



**Agenda items for BOD Meeting
March 15, 2014**

Call to order by President Theresa Meyer at 11:10 am

Present: Tony Troyer, Barb Kurti, Wayne Gastfield, Olivia Rudolphi, Bill Suskey, Max Bernsdorf, Bonnie Mielke, Jon Wagner, Jill Feller, Sarah Mowrer, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Elizabeth Laurie, Theresa Meyer, Peggy Pasillas, Dianne Schmidt

Guest: Linda Jacobson, Josh Mowrer

Minutes from Jan BOD meeting. Going forward, minutes will be approved on line shortly after the meetings. Wayne motions to approve Jan BOD minutes, Tony seconded. Passed.

Treasurer's report presented (presented at end of minutes)

- 2014 convention financials presented
- Silent auction financials presented
- Motion to approve financial reports by Max; seconded by Tony. Passed.

Old Business:

- **Protest process**
 - Tony motioned to approve process, Olivia seconded. A discussion followed regarding the length of the process and if emails should be allowed. The Protest Process passed with one small change on sending the protest letter via registered mail at the beginning of the process.
- **Blind horses at rides**
 - Elinore Tonsor asked if the blind horse rule could be changed to allow partial sighted horses to compete. Motion made by Dianne Schmidt to remove the partially sighted horse from the rule. Elizabeth Laurie seconded. Passed.
 - **3. Veterinary Requirements G**
A final decision allowing unsighted ~~or partially sighted~~ equines to compete shall be made on a case by case basis by the control judge at each event. Riders of ~~vision impaired~~ blind equines should contact the ride manager prior to entry for approval (2013).
 - ***This rule will go to the annual meeting to be voted on.***
- **Horse welfare**
 - There were several updates from the AERC convention that were approved but will not go into effect until 2015. The last major change was in the 1990 where "Fit to Continue" was created.
Proposed Motion by AERC to begin in 2015
 - 1. Initial triage and treatment availability at all rides, including intravenous fluid therapy.*
 - 2. Thirty minutes to meet recovery pulse at the finish line, with exceptions where needed for rides with finish lines far away from final checkpoints.*
 - 3. Recovery pulse rate at the finish lowered from 68 bpm to 64 (or less) bpm.*
 - 4. Horses must be six years of age to start a 100 mile ride.*
 - 5. Horses shall have Body Condition Scores of no less than 3.0 and no greater than 8.0 to start an endurance ride.*
 - 6. Exams on all equines by a control judge before they leave the ride site, but no sooner than two hours from when they cross the finish line.*



(This is just a safety check; the rider has already received their completion)

7. Standardized control judge ride cards should be used nationally, with sections added for BCS (Body Condition Score) scores and graphs for each quadrant of the gastrointestinal examinations.

8. Rides should have at least one hold on distances of 25 miles or greater.

(Just a rule clarification)

- o Nicole will put a "Welfare of the Horse" page on the website. The PowerPoint presented by Dr. Olivia regarding this proposal will be placed on the Welfare tab on the UMECRA website.
- Social Media committee
 - o There is an option to change Facebook to a Page instead of a group. A Page would give us some more control options but some of the options would only be available for a fee. Not all Page options have a fee and we run the page as a group interaction like we are doing now, there is no charge.
 - o There is no unified voice with the page; it is a group page.
 - o After discussion, there was no further action to take regarding the Facebook page; it remains as it currently is.
- Promotions Committee
 - o There are two ads in multiple magazines. There are multiple seminars being run in IL in April; WI is also hosting a ride clinic on March 29. If anyone in other states would like to be part of the promotions committee, see Nicole Mauser-Storer as she has designed ads that can run in any state publication.
- Membership Committee
 - o Joslyn started a Facebook UMECRA Greenbean group for distance riding newbies and mentors.
- Vet Directory update
 - o The vet list will be sent out to RM's to use but not to be shared with the general membership.
- Fun rides
 - o The ride flyers that had FUN rides listed on them have been updated to show that these rides are not UMECRA sanctioned.
- Intro rides
 - o Barb suggested UMECRA charge a \$.50 fee for Intro rides and not the \$2.50/rider fee. Motion made by Barb to pay \$.50 rider fees for Intro rides; seconded by Wayne. Tony asked for an amendment for \$1.00; Wayne seconded. Failed 6/5.
 - There is a liability risk in the Intro rides and we should not support the Intro rides as they are as there are no specific rules for them.
 - Tony will be contacting Connie Caudill to discuss AERC creating rules for the Intro rides to lower any liability.
 - The Novice division is doing well; riders could ride there instead of Intro rides.

New Business:

- Ride sanctioning update



- The Brushy Creek ride has been cancelled. The RM has been giving three different dates that she could possibly use later in the year, but there has been no response to reschedule the ride.
 - An email will be sent out to Ride Managers in April with the reporting spreadsheet and vet list.
- Ride book update
 - The ride book (hard copy and CD) was mailed out on March 13.
- Ride Manager/Vet handbook
 - Will go to print the week of March 17th and will be mailed out to ride managers.
- Increase annual meeting quorum
 - The current annual meeting quorum number is 20. After a discussion a decision was made to table this discussion until fall.
- AERC convention update
 - AERC would like to remind ride managers to get their reports in on time.
- New rule changes
 - ICF funds bylaw was updated in 2013 to allow ride managers to use ICF funds to sponsor an FEI ride. A ride manager contacted President Theresa and wanted additional wording added to the bylaws. The wording was to state that if a ride manager was putting on an FEI ride and requesting funds, the ride had to be on the same date as the ride manager would have used for his/her 'normal ride'; a new date which would affect other rides would not be allowed. After a discussion, no action was taken to change the wording of the bylaws as ride managers approve the ride schedule at the annual meeting and can therefore not approve a schedule if there is a conflict.
- Insurance
 - From a confidential settlement reached in a lawsuit regarding an incident at a 2011 ride, there were a few lessons learned about insurance coverage.
 - Who is covered under UMECRA insurance?
 - AHDRA or any other organization should have their own liability insurance to cover officers and the organization.
 - UMECRA insurance covers volunteers but not vets as they are paid.
 - Riders are **not covered** under the insurance.
 - Riders can take out insurance through AERC, AHDRA and IL or WI Horse Councils.
- Trail grants
 - Jodi Johannessen requested money to increase the trails at Duluth Area Trail Horse Alliance. The trails are not used for any current endurance rides. Tony motioned to give the \$250 to the trails; seconded by Bill; motion fail 6/5.
 - Katie Bachhuber requested a grant for the Northern Kettle Moraine campground to finish erecting pipe corrals in the family sites. This campground is used for the Kettles N Bits ride and a vet check for Colorama is held her. Dianne motioned to give the \$250 to the trail group; seconded by Bonnie; passed.
 - Mary Clapper requested a grant for the Castle Rock Horse Trails group to purchase a disk harrow for grooming the trails. The Castle Rock Horse group will match the funds for the purchase. Tony motioned to give the \$250 to the trail group; seconded by Bonnie; Passed.



- Convention update:
 - o Motion made by Tony; seconded by Bill Suskey to not have a convention fee for 2015 convention; passed.
 - o 2015- Wayne Gastfield: convention will be in Clare MI; January 16-18, 2015. AHDRA is hosting and DRAW is doing the entertainment on Friday night.
 - Theresa is looking at a coach bus to run from MN to MI picking up people in WI and IL.
 - o 2016- DRAW will be hosting; no further details at this time.
- GLDRA meeting: Tony gave an update of the GLDRA meeting that he and Joslyn Seefeldt attended. The meeting was held at the hotel where the 2015 convention will be held.
- Other
 - o Mentors should put up a sign on their trailer saying 'Mentor' to alert new riders who they can go to with questions. New riders can also talk to the ride managers.
 - o UMECRA banners will be made; one for each state to use at horse fairs, clinics, etc.
- Riders Rep
 - o The voting for future rider reps will be done at conventions similar to the Rider's Choice. Members will nominate themselves and ballots will be made up for voting at the convention. The rider reps who are elected will be announced at the annual meeting.
- Nov meeting will be on Nov 8th.
- Tony motioned to adjourn; seconded by Jon.

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Feller
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report:

ASSETS
(2/23/14)

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Convention fund 5,321.97

ICF Fund 7,730.48

Mayville Savings Bank 15,688.92

Trail checking 4,942.19

Total Checking/Savings 33,683.56

Total Current Assets 33,683.56

2014 convention in Madison, WI	
Income:	
RSVPS	\$5,769.00
AHDRA	\$949.50
DRAW	\$718.10
TOTAL	\$7,436.60
Expenses:	
Insurance	NA
Speaker	\$300.00
Entertainment	na
Hotel	\$6,128.71
Meal for speaker	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$6,428.71
Difference	\$1,007.89



2014 Silent Auction

Total = \$2689 (2013 = \$3160; 2012= \$3746.50)

Trails fund = \$1344.50

Convention fund = \$672.25

Scholarship fund = \$336.12

ICF fund = \$336.13