

UMECRA Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2012

DeForest, WI

Present: Theresa Meyer, Rick Nelson, Wayne Ringham, Tony Troyer, Lynn Reichert, Joslyn Seefeldt, Marty Powers, Maxine Bernsdorf, Bonnie Mielke, Peggy Pasillas; Olivia Rudolphi, Nicole Mauser

Absent: Elizabeth Laurie, Jill Feller, Linda Mower

Guests: Sue Herrick and Linda Jacobson

Adding a ride on June 23 & 24th in Iowa at Brushy Creek State Forest- Roxie Welling, Ride Manager Date of request: About March 7th. How request was sent to BOD: the request for the ride was forwarded to all the BOD members for consideration on March 8th. Vote: the vote was 8-5-1 to accept the new ride. Outcome: Roxy was notified, March 16.	From Board of Directors Yahoo Group
The meeting was called to order at 11:59 am by President, Theresa Meyer. The January 21, 2012 Secretary's Report was approved as printed. Motion by Rick to accept and seconded by Wayne. The January 21, 2012 Annual Meeting Report was approved as printed. Motion by Rick to accept and seconded by Maxine.	Past Meeting Minutes
The 2012 Convention Report was amended by Tony Troyer. An AHA donation of \$700 was added to the report bringing the cost of the convention down to \$6.28.	Treasurer's Report
Jeanne Crispin reported that the Ridebook CDs have been mailed to members. Some of the Ride Manager and Vet rule books were passed out at the meeting. Lynn Reichert asked that the MnDRA contact person information be updated in the Ridebook as well as on the website. The points chart in the front of the ride book has an error – probably has been wrong for many, many years. If you look at the points for the 30-mile rides- 5th place should be 8.4 points, 6th place should be 7.2 points.	Ridebook Update
Joslyn Seefeldt presented a recommendation that the 2014 Annual Meeting be held in Madison, WI. This recommendation was accepted. Highlights 1. Convention location is within the corridor; 1/2 mile from Interstate 39/90/94 on east side of Madison. 2. The rooms are \$89, single or double. 3. They are not charging us for the use of any of our meeting rooms. 4. Central location near meeting rooms for vendors 5. Price of meal between 30 and 35 dollars (part of the convention fee can bring price down since we don't have to pay for meeting rooms.) 6. Pet friendly - for \$25 non refundable deposit people can bring dogs, cats, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, etc. NO PET HORSES OR MULES! 7. Indoor pool, arcade/game room, fitness center. 8. Kids under 12 eat at breakfast buffet free. 9. Free Wi-Fi.	2014 Annual Meeting
Marty Power made a motion to discontinue the Annual Meeting Corridor because it seems to have run its course for usefulness and Dianne Schmidt seconded. Motion carried. This will be brought for a vote at the January 2013 general meeting.	Annual Meeting Corridor discontinued

Tony Troyer, Lynn Reichert, Wes Elford, and Julie Jackson Biegert form the ICF Committee. Tony reported that the current ICF Fund is at \$7,481.34. They are making the following proposals. • The UMECRA Board will decide who the money is awarded to. • The fund will never go below \$1500 • Applicants must have completed 500 miles in UMECRA • Must be a 3 or 4 star event. • Could be limited amount given depending on number of applicants. The Board voted to bring a bylaw change forward to the November Board meeting to make ICF funds available to ride managers putting on a FEI event. Dr. Olivia Rudolphi volunteered to write up criterion for qualifying for FEI competition for inclusion in our <i>Newsletter</i>.	ICF Fund Now Available to Ride Managers in UMECRA Managing a FEI Ride
Marty and Joslyn reported that they have not sent out “we miss you” membership letters. Letters will be sent to members not renewing their 2011 membership. Theresa suggested we send a form letter to the different breed organizations for use in their publications. Marty will write up the information and Peggy will find addresses for the different groups.	Membership Committee
Maxine reported that she has only had favorable input from members regarding the proposed “Short Competitive Ride Division”. Maxine will sponsor awards for this Division for the first year that it is offered. This proposal will go to the meeting in November.	Short Competitive Rides
Marty Power Reported: The “Blue Ribbon Committee” (BRC) has been busy. It was decided to send out a series of short surveys rather than one extensive survey. The first survey on the voting structure of UMECRA has been completed and the results have been tabulated. Over the next few months we will be sending out other short surveys. The following sub-committees were established: • Riders – Holly Kemmis, Julie Jackson-Biegert, Robin Schadt, Cathy Cook • Ride Managers – Elinore Tonsor, Barry Saylor, Wayne Gastfield, Barb Kurti, Dianne Schmidt • Regional Organizations – Gene Dake, Lynn Reichert, Joslyn Seefeldt, Bruce Birr, Barb Gardner, Tony Troyer • Breed Organizations – Dawn Haas, Lori Windows, R.A. Beecher The following people agreed to serve as a liaison with the Breed and Regional Organizations: • AHDRA – Lori Windows • ApDRA – Dawn Haas • DRAW – Jos Seefeldt • GLDRA – Gene Dake • MDDA – Tony Troyer • MnDRA – Lynn Reichert	BRC Committee *Slide Presentation Attached

Peggy Pasillas reported that 51% of those receiving surveys responded to the survey. When reading thru the slides, one has to remember that these percentages represent only 51% of the TOTAL polled. Those polled included non-members of UMECRA.	
Preloading Horses was discussed. The consensus was that this should not be allowed; however, there will be no ruling at this time.	New Business: Preloading Horses
Dianne made the motion to send a UMECRA Board Member to new rides and rides with new managers to act as a Steward. Bonnie seconded, motion carried.	UMECRA Board Member to attend new rides and rides with new managers as a Steward
The following grants were awarded: • MNDRA awarded \$250 plus liability insurance cost for MN Horse Expo booth. Expo held April 27-29. Lynn made the motion for the fund, Wayne seconded • Northern Kettle Campground awarded \$250 for updating campground. Rick made the motion, Maxine seconded. • Bonnie requested \$250 for mile markers at the Southern Kettle Moraine Trail. Motion seconded by Rick. • Tony Troyer requested \$250 for sponsorship of the AHA National Distance Ride, seconded by Rick. Money to be taken out of the General Fund.	\$250 Grants Awarded
Wayne made the motion to adjourn meeting at 3pm, seconded by Rick.	Meeting adjourned 3pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Schmidt
Acting Secretary

Keywords:

Corridor, Short Competitive Rides, Stewards at New Ride & Rides with new ride managers