



**BOD Meeting Minutes
Wintergreen Resort- Wisconsin Dells
November 8, 2014**

Present: Peggy Pasillis, Bill Suskey, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Sarah Mowrer, Wayne Gastfield, Barb Kurti, Dianne Schmidt, Maxine Bernsdorf, Jon Wagner, Bonnie Mielke, Joslyn Seefeldt, Tony Troyer, Theresa Meyer, Jill Feller

Guests: Josh Mowrer, Elinore Tonsor, Linda Jacobson

Call to order at 11:15 am by President Theresa Meyer.

Secretary Report: Maxine made a motion and Bonnie seconded to accept the minutes from the March 15 meeting with two minor changes: adding the place of the meeting and changing 'agenda' to minutes. Passed.

Treasurer Report consisting of a balance sheet, summary P&L and detail P&L report was filed.

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Convention fund	5,321.97
ICF Fund	7,730.48
Mayville Savings Bank	23,920.88
Trail checking	<u>4,192.19</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>41,165.52</u>
 Total Current Assets	 <u>41,165.52</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u><u>41,165.52</u></u>

- **Convention Report:**
 - o 2015 – The convention is hosted by Wayne Gastfield in Michigan on January 16-19, 2015. The silent auction will be set up and running on Friday night through Saturday. Dr. Hal Schott from Michigan State University is the guest speaker.
 - o 2016 – The convention is being hosted by DRAW and will be held in WI Dells on January 22, 23, 24, 2016 at the Wintergreen Resort.
- **Appoint Webmaster & Pointskeeper:**
 - o Nicole Mauser-Storer is willing to continue with this position. Wayne makes a motion and Tony seconds to appoint Nicole as webmaster. Passed.



- o Robin Schadt is willing to continue with this position. Bonnie makes a motion and Maxine seconds to appoint Robin as pointskeeper. Passed.
- **UMECRA Horse numbers:**
 - o Nicole and Robin have been giving horses numbers behind the scenes all season in order to implement a new searchable database. This process does eliminate points being inaccurate due to horse names being sent in with either their registered name or with a horse's barn name. Each horse with a UMECRA rider will have a unique horse number and that number will be used when points are sent in from a ride. Riders will need to put their horse's number on the entry forms so ride managers have those numbers when reporting results.
 - o Since many of the horses already have an AERC horse number, the AERC number will also be used for the UMECRA database. If a horse does not have an AERC number, a unique UMECRA number will be assigned to that horse. If that same horse with a UMECRA number later gets an AERC number, there can be a 'find and replace' in the database to replace the UMECRA with the AERC number.
 - o Horses that have been ridden within UMECRA already are in the database. Any new horse will need to be registered with UMECRA. Nicole will work on creating an online form where UMECRA members can go in and list their horses and AERC numbers.
 - o Robin will start using horse numbers with the 2015 ride season. Riders will need to put their horse numbers on their entry forms along with their membership number.
 - o A subcommittee of Robin, Nicole and Jill will create numbers for UMECRA only horses. Riders with those horses will be given their horse numbers so they can write them on the UMECRA entry forms.
- **Mileage reimbursement for BOD meetings:**
 - o In the morning meeting at the January convention, it was voted and approved to provide a mileage reimbursement to BOD members to attend the spring and fall meetings at a cost of \$.25/mile.
 - o Dianne made a motion and Maxine seconded the motion to rescind the reimbursement of mileage for BOD for attending meetings. Passed.
- **Tentative ride schedule:**
 - o Jill presented the tentative ride schedule for 2015. Tony made a motion and Sarah seconded the motion to accept the tentative schedule as presented. Nicole will get the tentative schedule posted on the website for UMECRA members to see. The schedule will be presented at the annual meeting in January for approval from the ride managers.
- **Rules:**
 - o The new AERC Horse Welfare rules were discussed:
 - Treatment vet: when sanctioning a ride with AERC, ride managers will need to specify if there will be a treatment vet at the ride, a treatment vet on call or a nearby clinic on call.
 - 30-minutes to pulse down for endurance: riders in 2015 will get 30 minutes to pulse down at the end of an endurance ride vs. 60 minutes they had in the past. If the finish line is a 'distance' from the vet area, a ride manager may increase the time to more than 30 minutes. Riders would still have 60 minutes from crossing the finish line to meet the rest of the completion criteria.



- Body Score: the new AERC vet cards will include a body score evaluation. Horses must have a body score of no less than 3 nor greater than 8 to start the ride.
- Gut sounds: the four quadrants of the guts will need to be recorded on the new rider cards.
- AERC will be designing new rider cards and rides are required to use those cards. UMECRA will be making copies of the new cards for our ride managers. They will be printed in white, blue and green.
 - Peggy will get some of the Endurance News articles concerning the new rules in the UMECRA Newsletter after she contacts AERC for permission.
 - UMECRA will also be having a new membership and entry form for 2015. The new membership form will be on the UMECRA website in November 2014.
- **UMECRA rules proposal(s):**
 - o General Rules
 - 4. Rider Requirements
 - F. Horses must not be under the influence of drugs, medication or stimulants, ***except those allowed by AERC***, and may be subject to drug analysis ***while entered in the ride (See AERC Rule 13 and its Appendixes for allowed and prohibited substances and treatments.)***
 - Jill motioned and Tony seconds to accept the change on this rule. Passed.
- **Bylaw proposed changes:**
 - o Separate Sec/Treasurer:
 - A report was presented on separating the secretary/treasurer report. Dianne would like to see all of the old minutes from UMERCA meetings scanned and made searchable so the history of rules, guidelines, etc. can be researched easier.
 - Bill volunteered to scan the minutes; the documents would be then searchable. Some of the minutes are handwritten and will need to be typed up so the software is capable of searching it. Elinore volunteered to type up the handwritten minutes and get them back to Bill to scan into the software.
 - Once the minutes are scanned they will need to be cataloged. This part of the process will be discussed in more detail at the spring BOD meeting.
- **Sanctioning Coordinator:**
 - o ARTICLE V- OFFICERS
 - B. Sanctioning Coordinator will work with the AERC Sanctioning Director to sanction and coordinate scheduling recommendations to the Board for UMECRA rides and shall edit and coordinate publishing of the yearly UMECRA ride book. ***The sanctioning coordinator must be a current Delegate or UMECRA member who has been a ride manager within the past 5 years.***
 - Bonnie made a motion and Tony seconded to accept the new wording of the Sanction Coordinator position. Passed.
- **Quorum increase for meeting:**
 - o Theresa talked with Art about the quorum of 20 in the bylaws. He agreed that the 20 is too low for our current organization.
 - NOTICE OF MEETING:



- Section 5. QUORUM. The presence in person of twenty (20) rides that are represented by ***ride managers as are listed on the sanctioning forms***, or a majority, whichever is the lesser amount, of the delegates to a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum any meeting may be adjourned from time to time. The delegates present at a duly called or held meeting may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum. The president, or in his absence, the vice president, or in their absence any other person designated from time to time by a majority of the Board of Directors, shall preside at all Annual or Special meetings.
 - Bonnie makes a motion seconded by Tony to accept the new wording for quorums. Passed.
- **Confidentiality within the BOD:**
 - Code of Conduct for BOD
 - A proposed Code of Conduct was presented to the BOD to review and discuss.
 - Jon motioned and Tony seconded to accept the Code of Conduct with #11 removed and #1 amended. The updated version of the Code of Conduct will be sent out to the BOD to sign and return to Jill to keep on file. Passed.
- **Roll call votes for each vote on the BOD:**
 - A discussion was held if all votes that are taken during BOD meeting should be published or just when a roll call vote is needed/requested. Currently any BOD member can ask for a roll call vote to be taken for a specific vote.
 - Dianne motions for a roll call vote on every vote at BOD meeting and web group email votes; Joslyn seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Jos, Dianne, Wayne, Sarah voted yes; Jon abstained; all other BOD present voted no. This discussion will continue in spring
- **Sending out rule changes and other voting items to the RM's in December**
 - The new protest procedure and other topics that will be voted on at the annual meeting will be sent out to the RMs for consideration before the meeting in January.
- **Remove the convention corridor and move the convention within the four states:**
 - A discussion was held to remove the corridor and then move the convention to each of four states.
 - Dianne motions to remove the corridor and move the convention to each of four states beginning with MI in 2015, WI in 2016, MN in 2017 and IL in 2018. If any state elects not to host the convention in their designated year, the next state on the list will do the convention. Barb seconds the motion. Passed.
- **Weight divisions with Limited Distance:**
 - A discussion was held on the pros and cons of having weight divisions. There are a lot of LD riders at rides; would weight divisions help to encourage more riders?
 - No decision was made on this topic at this time. BOD members are asked to talk about this with riders and ride managers and come back in March with more information.
- **Grant request:**
 - DRAW is requesting \$250 for a booth at the Midwest Horse Fair. Grants for the horse fairs and expos were approved at the January 2014 meeting; therefore WI, IL, MN, MI just need



to send Jill their request and documents showing they have a booth at the horse fair/expo and \$250 will be paid toward the booth.

- **Shining Light award**
 - o No discussion was held about this award.
- **Hall of Fame:**
 - o No nominations for this year
- **Promotions Committee Report:**
 - o Barb gave a brief report about getting advertising into more publications. Anyone wanting to assist with the promotions committee or who has some advertising ideas should contact Barb Kurti or Nicole Mauser-Storer.
- **Other:**
 - o **Scholarships:**
 - Community Foundation of Southern WI has sent the available money for the 2014-2015 scholarships: \$4530.00
 - With the new weight change of heavyweight riders, will RM's need to start weighing these riders to make sure they meet the weight? To be further discussed in 2015 meeting.
 - Do riders need to give a new form for each ride they do within a weekend? Theresa will talk to Art about any liabilities with only one form. To be further discussed in 2015 meeting.
 - Should the BOD be strictly following the Roberts Rules of Order at the meetings? After a discussion, no further action was taken on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Feller
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer