved, Bob Beecher seconded to approve the minutes of the last general meeting as published in the Newsletter. Motion carried. Bob Beecher moved, Art Priesz seconded to approve the financial report as circulated. Motion carried. Bob moved, Art seconded to approve the Newsletter Report as circulated. Motion carried. Ray thanked the individuals who had contributed to the success of the convention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

AERC Jan Worthington reported that the AERC regional awards will be given following our banquet.

INTERNATIONAL Grace Ramsey reported that nominations are open for the North American Championship to be held in Bend, Oregon, September 13. It will be expanded to be the Pan American games, with countries coming from Central and South America. Carol Patterson is the selection chairman for the Central Time Zone.

1998 CONVENTION Cynthia Worthington reported that it will be held the first weekend of January at the Radisson Hotel in Maryville Indiana. Everyone was urged to take videos of rides this season so they can be shown at the convention.

Louise Riedel moved, Chuck Gray seconded to approve the 1997 schedule with the addition of the MnDRA I Ride, which had been omitted from the list. Motion carried

Actions taken by the Board that do not require general membership approval:

Addition of rule concerning Juniors to agree with AERC. (Juniors in last place who lose their sponsors may be accompanied by an unentered rider.)

Set a maximum carryover balance of $250 in the convention account with funds over that transferred to the UMECRA general account

If boots, bandages or wraps are used the horse shall be penalized 5 points per leg **per day.** A space for "Use of Boots" will be added to the score sheet.

Delete the $5.00 late membership fee.

Ties: Points for ties in endurance rides to be handled same as competitive: Tying horses both receive full points for that place and the next place is skipped.

Beginning in 1998 the names of ~~alternate~~ official delegates shall be submitted in writing to the secretary prior to the meeting. A cutoff time will be established at the next Board meeting.

Names of first across the line and best condition will be printed in Newsletter

Considered a request that holds on competitive rides be extended to 40 minutes. This will be added as an option in the Ride Managers Manual

Motions either defeated by the Board or failed because of lack of a second

5-minute p/r checks. The committee considering this action will remain in place with Chuck Gray as chairman.

Rides ridden outside of UMECRA be counted toward the 1000-mile award

Do away with weight divisions and use top ten only

Use a 2-minute penalty for endurance horses that are presented before reaching parameters (instead of present 10 minutes)

Rider representatives be elected on a geographic basis.

ACTION BY BOARD AT THIS MORNING'S MEETING

Based on the results of the membership survey the Board voted that future conventions be held at a centralized location in a corridor between Wisconsin Dells and Rockford. Chuck Gray offered to host the 1999 convention. Mike Thomas suggested that an east-west limit should also be established, for instance within a certain number of miles of Interstate 90-94.

The Board voted to go on record as being in favor the the scholarship fund proposed by Ray and Audrey Gehrig. The Board voted to have a trade show and silent auction every year.

NEW BUSINESS

Dianne Kuhn moved, Chuck Gray seconded **to add limited distance rides to the UMECRA program.** Motion carried

PROPOSED BY LAW CHANGES **(must carry by a 2/3 majority)**

Change 1: Bob Beecher moved, Chuck Gray seconded that the address of the registered office of the corporation in Section I be changed to read ***7761 Highway 25 S.W. in the City of Montrose, County of Wright, State of Minnesota, 55363 .*** Motion carried.

Change 2: The proposed change reads: "Official delegates shall be composed of the two actual ride managers designated for each ride in a preceding year, together with the four rider representative delegates elected by the general membership." Mike Thomas questioned what would happen in the case of a ride that only had one official manager. Louise moved, Chuck seconded to propose that only one ride manager would be designated for each ride. Jim Koehn pointed out that this would cut down the pool from which to elect possible directors and officers. The motion and second were withdrawn. Fred Kuhn moved to leave it as it is. Grace Ramsey seconded. This motion and second were also withdrawn. Therefore the By-laws stand as written.

Change 3: Art Priesz moved, Bob Breecher seconded to accept this change ***which provides for a director to be elected from each of the four states, each elected to a two-year term. Presently Dianne Kuhn, representing Minnesota, and Monna Radtke representing Wisconsin, are beginning the second year of a two-year term, which would result in***

our electing regional directors from Illinois and Michigan. If at any time state hosts a minimum of five rides and has 25 UMECRA members, that state shall be eligible for a director. One director at large will be elected this year for two years and one next year for two years. Motion carried.

Rick Nelson moved, Deb Bosma seconded that the directors be nominated and elected by <u>that state's delegates.</u> Mike Thomas proposed a friendly amendment that the delegates shall vote from the state where their ride is held rather than their place of residence. The maker and seconder of the original motion accepted the friendly amendment. The motion was defeated.

Mary Mott moved, Monna Radtke seconded ***to nominate and elect the geographic directors by the voting delegates <u>at large.</u>*** Elinore Tonsor proposed a friendly amendment that ***the geographic directors be <u>nominated</u> by their state and <u>elected by the voting delegates at large</u> at the general meeting.*** The maker and seconder of the motion agreed to the friendly amendment. Motion carried.

Change 4. Wes Elford moved, Chuck Gray seconded that ***an Executive committee of the Board (made up of its President, Vice President, Secretary/treasurer and immediate past president) will nominate a proposed a volunteer Newsletter Editor for a two-year term commencing in 1997, subject to vote by a majority of the Board. The Newsletter editor shall be invited to attend all Board or Committee meetings, and shall enjoy the same rights and privileges at such meetings as a rider Reprsentative.*** This nomination will be made at the spring Board meeting. Motion carried.

Change 5. Art Priesz moved, Bob Beecher seconded to add the following to Article IV, Section I. The Board of Directors shall have the power. . .to ***investigate and confront management, veterinarians, participants or attendees whose acts or failures to act are contrary to the spirit and responsibilities of particpation or attendance in this sport (in the same manner and procedures as with protests).*** Motion carried.

Art Priesz moved, Chuck Gray moved to ***distribute the proceeds of the silent auction in the manner as described in the minutes of the Board meeting as set forth above.*** Motion carried.

Rider representatives elected for 1997 were announced and seated. They are Connie Gray, Roberta Harms, Lori Windows and Guy Worthington.

The election of officers was conducted by Art Priesz. Nominated for president was Ray Gehrig. There being no further nominations, he was elected by acclamation. Nominated for vice-president were Mary Mott and Bob Beecher. Mary was elected. Nominated for Secretary/treasurer were Louise Riedel and Jan Worthington, who declined. There being no further nominations Louise was elected by acclamation. Nominated for the director from Michigan were Wayne Gastfield and Becke Grams. Wayne was elected. Nominated for the director from Illinois were Linda Mowrer, Bob Beecher and Rick Nelson, Bob Beecher was elected. Nominated for Director at large were Dawn Haas, Rick Nelson and Linda Mowrer. Rick was elected. Nominated for Veterinary representative was Wes Elford. There being no further nominations, he was elected by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Louise Riedel, Secretary