



**Annual Meeting Agenda
Wisconsin Dells WI
January 2016**

Meeting called to order by President Theresa Meyer at 1:06 pm

Roll call of delegates; there were 73 total votes. 69 ride votes, 3 rider reps and 1 vet rep

- **Minutes from 2015 annual meeting:** The 2015 annual meeting minutes were published in the February 2015 newsletter and were also sent out to all ride managers before the annual meeting to read through. Tony Troyer motions to accept minutes as presented; seconded by Joslyn Seefeldt. Passed.
- **Treasurer's report:** The annual treasurers report was presented by a balance sheet and Profit & Loss (P&L) summary sheet with explanations where needed (attached to these minutes) Motion made by Tony Troyer to accept the treasurer's report as presented; seconded by Joslyn Seefeldt. Passed.
- **Ride Insurance:** The ride insurance will continue at the same costs of \$45/day and \$20 for each additional insured. The BOD voted in the morning meeting to allow the same co-payment for the insurance for organizations hosting booths at the various horse fairs and for hosting ride clinics. Anyone hosting a ride clinic should contact AERC as they may be able to receive the ride insurance coverage at no cost through AERC.
- **2016 Ride Schedule presented:** The 2016 ride schedule was presented. There were several minor changes made to some of the rides; mostly the changes were additional novice events. Motion made to accept by Bonnie Mielke to accept the 2016 ride schedule with the changes; seconded by Max Bernsdorf. Passed.
- **Junior Membership**
 - **Resolution brought forward from the morning BOD meeting:** Jill motions that we have a junior UMECRA membership available for a cost of \$10 to be effective immediately with any junior memberships already paid will be adjusted to the new rate. This rate includes no ridebook and an electronic NL; seconded by Peggy. Passed.
 - Dianne Schmidt motions to accept this resolution; Ruth Stewart seconded the motion.
 - A discussion was held if this change would need to be added to the by-laws; it was determined that it does not need to be added to the by-laws.
 - Motion passed.
- **Daily rider fee for UMECRA rides (from spring BOD meeting):**
 - **Resolution:** A ride manager wanted the BOD to consider putting a daily fee in place for non-UMECRA riders. The BOD held a discussion and decided to take this decision to the annual meeting. Motion made by Jon Wagner to put a \$5.00 fee/ride for any rider that is not a UMECRA member in place; seconded by Bill Suskey. Passed.
 - Motion made by Tony Troyer to accept this resolution, seconded by Joslyn Seefeldt.
 - A discussion was held as to the pros and cons of charging the \$5 fee. The fee could be a detriment to rides on the outer limits of the organization where only a few UMECRA riders attend but the ride is sanctioned with UMECRA. Motion failed.
- **Sanctioning fees paid by Feb 1 (from fall BOD meeting):**



- A discussion was held on the proposed wording of the rule change:
 - **UNDER: Sanctioning Requirements: 2. UMECRA RULES: "O":**
 - *All sanctioning fees must be paid by February 1st. If not paid by this date, the ride loses sanctioning for the year. The SC will send an email to the RM (call or letter sent by confirmation delivery) and document that contact has been made requesting the funds. It is the ride manager's duty to contact the SC and Secretary/Treasurer if their contact information has been changed from the previous year. Motion made by Tony Troyer; seconded by Jill Feller to accept this change to the annual meeting.*
 - Passed
- **Family Award wording (from fall BOD meeting):**
 - **Resolution:** *A family (as defined for the Jan Scott Family Award) shall consist of ~~one or two~~ parent (s), step-parent, or legal guardian (not to exceed 2 adults) and all dependent children 18 years old or younger ~~who are living at home~~. The family must be a member of UMECRA. Endurance & competitive points shall be awarded on only one horse and rider combination for each member of the family. Participants are required to register with the pointskeeper and secretary/treasurer listing full names of all family members before points will be counted. All members of the family who participate will be listed. Motion made and passed to take to the annual meeting.*
 - Jon Wagner motions to accept this resolution; seconded by Max Bernsdorf.
 - A discussion was held on this wording and if the same horse needs to be used or should the wording be changed to multiple horses? There were no changes made to the original resolution wording.
 - Resolution passed.
- **By-law discussion (need 2/3 votes to pass)(brought forward from morning BOD meeting):**
 - There are three levels of changes; one is housekeeping; one is minor word changes meant to provide clarification but not change the meaning of the sentence and the third changes are substantial changes that need discussing.
 - Max motions to accept the housekeeping rules as are changed by UMECRA lawyer Art Preiz without further discussion; seconded by Joslyn Seefeldt. Passed
 - Group two changes: Theresa Meyer asked the attendees if they want to look at this next section of 'word' changes and accept all changes at one time or to go through each change separately and accept each one individually. The majority of the attendees wanted to accept the group of changes all at once. After the discussion started, there was confusion on some of the changes. Ride managers only had one week to read through all of the changes and wanted more time to digest the changes to ensure they were the best for the organization.
 - **Sarah Mowrer motions to table the entire by-law changes to the next annual meeting in 2017; seconded by Elinore Tonsor. Passed.**
- **Code of Conduct:** Because the by-law changes were delayed until 2017 annual meeting, Tony Troyer motions to accept the Code of Conduct wording in the proposed by-laws as a resolution for 2016; seconded by Joslyn Seefeldt. A discussion followed as to the purpose of the Code of Conduct and why the BOD feels it is important. Resolution below passed.



- *Code of Conduct: Upon election or appointment, the BOD and appointees shall sign and abide by the UMECRA BOD code of conduct, as adopted by the Board from time to time. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action and may lead to removal from the board by the affirmative vote of a majority of the attending quorum of BOD.*
- **Ride Attendance in 2015 (report from Robin Schadt):**
 - Robin has looked back 10 years and put a report together to look at ride attendance over the years. This report will be posted on the website. Some rides are doing well with attendance but some are not.
- **Membership and horse number review:**
 - Memberships are slightly up but ride entry numbers are slightly down.
 - The horse numbers program has been working well and there were a lot less mistakes with points because of the horse numbers.
- **Promotions/Publicity report:**
 - Nicole has made the website mobile friendly making it easier for searches via phones. The Midwest horse fairs all have booths representing UMECRA. UMECRA members are encouraged to contact Nicole with PR suggestions and join the promotions committee.
- **Scanned minutes available to members:**
 - All of the old minutes are available on the website for members to read. These are all searchable PDF files.
- **Concerns regarding missing rules & BOD conference calls:**
 - Elinore cited a rule that seems to have disappeared regarding a competitive rule where once a rider leaves the grounds, the placing cannot be changed. This rule is still in existence in the current rules (it was found and read during the meeting).
 - BOD conference calls will be recorded and published in the future.
- **Competitive Ride Sheet:** The competitive ride sheet needs to be updated. The original document cannot be found; therefore to update the sheet, it needs to be recreated. Jill started working on 'freshening up' the sheet to make it clearer to read. The current sheets are a copy of a copy of a copy and the wording and numbers are getting very blurry to read. Wes and other vets had lunch today and part of their discussion was the competitive ride sheet and some changes that they would like to see. Should a committee be created to update this form? Anyone interested in being on the committee should see Theresa after the meeting to nominate themselves.
- **ICF fund:**
 - The ICF committee consists of: Dr. Olivia, Robin Schadt, Bill Suskey, Candy Barbo and Lucy Stafford. Only three grants were given out over the past 10 years but the fund continues to be funded through the silent auction. To receive a grant from the fund, there are guidelines and an application to be completed. There were three requests in 2016 but no one qualified based on the criteria set by the previous ICF committee.
 - Jill motions that we take ICF fund to the general meeting to see if there is still support for the ICF fund to exist before we move forward with new guidelines on how the existing funds can be distributed. Seconded to Joslyn. Passed.
 - Motion made by Dianne Schmidt to stop UMECRA contributions to the fund. All donations will come from sources outside UMECRA. UMECRA will continue to manage the fund. Seconded by Jill Feller. Failed



- Motion made by Robin Schadt to suspend UMECRA funding to the ICF fund until such time it is necessary to refund it. Seconded by Roberta Harms. Sarah Mowrer requests an amendment that the fund suspension begins once the fund reaches \$3000.
- Jill Feller motions that the 12.5% from the ICF goes to the trail fund until time the ICF fund needs to be refunded. Passed.
 - Full motion is: Robin Schadt motion to suspend UMECRA funding to the ICF fund until the fund falls to \$3000. While suspended, the 12.5% from the silent auction previously designated for the ICF fund will go to the trail fund. Passed.
- AERC rules:
 - Dr. Olivia discussed some of the new rules/discussions with AERC.
 - There is more money available for drug testing.
 - There were nine equine fatalities in 2015. RM's and vets need to report these ASAP so AERC can follow up on these.
 - Susan Garlinghouse has a lot of tutorials on YouTube that you can share in clinics.
 - AERC mentor list is looking for new members.
 - AERC is looking at changing junior riders.
 - USEF made a new rule that all shows horses need to show all vaccination dates. Dr. Olivia will check to see if this rule will move into the endurance world.
- **Rider Rep announcement:** The rider rep voting took place at the convention. Those members voted in as rider reps include Bonnie Mielke, Joslyn Seefeldt, and Maxine Bernsdorf. There was a tie for the fourth position between Cathy Cook and Janette Sasnea. There was a ballot vote taken for the four position.
 - **Ballot vote results:** Jan Sasnea
- **Elections:**
 - **President:** Theresa Meyer, Elinore Tonsor, Jon Wagner; Winner is **Theresa Meyer**
 - **Vet Rep: Dr. Wes Elford.** Dr. Olivia was nominated but declined the nomination.
 - **MN Rep: Darlene Molitor**
 - **WI Rep: Jon Wagner**
- Motion to adjourn was made by Tim Casserly; seconded by Katie Bachhuber.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Feller
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer



Silent Auction Financial Summary:

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*
2011	\$1,334.00	\$667.00	\$333.50	\$333.50	\$2,668.00
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
2016	\$1,357.00	\$678.50	\$339.25	\$339.25	\$2,714.00

- Formula was different for dispersion of silent auction funds.