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Agenda items for Annual Meeting
January 15, 2011
Rochester, MN

Meeting called to order by President Rick Nelson.

Roll call taken by Jill Feller by each ride. There are 74 votes total for the meeting; 70 delegates, 3 rider reps, 1 vet representative.

Secretary's report: minutes were on website for review and in newsletters. Jill communicated the change in the minutes from the fall BOD meeting (See the BOD morning minutes for this change). Peggy Pasillas made motion to accept the minutes, Tony Troyer seconded the motion; motion passed.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report was provided as a Balance sheet dated 12/31/10 and 1/8/11 and a Profit & Loss Summary report. Jill Feller told the attending members that if anyone wanted the detail P&L report to contact her and she will send it out to him/her. The detailed report is a too large of a report to provide hard copies at this meeting. Tony Troyer made a motion to accept the report as given, seconded by Holly Egerer; motion passed.

- *Note: A financial audit was conducted on January 14th by Rick Nelson, Wayne Gastfield and Linda Mower. The audit concluded that all finances are in order with UMECRA treasurer.*

Agenda items:

- Items brought forward from fall and morning BOD meetings:
  - Under General Rules: Management Requirements:
    - Ride Managers must respond by November 30th as to the date(s) of their ride for the following year. If possible, the ride manager should respond by the time of the Fall Board of Directors meeting so that an initial ride calendar can be presented at that meeting. If no response has been received by the fall meeting, the Sanctioning Coordinator must make at least two attempts to contact the ride manager for the information. If no reply has been received by November 30th from the ride manager, then the board can choose to take the ride off of the calendar and may replace it with another ride.

- Motion made on the above addition to the General Rules by Theresa Meyer, seconded by Barry Saylor. Discussion was held:
    - Should we put a $50 fine on RM's that do not reply by November 30 with their sanctioning requests? There was no friendly amendment requested on this topic.
    - A friendly amendment was requested by Katie Bachhuber. Her request was to change the last line of the proposed rule to say: *If no reply has been received by November 30th, the board **will** take the ride off of the calendar and allow another ride to take that date.* The friendly amendment was accepted by Theresa Meyer but denied by Barry Saylor. Rule passed as it was presented by 65/9 vote.

- Ride reporting rule.
    - 5. REPORTING
        - A. UMECRA ride results, "per rider" reporting fees, and insurance fees must be sent to the secretary postmarked within 14 days, with a penalty of $50 for non-compliance and denial of re-sanctioning the following year if the penalty is not paid. <u>The UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer shall report to the UMECRA Board on rides with outstanding bills 21 days past the ride date.</u> <u>If results, ride fees, and/or insurance payments are not received within 30 days of the ride date, sanctioning for future rides, including rides in the same year may be forfeited, as determined by the UMECRA Board.</u> *In addition eligibility to vote as a ride representative (as ride manager and for all ride delegates) may be forfeited for board meetings and the annual membership meeting for the twelve month period commencing on the last day of the ride.* ***The italicized part of this change was the friendly amendment described below.***
        - Theresa Meyer motioned to approve the above change without the italicized portion; Tony Troyer seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

- Ride managers were given a communication in spring that said the ride results need to be sent in electronically and not all RM's can or will do this. There was an additional letter sent to RM's stating that hard copy results can be submitted.
- A delegate suggested that both dates in the proposal should be the same day either 21 or 30 days. The 21 days is just a head's up so the board is aware of an issue while the 30 days is more of a final date when action is taken.
- Chris Power suggested an amendment added to the above proposal; ***in addition, eligibility to vote as a ride representative (as RM and for all ride delegates) may be forfeited for board meetings and the annual membership meeting for the twelve month period commencing on the last day of the ride.***
- Theresa and Tony both approved the amendment.
  - The amendment passed by a vote of 37/27
  - The proposed change passed by a vote of 63/1

- **By-law changes:**
  - Change to Secretary/treasurer position (see the morning BOD minutes for the wording of this by-law change). Theresa Meyer made the motion, seconded by Tony Troyer. Reason for change to the bylaw is that the position requires someone who is qualified; not everyone can do it. The position can be time consuming and if we have a qualified person who is not a RM for a year, he/she would then not be qualified to keep the position. This may not be in the best interest of the organization.
    - We did vote on this issue two-years ago and it did not pass. The current Secretary/Treasurer has been a RM every year since she has been in the position. Art Priesz, our attorney who consults with UMECRA, has reviewed the wording of this bylaw change.
    - One delegate mentioned that there is some confusion as to if UMECRA is a RM organization or a riders organization.
      - This topic has been discussed before; we need to go back on track with the current discussion and topic; a discussion of RM or rider organization can be conducted at a later time if it is needed.
      - Tony Troyer called the question; Tim Casserly seconded; vote was taken.
        - Vote was 54/17; since this is a by-law change, 50 votes (2/3 of 74 votes) is needed to make a change. Motion passed.

- After Louise was no longer in her position with UMECRA, the multiple jobs she did were split up. To prevent the positions of Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Sanctioning Coordinator and Pointskeeper from all being appointed in the same year, Theresa proposed a motion, seconded by Linda Mower to change this to the following: the SC, NL editor will be appointed in 2012; in 2013 the Webmaster and Pointskeeper will be appointed for a two year term.
    - Motion passed with 68 votes.

- **Other changes:**
    - Restricted mileage award for Limited Distance (brought forward from fall BOD meeting)
        - Motion made by Joslyn Seefeldt to offer Restricted Mileage for LD with the same mileage as competitive (195 miles), seconded by Linda M. Motion passed. 8 passed; 3 opposed.
            - LD is here to stay and the LD riders are a large group with the least amount of awards; a short discussion followed.
            - The qualifications for the LD restricted mileage would be the same as the Competitive rules.
            - Motion passed.
- **Rules clarifications (see the morning BOD minutes for these rules in more detail)**
        - Brought forward from the morning meeting for clarification. The shorter rides in Novice and Driving- need to clarify that these rides only need one check. This is just a clarification of rule.
        - 55 minute rule for competitive. This is a current rule; nothing is changing. Point of clarification only. Novice and drivers have the full 55 minutes past the ride finish time before being disqualified.
        - Some riders say that 'some rides do not follow the rules'. We have a rule that states***: A ride committee may make variations to rules if changes are approved by the UMECRA BOD. Any deviation from UMECRA rules shall be advertised and approved manner and posted at the ride secretary's table.*** UMECRA already has this rule.
        - **AERC rule 6.2.1 rule:** states that RM's must post the change within a 12-hour period of the ride so all riders are aware of the change.
- **Sanctioning changes**
    - Calendar issues
        - Two ways of putting rides on a calendar- a specific weekend each year or it is on a holiday. There are different rules that have been

in effect during the past years. Some rides are too close based on our current rules. The proposal would be to accept the ride schedule as is presented in 2011 and then re-evaluate the schedule based on the current rules. The oldest rides would have precedence for the weekend if two rides don't meet the current rules and the RM's would need to discuss moving a ride date.
    - The other option would be to deal with this each year the way it has been done. No motion or action was made on this subject.

- **2011 Ride Calendar**
    - Discussion of changes for 2011
        - See Appendix A in the morning BOD meeting minutes on these changes
    - Ride Managers comments
        - Mona would like it in writing that MNDRA 1 would be a one-year change only to Mother's Day weekend. Theresa Meyer, RM of MNDRA I, said that as long as she is the RM of that ride, she has no plans to move to Mother's Day weekend; however, since she cannot get into the park until May 1st and the first full weekend in May is Mothers' Day weekend in the future, this same situation will surface. (MNDRA I cannot be held on April 30 and May 1st weekend because the park does not open until May 1st. MNDRA I will need to move to Mother's Day weekend in 2011, but back to the first weekend in May in 2012).
        - Dennis Byard does not want Dead Dog Creek on same weekend, but it is over 500 miles away so it meets our criteria. Linda Mower stated that she has only had two MI rider ever at her ride.
        - Tony Troyer made a motion to accept the 2011 ride schedule; seconded by Barry Saylor; motion approved 67/1.
- **Other items**
    - AERC North America Team Challenge- Dr Wes gave an update on the AERC International committee. North American Team Challenge is a FEI ride of high caliber. It is in Sept 23 in CA. There are some paperwork items that need to be done if you are planning on going. You will need to record batch numbers of spring vaccinations and record any swirls on your horse along with other items.
    - There will be four teams from each zone and 4-6 horses/team. You can also ride without being on a team. There is no financial backing from USEF due to the large amount of horses anticipated.

        - More information on this ride will be posted in the NL and/or on the UMECRA website for those that are interested and are planning to attend and compete.
- **Insurance update for 2011 rides**
        - Anticipated to be the same as last year (see minutes from morning meeting). *Since the annual meeting, the insurance costs for 2011 have been received; there is no increase in costs. Ride insurance is $45/day (UMECRA will pay ½ of this cost for each ride with the insurance) and additional insured will remain at $20/day. The additional insured costs will be paid 100% by the rides.*
- **Committee updates:**
    - **Membership** –
        - Marty Power would like to thank the committee that assisted in the membership. We are not continuing the "Ask Me About Distance Riding" campaign in 2011. The new rider's handbook that was created by Angie Mikkelson is a great help to new riders. It is expensive to print so new members are sent the link to download it if they want a hard copy.
    - **Mentorship program**-
        - The committee has asked for members to be mentors but have not gotten enough people to help with this initiative. There is a signup sheet on each table at the meeting for members to sign up if interested in being a mentor.
    - **Novice**
        - There is a letter in every RM packet and 10 copies of information for Novice riders. If you are giving the Novice riders information, continue to do so, this information is in addition to not in place of what you are already providing.
    - **ICF update**
        - Tony Troyer provided the update (see the morning meeting minutes)
- **Introduction of assigned positions**
    - Newsletter Editor- Peggy Pasillas
    - Pointskeeper- Robin Schadt
    - Sanctioning Coordinator- Jeanne Crispin
    - Webmaster- Nicole Mauser- Storer
    - Past-president: Peggy Gardner is moving to CA. Linda Mower will replace her as Past President on the board.
- **Elections (winners are highlighted)**
    - Vice President: nominated: Theresa Meyer/ Mo Miller: **Theresa Meyer won**
    - Secretary/Treasurer: **Jill Feller**; no other members were nominated
    - Director at Large (2): **Marty Power**/ **Lynn Reichert**/ Barry Saylor
    - IL Director: **Tony Troyer**/ Mo Miller- respectfully declined

    - MI Director: **Wayne Gastfield**: no other members were nominated
- **2012 Convention:**
    - The convention will be a three-day convention celebrating 40 years of UMECRA. The dates are January 20-22, 2012 at Rockford, IL. Rick Nelson and Tony Troyer are the managers along with many volunteers. More volunteers are needed for this event. If you have some time to assist in compiling data on UMECRA, please contact: Rick Nelson, Tony Troyer or Dianne Schmidt. There is information on the convention included in the meeting packets on each table.
- **Survey Update (see morning meeting minutes for more info)**
    - Shelly Sentyrz gave a quick overview of the results from the UMECRA survey. The survey is still open for members to take. There is an electronic version or a hard copy available. Shelly will continue to tabulate the results and them posted on the UMECRA website for members to see.

- Motion made by Tony Troyer, seconded by Tim Casserly to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Jill Feller
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer