BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 1, 1997

The Board of Directors met at the home of Ray Gehrig, Janesville WI. Also present were Art Priesz, Dianne Kuhn, Wayne Gastfield, Mary Mott, Rick Nelson, Louise Riedel and Rider Representative Guy Worthington.

Pete Wanner, a representative of the Wisconsin Community Foundation, which will administer the scholarship fund, explained its options. She will draw up criteria based upon our discussion. The criteria will be announced in the Newsletter. Applications are to be made by September and the first award given at the banquet for the second semester of the 1998 school season. Ray and Audrey will retain control of the fund for the first year after which it will be turned over to a UMECRA committee.

Art moved, Mary seconded to approve the minutes of the last two meetings. The financial report showed a balance of $5,999 in the general fund, $500 in the trails fund, $1826 in the office contingency fund and $9000 in the ICF fund. Wayne moved, Mary seconded to approve the financial report.

Louise presented a proposed budget (see below). Dianne moved, Rick seconded to increase the amount proposed for awards from $4000 to $5000. Art proposed a friendly amendment to increase awards to $6000. Dianne and Rick accepted the friendly amendment. The motion as amended carried.

1997 INCOME

Ride Sanctioning	1,900.00
Ride Fees	4,500.00
Memberships	7,500.00
1000 Mile Nominations	750.00
Donation	100.00
Convention Income	500.00
Additional ride sheets	120.00
Interest	75.00
Sale of Ads	350.00
Profit of sale of clothing	70.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
Year's income	15,890,00
Balance 1/1/97	2,228.00
Total Income	18,118.00

1997 EXPENSES

Printing	4,000.00
Directory	500.00
Postage	1,000.00
Phone	700.00
Office Supplies	250.00
Awards	6,000.00
Newsletter	4,000.00
State Trail Orgs	110.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Year's Expenses	16,760.00

Projected balance - 1,358.00

CONVENTION. The convention will be held January 8, 9 at the Radisson Hotel, Maryville IN, with Becke Grams and Cynthia Worthington in charge of arrangements. ***Art moved that a flat fee of $42.50 be assessed for convention registration to include everything. Exception: there will be a $5.00 registration fee for juniors 16 and under who do not attend the banquet.*** Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Art moved, Wayne seconded to ***pay no more than $150 for the pre-booking fee for the entertainment.*** Motion carried.

Art moved, Rick seconded ***to pay stipends and expenses for speakers as suggested by convention chairmen.*** Motion carried.

COMMITTEES

Ray appointed Dianne to chair a committee to draw up guidelines for convention management and budgeting and to formulate a list of possible speakers. She will appoint committee members.

Trail - Art volunteered to chair the Trails Committee, to include Mary, Guy, Ed Hauser.

Video - Rick Halvorson has put together a video. It will go to Lori Windows to have sound added.

Silent Auction - Guy will recruit help for the silent auction and will check with Elinore.

ICF Fund - Art moved that ***we putlish the criteria for receipt of ICF Funds, and the name of the chairman and committee members of the ICF fund in the Newsletter.*** Ray appointed Elinore as chairman.

NEWSLETTER - Ray appointed Elinore as Newsletter editor for a two year term--approved by executive committee. Art moved, Mary seconded that ***beginning in 1999 a statement of interest shall be submitted by anyone interested in being the Newsletter editor. New applicants shall submit a bid for expenses, number of Newsletters, and content. This will be subject to review by the executive committee, which will make a recommendation to the Board.*** Motion carried. Dates of Newsletter delivery to the printer will be March 7, June 1, August 1, September 1, October 1, November 15, December 15. Art moved, Wayne seconded ***to accept this schedule.*** Motion carried with one opposed.

Louise reported on the AERC convention, especially as to Cash Awards. Dianne attended the Limited Distance committee meeting. Action on both of these matters will be postponed until the midyear board meeting.

Art moved that ***the following statement be mailed to ride managers immediately after the fall Board meeting, with response to be received by the secretary by mail or FAX to be postmarked by December 15. There will be no exceptions for illness, weather, or other reasons.*** <u>Article VII, Section 4. "Two delegates shall be chosen by each ride . . . and shall be considered and accredited as delegates at any meeting of the members of this corporation."</u> and from minutes of November 1997 Board meeting <u>Beginning in 1998 the names of official delegates shall be submitted in writing to the secretary."</u> This notice will also appear in the Newsletter. Motion carried with one objection.

The date of the fall board meeting was set as Novembeer 29 in Dubuque IA.

Louise announced that Faye Nelson is designing a new brochure. She will hand out UMECRA publicity at the Wisconsin horse fair. Wayne moved, Mary seconded ***to donate $50 to be used for UMECRA publicity at the Minnesota Horse Fair if plans are made to participate.*** Motion carried.

Art moved to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Louise Riedel, Secretary