BOD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2018

LODI, WI

Call to Order: 10:30 a.m. Central time

- *Attendance/roll call* President Jon Wagner called the meeting to order at 10:30 am CST. Also, present were board members Peggy Pasillis, Lynda Zimmerman, Jan Sasena, Sarah Maass, Theresa Meyer, Tony Troyer, Tracy Johnson, Dr. Wes Elford, Maxine Bernsdorf, Bruce Birr (10:32), Laurie Henschel (10:37), and Bill Suskey (10:53). Also in attendance were Linda Jacobson, Kim Fosler, Jim Andriakos, and Roberta Harms (11:11).

Approval of Minutes

March 10, 2018 BoD minutes were approved in April and posted in UMECRA Newsletter – no corrections/additions were necessary.

EBOD/Auxiliary Reports

Treasurer's Report Bruce presented his reports (Profit & Loss, and Balance Sheet/attached). The board approved upon motion of Dr. Wes and second by Maxine. Bruce stated that all fees had been paid but for the ride fees from one ride and insurance fees from one other. He had been in touch with the managers of both rides and expected those payments within a few days.

Secretary's Report Bruce stated that no new trail grant requests had been received by mail, but that Linda Jacobson had one to submit. At this time Linda presented the application for the Coon Rock Horse and Hunt Club. The board approved this request upon motion of Dr. Wes and second by Sarah.

Presidents Report Jon stated facts about the scholarship fund, how money is added to it, and the deadline for scholarship applications. He also stated that he had sent a letter to the RM's of AHAM thanking them for fulfilling their probationary obligations of 2018.

Veterinarian's Report Dr. Elford had sent information on pulse criteria and heat index to all before the meeting. A discussion took place concerning endurance ride schedules and the philosophy of holds (they should be used to control competitiveness of the rider and for the safety/welfare of the horse). Dr. Elford stated that in his opinion, the primary goal of holds during a ride was to give the horse a break – both physically and mentally. Additional discussion focused on pulse parameters – should we be using 60bpm more as per Dr. Fehr's statistics? This in turn led to additional discussion on breed and conformation types with regard to pulse and respiration recovery.

Sanctioning Coordinator Through Jon, Joslyn reported that not many rides had yet submitted their sanctioning requests. Jon will have Jos send out another email blast to solicit those. Jon stated that the Kettles & Bits ride was being dropped. Theresa stated that it is likely that there will be a new ride in Northwestern MN, Bill stated that since our guidelines state that MapQuest be used to determine distance between rides, and since MapQuest was struggling financially and may disappear in the near future, that we change the language to read that a web-based mapping tool is used. No formal action taken.

Committee Reports

Strategic Planning/Promotions The committee (Tony, Theresa, Laurie, and Bill) stated their actions, and requested the ability to partner with a company that could offer UMECRA logo items for sale, with either the organization or the purchaser receiving 10%. After discussion, the board approved a motion by Theresa and second by Tony for this to proceed with the purchaser getting a 10% discount, but that items offered not be those types that are given for awards by UMECRA.

Convention Report Bruce stated the status of the 2019 convention in Gladstone, MI. Tracy and Kim shared the prep done so far to settle on a WI site for the 2020 convention. The board agreed to recognize Kim, Tracy and their volunteers as the convention organizers for the 2020 convention scheduled to be held in Wisconsin.

[At this point, a break was taken from 12:03-12:17 pm to distribute lunch.]

Awards Report Janette stated that the committee (herself, Sherry Aune, Jean Allen, and in an advisory role, Maxine) had obtained about ½ of the awards, and was continuing.

Membership Report Jon reported the membership figures that Bruce had given him (390 total members, of which 58 are family memberships, 8 Junior memberships, and 6 Ride Manager only memberships). He also stated that the printed member directory had cost $658. After discussion, consensus was to publish an interim membership directory update in odd years which would correct errors in the printed directory, as well as new members who had joined since the printed directory was published. The goal will be to print a new directory every two years.

<u>Old Business</u>

- *ICF Review and Annual Meeting Report (Bill)* Bill gave a brief report and will prepare to do the same at the Annual Meeting.
- *Bylaw Definitions – addendum to the bylaws – review and discuss motion procedure (Jon)* Jon discussed and reviewed motion procedure at the annual meeting to smooth and speed up things. This procedure will be motioned by Peggy and seconded by Lynda. Proposal will be posted in the UMECRA newsletter for members to review.
- Article IV, Sec.5 Bylaw change proposal – review and discuss motion procedure (Jon) This proposal will be motioned by Tony and seconded by Wes. This proposal will also be published in the newsletter for members to review prior to the Annual meeting.
- *100 Mile Horse Program* After discussion, Jon will re-write the form to make it fit the award (current form is incorrect). The Board would also like to see all awards advertised or highlighted via the newsletter early in the ride season as a reminder to members about the awards that are available and the qualifications necessary to receive a specific award.
- *Ties/Changes to General Rule 5 – C and Endurance rule 12 (move 5 – C to Comp rules w/revisions and rewrite End. Rule 12) (Theresa, Tony, Dr. Elford)* After discussion, Theresa will re-write the language regarding ties, and provide examples. Approved examples will be forwarded to the Annual meeting for membership voting.
- *Gate and Go Holds – Endurance rule 9 (Theresa)* After discussion, the board voted 7-3 to pass a motion made by Bill and second by Theresa, to strike Endurance rule 9B. {"Horses passing the P/R parameters shall remain at the check area for the time specified, but a minimum of 20 minutes".}
- *Out of Region Rides – Pros/Cons/Options* After some discussion, consensus was to continue discussion on the Yahoo group.
- *Address any concerns about the new Comp sheet (Dr. Elford)* Dr. Elford inquired about any concerns regarding the new Comp sheet – silhouettes of horses have been corrected and it was noted that a "pre-trot out" score area was needed on the sheet. Dr.

Elford stated that he would change the sheet in conjunction with Nicole. A brief discussion was held about the use of the extra boxes for manners and their use. Examples were shared that indicated the boxes have encouraged some vets to use them. There were no other concerns about the use of the sheets.

- *Address Inconsistencies in judging Comp (Dr. Elford)* The BoD discussed the inconsistencies in judging Comp rides throughout the UMECRA region such as:
  a. *Trot methods – in hand or lunging*
  b. *Pain, heat, filling – pick up legs or just run hand over*
  c. *P/R race or judged Comp performance – use of all scoring areas* Discussion led to no action, though it was suggested that a Facebook page be created for veterinarians to discuss issues. Sarah has agreed to work on this. A meeting of vets at convention was also discussed and encouraged if possible. An email from Dr. Rae about some of these judging items was also shared by Bruce.

<u>New Business</u>

- *Points Keeper and Website Coordinator Volunteers/Appointments (Jon)* Robin and Nicole have agreed to continue in these roles.
- *Wisc. /Ill. Horse Council Memberships (Jon)* After brief discussion, Maxine motioned and Peggy seconded that we join the Horse Councils of the 4 primary states – WI, IL, MN, and MI. Motion passed.
- *Jr's changing Sponsors mid-ride (Jon/Tracy)* A review of current AERC and UMECRA rules pertaining to this topic were discussed, no action taken.
- *Versatility/100 Mile horse nominations (Tracy/Jon)* After discussion, the board passed a motion made by Tony and seconded by Theresa to make the nomination period open through October 1 each year. This change will need to be noted in the awards description.
- *New members joining in Sept/Oct./full membership (Robin/Jon)* Discussion led to a motion by Laurie and second by Lynda that new memberships received in September, October, November are valid both for the current year and the following ride season. Motion passed.
- *Damage at a ride/liability (Tracy/Tony)* Item withdrawn for discussion.
- *Developing a set of Guidelines/Options for RM's in the event of trail sabotage (Lynda)* Issue was discussed, but no action taken. Ride managers should be as fair as possible in how they resolve these issues and aware of both AERC's and UMECRA's rules/guidelines covering such instances. EX: AERC 1.3.1/UMECRA 2 A-D
- *What recourse does a rider have when they disagree with Vet's decision to pull/disqualify their horse for undetermined lameness issues? (Lynda)* Brief discussion with no action taken.
- *1000 Mile Horse Program (Tracy)* Jon asked for this to be put on the Yahoo group for discussion and board consensus agreed.
- *Waiving Novice Leader Fees (Tracy)* Brief discussion with no action taken.
- *New Membership Form (Joslyn/Jon)* Bill will create a new membership form for the website, which will be more intuitive for people to use.
- *Heat Index Proposal (Dr.Elford)* Dr. Elford brought forth info and thoughts on this topic. Consensus was to continue board discussion on the topic at future board meetings and thru the boards Yahoo e-mail account.
- *LD Points Proposal (Roberta/Jon)* Roberta shared some thoughts on changing the way LD points are accrued. The board is interested in the concept and asked Roberta to provide

additional information. She has agreed to meet with the board again at the January BoD meeting.

- *2019 Elections – VP, Sec./Treas., Ill. and Mich. Regional Directors and the 2 Directors – At – Large (Jon)* Peggy will announce these positions in the remaining newsletters prior to the Annual Meeting. Jon asked if current position holders were willing to serve again, and all that were present said yes. Jon will contact Lisa for her feedback on that. He also suggested that each person send a short bio to Peggy for the newsletter.
- *Hall of Fame/Shinning Light* The board received three nominations for the Hall of Fame. Although there were no nominations for the Shining Light Award by the time of the meeting, Theresa was expecting to hear from someone soon and would pass that information on to the board if and when she received it. The board adjourned at 3:58 upon motion of Tony and second by Theresa, to move to Executive Session for discussion of the Hall of Fame nominations. The board reconvened at 4:23 p.m.

Announcements There were none.

Adjournment Tony moved, and all seconded adjournment at 4:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Bruce A. Birr