



**BOD Meeting Minutes
Wisconsin Dells WI
March 21, 2015**

Present: Jon Wagner, Jill Feller, Theresa Meyer, Bonnie Mielke, Tony Troyer, Max Bernsdorf, Jos Seefeldt, Bill Suskey,

Guests: Linda Jacobson

Call to order by Theresa Meyer at 11:09 am.

Secretary Report: meeting minutes from January presented; Tony motions to accept minutes as presented; Bonnie seconded. Passed.

Treasurer Report: balance sheet and P&L summary were presented. Amend the P&L report to reflect real costs of silent auction. Max motions to accept reports with the change to the P&L, Bonnie seconded. Passed.

- **Quorum revisited;** Bill motions to withdraw the January motion on the quorum, Tony seconded. Passed.
 - o A discussion was held on the new wording that included the definition of a quorum vs. voting. A discussion was held on the definition of what a delegate is. Jon motions to accept new wording as written below; Tony seconded. Passed. *Motion goes to the annual meeting in January 2016.*

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 of twenty (20) of the ***previous year's ride managers as indicated on the sanctioning form, veterinary representative and rider representatives*** 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.

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.

- **Update on horse/rider database:**
 - Nicole and Robin have worked hard on creating the database with is now completed The database will only be effective if riders use their membership numbers and horse numbers so the results can be reported on the new spreadsheet will be sent out to ride managers to review and play with.
- **Update on scanning UMECRA meeting minutes:**
 - Bill is done with the scanning of the minutes and the past minutes are all placed in Drop Box folder for BOD members to review.
 - The PDF files of the minutes will also be put on the website for all members to view.
 - The minutes are also in a word document which need to be reformatted. When the PDF files were converted to word documents, the formatting was not consistent. Some meeting minutes that were scanned were also hand-written files. Elinore Tonsor has volunteered to work on formatting these word documents.
- **Code of Conduct for BOD members**
 - The appointed positions should also be signing the Code of Conduct. Bill motions that appointed members of BOD should sign Code of Conduct; Jon seconded. Passed.
- **Promotions committee update:**
 - UMECRA ads have been placed in IA, IL, MN horse fair books.
 - Anyone attending an endurance clinic get a letter with their membership cards with links to various help sites such as the Green Beans page. Once the new rider booklet is complete, a link will also be placed in this letter for those attendees to access.
- **Trail grants:**
 - A trail grant request was presented from the Northern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association (NKMHTA) for the Northern Kettle Moraine campground in WI for a shelter to be built in the group camp sites. The NKMHTA is the organization working with the WI DNR for improvements on the horse trails and campground in this forest. The campground in the request is used for the Kettles N Bits and Colorama rides. Jill motions to give \$250 to the NKMHTA to assist in building a picnic shelter, Bonnie seconded. Passed.
 - A second trail request was submitted for the Governor Knowles State Forest campground where the Border Battle Boogie ride is held. The request was for \$250 to be used for needed maintenance at the Trade River Horse Camp. After a discussion, the BOD decided to delay granting this request as the request was not specific enough and also if the money could be given to a local trail group instead of the DNR where the money could end up in a general fund and not designated for the improvements. Theresa will contact the person who requested the grant. Once more specific information is provided, the BOD will discuss this request via the group email.



- **AHA request for donation for National Championship ride:**
 - The AHA National Championship ride will be held in TN on September 10 – 12. There are several different levels of sponsorship available beginning with a \$50 donation.
 - Bonnie motions to give \$100 to the National Championship Ride, Jos seconded. Motion failed but will be discussed again via the BOD group email once Tony sends out the sponsorship form and the BOD have an opportunity to learn more about the donation options.
- **Shagya-Arabian Registry Inspection:**
 - Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry (PShR) is asking for a sponsorship. In 2015, there will be four inspections in the United States with the first one held at Run Along Farms in Geneseo IL, the home of UMECRA member Julie Jackson. A document was presented which provided a summary of the different sponsorship opportunities which included an ad in their official program. Nicole volunteered to create an ad for the programs if the BOD approves a sponsorship.
 - Jon motions to take a full page ad for \$50 and place the medium banner at all four inspection sites for \$35, seconded by Max. Passed.
- **LD weight division:**
 - A discussion was held on the merits and disadvantages of having weight divisions for LD. No action was taken.
- **Non-member miles on horses to count for mileage:**
 - Bonnie was one of the original members who requested the 1000 mile program to be created in UMECRA. She explained that the intent of the 1000 mile award program was to award the UMECRA members and their nominated mounts; both the rider and the horse needed to be UMECRA members (horse needed to be nominated). The membership form for the 1000 mile horse has an error in wording which is the reason for the confusion of understanding the program. The form will be changed and reposted for members to use. There will not be any miles awarded to horses who were ridden by non-UMECRA members over the past few years.
- **Daily rider for UMECRA rides:**
 - A discussion was held to put a \$5.00 fee/ride for any rider that is not a UMECRA member in place. Motion made by Jon Wagner to charge a \$5.00/daily rider fee for UMECRA fee, seconded by Bill. Passed. This motion goes to the Annual meeting in January 2016 for approval.
- **Sanctioning coordinator for 2016-2017:**
 - A short discussion was held on this position; no actions were taken.
- **Convention guidelines:**
 - A document was presented to be used to help convention managers. The document is a guideline for people who are managing a convention to use to assist them. Jill Feller will be the contact person for convention managers regarding reviewing contracts **before** signing, questions about what is needed to run a convention and any other convention questions.
 - The convention guidelines include ***“No other silent auction can be held simultaneously with the UMECRA auction”***.



YEAR	Trails fund	Convention fund	Scholarship fund	ICF Fund	TOTAL	
	50%	25%	12.5%	12.5%		
2010	\$372.00		\$372.00	\$2,232.00	\$2,976.00	50% went to ICF/ 25% to trails & scholarships
2011	\$1,334.00	\$667.00	\$333.50	\$333.50	\$2,668.00	formula was changed this year
2012	\$1,873.25	\$936.63	\$468.31	\$468.31	\$3,746.50	
2013	\$1,580.00	\$790.00	\$395.00	\$395.00	\$3,160.00	
2014	\$1,344.50	\$672.25	\$336.12	\$336.13	\$2,689.00	
2015	\$790.50	\$395.25	\$197.63	\$197.63	\$1,581.00	
					\$0.00	

- **PayPal for memberships:**
 - Discussion was held on setting up a PayPal account for members to use to join UMECRA; no action was taken.
- **Jan Scott Family Award- family definition:**
 - This award was created on January 26, 1985. The definition of a family at that time was: husband, wife and all dependent children living at home. In the past years, this family award has been given to families with only one parent riding with dependent children.
 - The definition of family will be reworded and brought back to the November BOD meeting for approval. Tony, Theresa and Jill will work on this rewording project.
- **Change rider fees from \$2.50 to allow more money for awards:**
 - Discussion held on increasing the rider fees for rides; no action taken. The awards committee is diligent in getting good quality awards using the budget allowed and the BOD felt this action was not needed and would only hurt rides.
- **Year-end awards restricted mileage/top ten evaluation:**
 - A discussion was held on our current awards and how they are awarded. The discussion covered ride entries, types of rides and how many rides need to be ridden to receive an award. No action was taken as there does not appear to be any problem with our current process.
- **Purina sponsorship for Novice year-end awards:**
 - Tony was able to get a 3-year sponsorship for year-end Novice awards from Purina. Purina likes to have pictures and stories from award winner that they can post. Novice award winner are strongly encouraged to send Tony a picture and story regarding their experience as a Novice rider. Tony will get those items to his contact at Purina.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Feller
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer