



**Agenda items for BOD Fall Meeting
November 16, 2013**

Attendance: Jill Feller, Wayne Gastfield, Barb Kurti, Max Bernsdorf, Robin Schadt, Bonnie Mielke, Sarah Mowrer, Nicole Mauer-Storer, Tony Troyer, Bill Suskey, Theresa Meyer, Peggy Pasillas, Elizabeth Laurie, Olivia Rudolphi, Joslyn Seefeldt

Guests: Linda Jacobson, Jon Wagner, Deb Searle, Katie Bachhuber, Linda Mowrer, Jan Sasena

Call to order at 11:04 am by President Theresa Meyer.

Minutes for March meeting presented: Motion made by Tony Troyer; seconded by Wayne Gastfield to accept minutes are printed in NL. Passed.

Treasurer's report presented: Motion made by Tony Troyer; seconded by Maxine Bernsdorf to accept report as presented. Passed.

	<u>Nov 9, 2013</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Convention	
fund	3,916.83
ICF Fund	7,884.76
Mayville	
Savings Bank	21,709.36
Trail checking	<u>4,597.69</u>
Total	
Checking/Savings	<u>38,108.64</u>
 Total Current Assets	<u>38,108.64</u>
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Old Business:

- Abused/over-ridden horses issue- update by Dr. Olivia (from spring meeting).
 - What is the statement that UMECRA wants to move forward with? Dr. Olivia has researched a lot of different ride organization's horse health statements. UMECRA does have a statement in our rules; do we need more than this?
 - Sample statements will be posted for the general membership to review and make suggestions to. This topic will again be discussed at the January annual meeting.
- Vet Committee: Ride managers should send Dr. Olivia their ride vet contact information. Dr. Olivia would like to reach out to the ride vets and form a ride vet committee.
- Pay-pal use for rider fees and memberships- survey discussed at spring meeting was not sent out to see if there was any interest; there is no new update on this subject. Do we want to continue with this or not?
 - Peggy will send out a survey seeing if there is an interest.
- Self-nominating forms for elections.
 - Jill will send out sample forms to the email group and a decision can be made at the January meeting.
- Promotion committee-: A report was sent out to the BOD via email with information regarding UMECRA membership over the years. Some ideas that were discussed were the use of social media and using the Midwest Horse Councils (UMECRA is a member of each of the Midwest Horse Councils).
 - Social media would be a good source to be promoting our sport. You-Tube could be used to post some videos such as 'how to set up camp', 'how to vet in', etc.
 - Who would be responsible for posting items and reviewing the posts?
 - Committee: Elizabeth Laurie, Bill Suskey, Barb Kurti, Nicole Mauer-Storer, Joslyn Seefeldt
 - Theresa will update the UMECRA brochure and send it out to BOD members. The brochure could be put into the RM packets and available to non-UMECRA members at rides. On the back of the brochure, there will be a location where a UMECRA member can write their contact information before giving the brochure to a potential new member.
- New member committee- update
 - No new activity to report.

Rules: (go to General meeting)

- Revisit the stallion rule
 - If a stallion is confined to a pipe corral- do they still need to be tied?
 - If a stallion is high-tied- how do you follow the rule? (**Proposed change to current rule in bold**)



- Stallions must be double tied (two halters & two lead ropes ~~tied to two distinct tie points~~) to trailer, hitching post, or high tie when not being ridden or handled. **They may be tied with a single halter and lead rope if also enclosed in a charged electric fence or in a secure pen provided by campground.** Stallions must be marked with a yellow ribbon on the bridle or forelock and tail at all times. **Alternative containment options may be approved by Ride Management.**
- Motion made by Elizabeth Laurie and seconded by Tony Troyer to accept rule change. Passed.
- Can a ride say “no studs”?
 - UMECRA will allow ride manager to put this on the ride flyers.
 - AERC does allow No Studs at rides but it must be announced at sanctioning.
 - Rider requirement rule: **(Proposed addition rule in bold)**
 - There is no consequence listed in the rule book for a rider who breaks a requirement rule.
 - To add to page 13 of the rule book: **(H) The penalty for failing to follow the above requirements; completion only, miles only or disqualification.** Motion made by Elizabeth Laurie and seconded by Tony Troyer. Passed.
- Protest rule:
 - Rule currently states “will be discussed at next BOD meeting”. Should this be changed? If points/placings are changed due to the protest outcome, it is too late for rider to make up points and it could affect year-end awards. Should a protest be solved within 30 days?
 - Jill and Robin will work on a protocol for protests. The protest rule will be revisited in January.
- Re-evaluate the ‘Boot’ rule for competitive rides; some of the new hoof boots go above the coronet band and results in point deductions. **(Proposed change to current rule in bold)**
 - *If boots, bandages or wraps are used, the horse shall be penalized two points per leg per day. Boots designed to protect the sole of the hoof and their permanent attachments, are permitted and shall not be penalized. The judges may request to observe the area covered by the attached strap, keeper or gaiter at any time. If boots are not declared, see (H).*
 - Motion made by: Wayne Gastfield; seconded by Tony Troyer. Passed.
- Rule changes suggested by UMECRA members. **(Proposed change to current rule in bold)**
 - The age for juniors should be changed to 16 in competitive to match AERC; no action taken by BOD.
 - **Change the UMECRA Lightweight to 185 lbs.; this weight will match the AERC featherlight and lightweight categories.** Motion made Elizabeth Laurie and seconded by Sarah Mowrer to accept this change. Passed.
 - Move UMECRA ride season to match the AERC ride season. The UMECRA ride year was determined at the March 9, 2013 meeting. After a discussion no further action was taken by the BOD.
 - Change the convention date to the middle to end of February to accommodate the new ride season. Since the ride season will not be changed, there was no action taken on this subject.

New Business:

- Sanctioning coordinator (SC) position:
 - After a discussion, Jill Feller has been appointed to take on the SC duties with Jan Sasena assisting.
- Newsletter Editor:
 - Peggy Pasillas was appointed to this position
- Rider representative nominees:
 - Dec NL will be a hard copy as voting ballots will be included. Single memberships receive one ballot and family memberships receive two ballots. There are six UMECRA members who are seeking the Rider Representative seats on the BOD.
- Update on upcoming conventions 2014 & 2015:
 - 2014: Katie Bachhuber gave an update on the upcoming convention. Reservation information is on the UMECRA website.
 - 2015: Wayne has a speaker scheduled from Michigan State.
 - 2016: no location or manager as of yet
- Update on 2014 sanctioning:
 - There are several outstanding rides that have not sanctioned for 2014 yet; those RM's will be sent a reminder email or hard copy of forms.
- ICF fund:
 - The ICF rule was changed at annual meeting in 2013 to allow money to RM's to host FEI ride. What is the procedure to request money? Who decides if money is given to RM for FEI ride? How much money is provided for FEI ride?
 - The following guidelines have been established for the ICF fund: **(Proposed guidelines in bold)**
 - **Rides requesting funds to host an FEI ride will need to be a UMECRA sanctioned ride for at least the past 2 years.**
 - **Adult Riders: must have at least 500 lifetime ride miles in UMECRA and a minimum of 200 UMECRA ride miles/year. Requested funds can only be used for 3 or 4 star FEI rides.**
 - **Young Riders: riders must be 14-21 years old. Riders must have a minimum of 200 UMECRA ride miles/year. Requested funds can only be used for Young Rider Championship events.**



- **The UMECRA BOD will approve requests for ICF grant money.**
 - **The maximum amount of grant money to be removed from the ICF fund within one UMECRA fiscal year is \$1500.**
 - **The ICF fund will carry a minimum balance of \$500.**
- Motion made by Tony Troyer and seconded by Wayne Gastfield. Passed.
- Ride members book:
 - After a discussion, it was decided to continue to print the UMECRA ride member's directory each year. The directory will be sent out earlier in the year in future years. A PDF file of the directory could be made available to members who would like to download it onto their phones.
- Fun rides:
 - There were a few rides who hosted a fun ride; these rides were run with LD rules. If a Novice rider would ride one of these rides, he/she would not receive any novice points. Should these rides be allowed?
 - A discussion was held regarding this topic. The consensus was that these rides should not be held in conjunction with a UMECRA ride if the ride is covered under UMECRA insurance.
 - **(Proposed rule in bold)**
 - **Any UMECRA sanctioned ride with ride miles less than 25 miles, must follow the established UMECRA Novice rules.**
 - Motion made by Tony Troyer and seconded by Wayne Gastfield. Passed
- Scholarship award money allotment:
 - \$3000 is available for scholarships for this year.
- Trail grant requests:
 - 4 requests were submitted and approved.
 - National Forest Service in MI- c/o Karen Bahrman to replace trail and mile markers.
 - SKMTRA- Southern Kettle Moraine trails- c/o Bonnie Mielke to update trail maps on trails.
 - Forestville State Park- c/o Dianne Schmidt to purchase lime for existing and new trails.
 - TBD (will be paid to contractor doing stump removal)- c/o Barb Kurti to be used for stump removal on trails used at Oak Leaf Run ride
- Organization of a vet committee:
 - Approval given to Dr. Olivia to start a vet forum. Ride managers are encouraged to send their vet's contact information to Dr. Olivia.
- Vet report on AERC rule changes:
 - The drug used for Cushing's disease is now allowable in competition horses.
 - Dr. Olivia has the protocol for ride drug testing of 'what to expect, etc.'. If any ride manager would like this information, they should contact Dr. Olivia.
 - Dr. Olivia reminded us that AERC has money available for necropsies and she encourages people to have these done as we can learn a lot and the information may help others in the future. If a horse dies a few days after attending an event, the owner should still contact AERC about a necropsy.
- Awards:
 - Convention- update on this year's award. A big thank you to our Awards committee.
 - Dr. Beecher Shining Light Award: there were two nominations that were submitted by November 1st for this award.
 - Hall of Fame award: the award will be presented at the convention.
- Motion made by Wayne Gastfield to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jill Feller.

Respectfully submitted
Jill Feller
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer