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BOD Meeting Agenda
Wisconsin Dells WI
January 23, 2016

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

Meeting called to order by President Theresa Meyer at 7:10 am

- **Secretary Report:** The November minutes were presented via email before the convention. Joslyn motions to accept the minutes from the November meeting as presented; Max seconds motion. Passed
- **Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer's report was presented via a Balance Sheet comparing 2015 to 2016, a summary Profit and Loss (P&L) was also presented along with notes explaining any unclear numbers. Tony motions to approve reports as presented; Bill seconds motion. Passed.
- **Ride Insurance:** The costs of 2016 insurance costs were discussed. Currently horse fairs and endurance clinics all pay 100% for insurance costs if the insurance comes through the UMECRA insurance company. Dianne motions that UMECRA pays the same insurance costs and percentages for the horse fairs and clinics as we pay for rides. Sarah seconds motion. Passed. *Note: UMECRA pays ½ of the daily costs for ride date insurance and the rides pay 100% of the cost for additional insured; these will be the same costs for horse fairs and clinics.*
- **Ride Schedule:** The 2016 ride schedule was presented. Bonnie motions to approve the proposed schedule as presented; Max seconds motion. Passed.
- **Bylaws:**
  - Special Meetings. On January 11th the BOD had a conference call to discuss the by-law proposed changes. During that call, there was not a consensus met regarding the wording in the Special Meeting section. A discussion followed discussing the pros and cons of having the meeting organizers procure and pay for the meeting room. Tony motions to strike the sentence "*If a Special Meeting is so requested by the majority of the ride events as described, then they must procure and pay for the meeting room.* Dianne seconded motion. Passed.
  - A discussion was held on the new wording for quorum that is presented in the by-laws; no changes to the proposed wording happened after the discussion.
    - *A quorum is determined based upon the presence in person at an Annual or Special Meeting of voting delegates representing either twenty (20) of the immediate preceding year/season's sanctioned and held endurance/competitive trail ride events or twenty-five (25) of the eligible voting delegates nominated by any endurance/competitive trail ride sanctioned, the immediately preceding year/season as recorded by the Secretary, whichever is less, plus the President or Vice President, and at least one (1) Rider Representative. That number shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.*
  - Dr. Olivia motions to change the wording under Article VIII Membership Section 3:

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        - Proposed wording: *Family memberships shall be entitled to as many votes, up to a maximum of two per family membership, as there are members aged 14 or older in the family unit.*
        - Olivia motions to change the wording to: *Family memberships shall be entitled to two votes.* Jon seconds the motion. Passed.
    - Motion made to pass the housekeeping language and word changing and all other changes written in the new by-law language. Wayne motions to accept all other changes to the by-laws including the housekeeping and word changes and pass the by-laws to the annual meeting; Joslyn seconds motion. Passed.
- **Ride Attendance Numbers:** Robin presented a report on the 2015 ride attendance. This report will be posted on the UMECRA website for all ride managers to view.
- **Trail Grants Awarded:** A trail grant was presented from the Northern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association for trail improvements. There will be three of the UMECRA rides held on these trails in 2016. Max motions to approve grant; Joslyn seconds motion. Passed.
    - Joslyn motions that the trail grant maximum amount be raise to $300 with a minimum amount of $500 always kept in the account. Wayne seconds the motion. Passed.
- **Horse Fairs/Expos:** A discussion was held regarding the cost of hosting a booth at the various horse fairs and expos. Besides the cost of the booth itself, there are additional costs such as electricity, renting tables, chairs, etc. and it all adds up. Dianne motioned to increase the cost of horse fairs/expos to up to $350 with receipts presented showing the costs involved with the booth. Sarah seconded the motion. Passed.
- **Promotion/Publicity Report:** Nicole gave a report about what the promotions committee has done over the past year. The state horse fairs/expos have provided good exposures for UMECRA. The committee has also partnered with AERC on several promotional items. Anyone interested in being on the promotion committee should contact Nicole; she is a committee of one right now.
- **ICF update:** Dr. Olivia gave a report on the ICF fund; only three requests for funds have been awarded from the fund since 2006. Several requests from 2015 were rejected because the criteria for receiving funds was not met by the applications. The ICF committee is looking at changing the criteria to allow more members to meet the qualifications.
    - Jill motions that we take ICF fund to the general meeting to see if there is still support for the ICF fund to even exist before we move forward with new guidelines on how the existing funds can be distributed. Joslyn seconded the motion. Passed.
- **2017 Convention (Minnesota):** Dianne gave a report on two different hotels that she is looking at for the 2017 convention; the Marriot and Doubletree, both in Rochester, are the two options being considered. No specific plans/location have been decided.
- **2018 Convention (Illinois):** Tony gave a report on one option IL is considering; no specific plans/location have been decided.
- **Missing Rules:** Theresa asked if any BOD members know of any missing rules. A discussion followed on the junior qualifications for awards that may have been different in years past due to the pointskeeper changing the points calculation but there has been no documentation found supporting this change.
- **More committees:** Should there be more committees in UMECRA? The current committees:
    - Rules/bylaws
    - Promotions

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  - Audit
  - ICF
  - New members
    - No more committee were established. ALL UMECRA members have an option to be on any committee; you do not need to be a BOD member.
- **Other:**
  - **Junior Membership:** 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; Peggy seconded the motion. Passed.
  - **AHA Distance National Championship Sponsorship:** Tony is requesting a $250 sponsorship donation which would include our logo on the rider bags, an acknowledgement on the official ride program and on the AHA Distance Nationals webpage. Tony motions that UMECRA purchase a $250 sponsorship for the AHA Distance National Championship ride; Joslyn seconded the motion. Passed.
  - **Annual meeting time limit:** Tony motions there will be a two-minute limit per person on discussions during the annual meeting; people can talk a second time for another two minutes; Bill seconded motion. Passed.
- **Motion to adjourn:** Jill motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:07; seconded by Sarah.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Feller
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer