BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2002
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

The UMECRA Board of Directors met at 7:00 a.m. at the Howard Johnson Inn, Wisconsin Dells. Present were Mary Mott, Rick Nelson, Louise Riedel, Dianne Kuhn, Dale Lunde, Wayne Gastfield, Bob Beecher, Wes Elford, Elinore Tonsor, Linda Mowrer, Roberta Harms, Bonnie Mielke and Lori Windows.

Louise presented the 2001 financial report showing a balance in the General Fund of $7,165.25; in the Trails Fund of $3,642.63 and the ICF Fund closed. (She explained that this fund was closed due to not a sufficient balance remaining, $3200 having been disbursed to the Pan American Ride participants.) She stated that total income was off from the previous year, especially in the area of membership. Ride income was off approximately 18% for competitive rides and 19% for endurance rides. Rick moved to accept the finance report. Bob seconded. Motion carried.

The 2002 schedule was presented. Louise explained the difficulty in maintaining past years' schedules. It was suggested that if a ride is unable to host the event the current year they can pay the sanctioning fee to reserve their date. Rick moved that we allow a ride to hold their date by paying their fee for one year.Bob seconded. Carried unanimously. Bob moved to accept the ride schedule. Wayne seconded. Motion carried.

Rick moved, Roberta seconded to petition the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin to remove the criteria of "youth" from the scholarship requirements. (per Schedule B, dated 8/20/96) Motion carried 12 - 1. Subsequent investigation revealed that a revision of "Schedule B" dated 10/13/98 eliminated the word "youth" from the criteria, and the statement was made that "Non-traditional students, not only those matriculating directly from high school through college are eligible to apply." The motion therefore is void.

Wes presented a revised version of the competitive score sheet. It was suggested to add a space for" Drive." Bob moved to include the statement "Lame horses shall not start." Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Bob moved that post ride observations be compared to pre-ride observations. Rick seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Dianne moved to present to the general meeting a change in the by-laws requiring a 2/3 majority "Add the following paragraph 'Each year four rider representatives will be elected by the membership for one-year terms. They will having voting rights and any other privileges pertaining to Board membership'." Roberta seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dianne moved that rider representatives be nominated by regions for 2-year alternating terms. Bob seconded. Motion defeated 8 - 3 with one abstention.

A count of ballots disclosed the following newly elected rider representatives: Roberta Harms, Lori Windows, Bonnie Mielke, and Dale Lunde.

Mary announced that Jill Feller had offered to chair the convention for 2003 on January 10, 11, 12 at the Holiday Inn East in Madison. Susan Garlinghouse will be the speaker. Elinore offered to investigate the possibilities of the Casino at Wisconsin Dells for 2004 , and Dianne offered for 2005.The meeting adjourned.

GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2002
HOWARD JOHNSON INN, WISCONSIN DELLS, WISCONSIN

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Mott at 1:00 p.m. Roll call resulted in 72 ride votes plus 13 Board members. The President welcomed back the four previous rider representatives based on votes counted this morning: Roberta Harms, Lori Windows, Bonnie Mielke, and Dale Lunde.

Peggy Brush moved, Mikki Erdman seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the Newsletter. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was presented. Louise discussed the decline in income as compared with 2000. (See report of Board Meeting) Chuck Gray moved to accept the report. Tony Troyer seconded. Motion carried.

Art Priesz reported on AERC International regarding the selection process for the World Championship ride in Spain in September. The two closest selection trial rides are Ft Howes, Montana; and Grand Island, Michigan. Materials for nomination must be subitted by March 15.

Louise reported on AERC concerning the national convention the first of March. Board meetings will take place on Thursday and Sunday and general meetings and other activities on Friday and Saturday . Ride managers are requested have their sanctionng forms in to Louise 120 days pre-ride--she is at least ezxpected to have the forms to the AERC .ice 90 days pre-ride. If it is a 2-day event 2 sanctioning forms must be filled out.

Ed Hauser explained the situation in Minnesota where the budget system has resulted in no rides being allowed before May 31 and after September 31 affecting the rides at the St. Croix park. Ed has been attempting to work with this park, but with no success. Any results must be achieved through the legislature.

June Schuenemann moved, JoAnne Gernant seconded to accept the proposed schedule with changes. Motion carried.

The President reviewed actions taken at the morning's Board meeting.

1. Rick moved that we allow a ride to hold their date by paying their fee for one year. Bob seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. Protest procedure. A protest person, to be the vice president of UMECRA, will form his own committee . He will analyze the situation at his discretion and come to a conclusion.

3. Rick moved, Roberta seconded to petition the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin to remove the criteria of "youth" from the scholarship requirements. (per Schedule B, dated 8/20/96) Motion carried 12 - 1. Subsequent investigation revealed that a revision of "Schedule B" dated 10/13/98 eliminated the word "youth" from the criteria, and the statement was made that "Non-traditional students, not only those matriculating directly from high school through college are eligible to apply." The motion therefore is void.

NEW BUSINESS:

The proposed new competitive score sheet was circulated. Wes Elford, who along with Chuck Melcher and Dale Lunde worked on it, explained it. A statement will be added beneath the drawing of the horse to the effect that "horses grade 2 or worse shall not start." A statement will also be added to the effect that "post- ride observations are compared to pre-ride observations." Dianne Kuhn moved, Chuck seconded to accept the new form . Motion carried.

Dale Lunde proposed that we change our system of averaging endurance ride ties to the system used by AERC whereby the scores of those tying are added and divided by the number of riders tying. Katie Ruckel moved to accept this concept. Tony Troyer seconded. Motion carried.

BY-LAW CHANGES REQUIRING 2/3 MAJORITY OF VOTERS: Jean Miller moved to "Add the following paragraph 'Article III, Section I. Each year four rider representatives will be elected by the membership for one-year terms. They will have voting rights and any other privileges pertaining to Board membership'." Sheryl Levin seconded. Motion carried.

Hugo Hartman moved to change Article I Section I to read "The Registered office of the Corporation sall be c/o Arthur W. Priesz, Jr., Attorney at Law, 135 Eighth Avenue, in the City of Granite Falls, County of Yellow Medicine, State of Minnesota, and the Corporation shall have others at such places as the Board of Dirctors may from time to time determine. Kim seconded. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Joanne nominated Mary Mott for President. Joanne moved to close nominations, June seconded. Elected unanimously. Peggy Brush nominated Mike Bernsdorf for Vice President. Kim seconded. Wayne Gastfield nominated Rick Nelson for Vice President. Chuck Gray seconded. Tony moved to close nominations. Rick was elected.

While ballots were being counted Mary referred to a letter received by all the Board members requesting that voting privileges be granted to the general membership. She explained that UMECRA was founded as a ride manager's organization; therefore ride managers or persons who represent the rides as delegates have the vote, in addition to the four elected ride representatives. If the membership feels this system should be changed to a general vote the rider reps should be contacted.

Regarding the Hall of Fame Award which was established last year, anyone who has a candidate in mind for this honor should write a letter of nomination to the Board . Such letter must be sent before October 1.

Mary offered the name of Louise Riedel for Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation. Joe Mattingley seconded. Hugo Hartman moved to close. Motion carried.

Dale Lunde nominated Dianne Kuhn for Minnesota representative Sam moved to close nominations. Darlene seconded. Motion unanimous for Dianne.

Monna Radtke nominated Elinore Tonsor for Wisconsin Representative Jill Feller nominated Dawn Haas for Wisconsin Representative.. June moved to close nominations. Peggy seconded. Dawn Haas was elected.

Jill Feller will be chairman of the 2003 convention at the Holiday Inn East, Madison WI, on Jan 10,11,12. Susan Garlinghouse will be the speaker. Elinore is investigating the Casino at Wisconsin Dells for 2004 and Dianne has offered for 2005.

Rick Nelson nominated Joyce Mocilan for Director at Large. Larry Lunde nominated Darlene Molitor. Dianne nominated Elinore Tonsor. June moved and Bonnie seconded to close nominations. Motion carried. Joyce Mocilan was elected.

Peggy Brush nominated Wes Elford for veterinary representative. Bob Beechermoved to close nominations. Sheryl Levin seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfiully submitted

Louise Riedel