



**BOD Meeting Minutes
Clare MI
Annual Convention
January 17, 2015**

Meeting was called to order by President Theresa Meyer.

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

Secretary Report: the meeting minutes from Nov 18th presented were presented. There were a few changes made since the minutes were sent out to BOD members in November. Jon Wagner motions to approve the minutes with the changes; seconded by Maxine Bernsdorf; passed.

Treasurer Report was presented by a balance sheet and P&L summary. Motion made by Tony Troyer to accept the financial report as presented; seconded by Bill Suskey; passed. The audit of the treasury was done on Friday, January 16th by Tony Troyer and Wayne Gastfield; all records were found to be in order.

- **Horse Fair money**
 - o Jill Feller motions to allow MN, MI, IL and WI to receive up to \$250 annually from the general fund to host a informational/promotional booth at their annual horse fairs/expos; seconded by Joslyn Seefeldt; passed.
- **Quorum revisited**
 - o In order to discuss this issue, the former motion needs to be rescinded. Jon Wagner motions to retract the quorum motion from the November meeting; seconded by Joslyn Seefeldt; passed.
 - o Tony Troyer motions to accept the wording below; seconded by Wayne Gastfield. A discussion followed that ended with the motion being withdrawn.
 - o The topic of the quorum is tabled to spring meeting.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Section 3. **ANNUAL MEETINGS.** Written notice of the Annual Meeting shall be published in a report to the members **postmarked via U.S. Mail or sent via membership email address** at least five days prior to the meeting **or by posting the same on the UMECRA website <www.umecra.com>**.

Section 4. **SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Written notice of a Special Meeting of the corporation stating the time, place and object thereof **shall be published in a report to the members postmarked via U.S. Mail or sent via membership email address at least five days prior to the meeting or by posting the same on the UMECRA website <www.umecra.com>**. Special Meetings of the Corporation may be called at any time upon request of the president, vice president, or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, or upon written request **submitted via certified U.S. Mail with return receipt requested** to the president, vice president or the Board of Directors by twenty (20) or more members.

Section 5. **QUORUM.** The presence in person **by 15 active ride manager(s) from a minimum of 15 different sanctioned ride events, being the ride managers as listed on the prior or upcoming year's sanctioning forms, or a majority of the potentially eligible delegates, also designated as eligible to formally participate and attend** a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business (meaning: **IF there were 40 rides sanctioned and held in the preceding season, then 41 recorded delegates must be in attendance**). In the absence of a quorum, **the commencement of** 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.

Section 6. TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS. Business transacted at all Special Meetings shall be confined **only** to the purposes stated in the call to the Special Meeting.

Section 7 DELEGATES. Each manager of **an** endurance **and/or** competitive trail ride shall submit the names of its official voting delegates or its authorized alternate voting delegate(s) to be recorded by the corporate secretary prior to any meeting of members. (See, Article VII, herein.) The corporate officers (excluding Newsletter Editor[s], Points-Keeper, Sanctioning Coordinator, and Webmaster), board members, Veterinary Representative, and Rider Representatives also will serve as voting delegates. However, while they may hold more than one of these positions at a time, they may only cast one vote. Only voting delegates may vote on business presented at a meeting.

- **UMECRA GENERAL RULES** – (Apply to both endurance and competitive rides)
 - o Motion made by Bonnie Mielke that UMECRA does not accept the change from 30 to 35 miles; seconded by Dianne Schmidt; failed
 - o Motion made by Jill Feller; seconded by Bill Suskey to accept the wording below; passed and goes to the annual meeting for approval.
 - 1. *Eligibility*
 - A. *Each ride must be open to all breeds. On a ride of 35-30 miles or less the horse must be at least 48 months old, on a ride over 30 miles a horse must be at least 60 months old.*
New for AERC – Add to A above: ***The equines entered in distances of 50 or more miles must be at least 60 months of age at the time of the ride with the exception of those entered in single day 100 mile rides. Equines entered in single day 100 mile distances must be at least 72 months of age at the time of the ride.***
 - Theresa said she talked with Connie Caudill who stated that UMECRA rides would still need to accept the 48 month old horse under AERC rules but not recognize that rider/horse in UMECRA.
 - 2. *Management Requirements (UMECRA General Rules)*
 - Motion made by Joslyn Seefeldt to accept the rule change below in bold italics; seconded by Bill Suskey; passed.
 - ***G. There must be at least one checkpoint and hold during all rides of 25 miles or more.***
 - Motion made by Tony Troyer to accept the rule change below in bold italics; seconded by Joslyn Seefeldt; passed.
 - ***H. The ride manager must include a plan for providing emergency treatment for equines entered in the event. Beginning the 2016 ride season this plan must be indicated on the sanctioning/re-sanctioning form. If your plan indicates nearby vet/treatment facility or on-call vet options phone numbers and maps must be available for inspection by ride veterinarians and riders.***
- **ENDURANCE RULES:**
 - o These rule changes were not voted upon as UMECRA has voted in prior years to accept the AERC rules once they go into effect with AERC.
 - o NOTE: we will look at adding the body score to the comp rule in November.
 - o Add and renumber to 5 – AERC 2015 - 5. ***Horses shall have a body condition score of no less than 3.0 and no greater than 8.0 to start an endurance ride as determined by the ride***



veterinarians. Veterinarians will use the Henneke Body Condition Scoring Guide in determining body condition score. Body condition score will only be judged during the pre-ride veterinary examination.

- o 9. Completion Criteria - Each ride must have a post finish line vet examination which the equine must pass for a successful completion, the criteria to be announced prior to the ride.
 - A. The minimum criteria for the post finish line vet check are as follows. Any ride may adopt more stringent criteria, but these must be provided to competitors before the ride in written form. The post-finish-line vet check is where the final criteria for completion must be met; an equine has not completed the ride until he has passed this check. The post-finish-line vet check also serves as a safety check to monitor for late-developing problems (so that they can be treated if necessary) as well as extending veterinary control over the last leg of the ride. Because an equine at the finish line is not, in actuality, going on--and not going in to the wilderness far from veterinary aid--the standards for completion need not be as strict as those on the trail, but they must meet the minimum standards below.
 - Change to: ***The minimum criteria for the post-finish-line control check are as follows.***
 - o ***The head control judge of any ride may adopt more stringent criteria, including the final pulse rate criteria, as part of the setting of the judging parameters under Endurance Rule 7 Additionally, the ride manager may increase the maximum time to meet the final pulse rate by up to 30 minutes after crossing the finish line if circumstances dictate a need for additional time to reach the final control check. Notice of any change in the maximum time to meet the final pulse rate criterion and notice of any other more stringent criteria for the post-finish line control check must be provided to competitors by written notice posted in a conspicuous location at the ride camp at least 12 hours prior to the start of the ride and shall also be presented by the ride manager or head control judge at any pre-ride briefing or meeting.***
- o 1) All horses must stand for a mandatory post ride evaluation within one hour of finishing. Riders may present their horses for the final examination at a time of their choosing during the one-hour period. A horse that does not meet the established criteria within one hour of crossing the finish line shall be disqualified. Once a competing horse has passed the post ride examination, it may not be removed from completion for veterinary reasons. (AERC only). No horse will be certified for UMECRA completion if it needs or receives treatment for metabolic reasons within 1 hour of finishing, regardless of whether it has passed its final check. Such horse/rider combination may still receive AERC points and mileage credit.
 - Change to ***1) each equine must pass the post-ride control check within one hour of crossing the finish line. Each equine is required to pass the final pulse rate criterion alone in 30 minutes but shall have the full hour from finish to pass other completion criteria. After meeting the final pulse criterion, riders may present their equines for the final examination for other completion criteria at a time of their choosing during the one-hour period. An equine that does not meet the established pulse and completion criteria shall be disqualified. Once a competing equine has passed the post-ride examination, it may not be removed from completion for veterinary reasons. (AERC only). No horse will be certified for UMECRA completion if it***



needs or receives treatment for metabolic reasons within 1 hour of finishing, regardless of whether it has passed its final check. Such horse/rider combination may still receive AERC points and mileage credit.

- o 2) The horse must reach a reasonable pulse recovery based on ambient conditions. The maximum pulse criteria is **64 68** beats per minute; however, the ride veterinarian(s) may allow different pulse criteria. The MINIMUM pulse rate criteria shall be 60 bpm. Respiration should be evaluated on its own merit. Ambient temperature and humidity effects need to be recognized and their effects on respiration rate considered. (2015 AERC)
- **Update on horse/rider databas**
 - o Robin Schadt has pulled from AERC database the AERC rider and horse numbers and those riders/horses without AERC numbers will be assigned UMECRA numbers. Robin and Nicole have created an excel spreadsheet for UMECRA ride managers for reporting ride results. The database works the same as the one that AERC has created. Nicole will be demonstrating the new spreadsheet at the meeting this afternoon.
- **Updated ride schedule for 2015**
 - o The updated 2015 rides schedule was presented. Motion made by Bonnie Mielke to accept the schedule as presented; seconded by Tony Troyer; passed.
- **Update on 2015 insurance costs**
 - o Motion was made by Dianne Schmidt to pay ½ of daily insurance costs for rides using the UMECRA insurance and rides paying 100% of additional insured costs annually effective every year beginning in 2015; seconded by Tony Troyer; passed.
- **Update on scanning UMECRA meeting minutes**
 - o Bill Suskey gave an update on this project. All the minutes from 1988- 2005 are all scanned. Bill will put the files into a Dropbox file and invite all BOD members to share the file. We will readdress this issue at the spring meeting after everyone has a chance to read through the minutes.
- **Code of Conduct for BOD members**
 - o Theresa Meyer presented a new Code of Conduct with some re-wording from UMECRA's attorney. Motion was made by Max Bernsdorf to accept the new Code of Conduct and to have BOD members sign it; seconded by Sarah Mowrer; passed.
- **Promotions committee update**
 - o Nicole will mail the UMECRA banners to the various state groups.
 - o There were several state clinics and ads in publications in the past year.
 - o Electronic advertising, including Smartphone access, is another avenue to look into over time.
 - o Bill and Nicole will work on getting more info on what we can do moving forward such as Google analytics. The BOD will be emailed additional information on this information for consideration.
 - o There has not been a lot of help from volunteers to join the promotions committee. The Promotions committee will contact the state organizations webmasters to see if they can get their involvement with the committee.
 - o Motion made by Joslyn Seefeldt to allow distance riding clinics to offer a free UMECRA membership starting in 2015 and future years; seconded by Jon Wagner; passed. Jill will update the current 'free clinic' membership form and make it available to anyone hosting a riding clinic.
- **Trail grants**
 - o No grants have been received for consideration.
- **Vet membership**
 - o We have a couple of veterinarians who regularly vet our rides but do not ride for completion points who pay to join UMECRA to receive the newsletters and ride book. A motion was made by Joslyn Seefeldt to give our ride veterinarians a complimentary membership; seconded by Max; passed.



Note: if the veterinarian also competes in the UMECRA rides; he/she will need to purchase a membership in order to receive points and miles the same as ride managers so. Jill will create a veterinarian form that RM's can present to their vets to join UMECRA and get a newsletter.

- **March meeting**
 - o The March meeting will be held on either March 21 or 28 with the exact date and location to be determined later.
 - o Items on agenda include:
 - LD weight divisions
 - Non-member miles on horses to count for mileage
 - Daily rider fee for UMECRA rides
 - Sanctioning coordinator for 2016-2017
 - Update rider fee from \$2.50 or change the budget
 - Paypal – Peggy will send survey out to members and greenbean page
- **Other**
 - o UMECRA has received a \$200 donation in memory of Jim Heftner. Motion was made by Dianne Schmidt; seconded by Tony Troyer to put the \$200 into the scholarship fund; passed.
- Tony motions to adjourn meeting; seconded by Max.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jill Feller
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer