**BoD Meeting**

**Gladstone, MI**

**January 19, 2019**

**Call to Order –** the meeting was called to order by President Jon Wagner at 7:00 am. Others present at the meeting were, Bruce Birr, Peggy Pasillas, Jan Sasena, Maxine Bernsdorf, Bill Suskey, Lynda Zimmerman, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Laurie Henschel, Dr. Elford, Theresa Meyer, Lisa Germann, Tracy Johnson, Tony Troyer, Sarah Maass, Sanctioning Coordinator Joslyn Seefeldt and guest Sandra Wright.

**Approval of Minutes –** the November 14th, 2018 BoD minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**Treas./Sec. Reports –** the organization's financial reports (P&L summary and Balance Sheet) were reviewed and approved upon motion by Dr. Elford, second by Peggy.

- **Insurance update:** costs for the 2019 ride season should be similar to last season. Bruce will forward a summary of ride insureds to Ride Managers soon for approval and then will submit said information to our insurer for a quote. The board has asked Bruce to have a discussion with our insurance carrier about increasing coverage from the current $1 million coverage to $3 million, and potently changing the time of coverage. Currently our coverage runs from March to March. Is it more advantageous to have policy coverage for a calendar year or even possibly the ride season (November to November)? Bruce will attempt to have cost information, advantages/disadvantages involved, and information about the ability to make these changes available for the March BoD meeting.
- **Trail Grants/Horse Fair Requests:** no new trail grant requests had been received. A request for funds for the MN Horse Expo has been submitted by Sandra Fett on behalf of MnDRA. The BoD had previously decided to fund up to $350 for Horse Expos/fairs as well as ½ of the daily insurance costs. Bruce noted that he had not necessarily been tracking trail grants as affecting the Trail Fund and that he would make those corrections to the appropriate accounts.
- **Internal Review/Audit:** Jon asked Tony to chair an internal peer review of the Treasurer's records between this morning's BoD meeting and the first scheduled speaker for this afternoons convention. Other members of the peer review team include: Dr. Elford, Maxine Bernsdorf, Sandra Wright and Ken Meyer.

**Presidents Report –** Jon reported that there will be three $1,100 individual scholarships awarded this year (to be handed out at the Awards Presentation).

- **2020 Convention:** the 2020 convention will be held on the weekend of January 17-19 @ the Holiday Inn of Stevens Point, Wi. Kim Fosler will be the convention host.
- **Awards Wording Update:** to avoid confusion or any misunderstandings, the Charles Phillips Versatility Award has had the following language returned to its description on both the web-site and nomination form: "*Nominations must be submitted to the Points Keeper* before *the beginning of the last scheduled ride of the season*". This language was originally adopted in 2008. A description of the Competitive Drive Top Five Award has been added to the web-

site. UMECRA has presented this award for several years, but there has not been a description of the award or its necessary qualifications listed under the Awards tab. The following description is now posted to the web-site: "*Competitive Drive Top Five – The Top Five (5) drivers, singles or pairs, shall be recognized. Drivers must successfully complete a minimum of five drives to be eligible for an award."*

- **Comp Sheet:** The Competitive score sheet was presented with the addition of a place for "zero points" during the pre-trot out.
- **Safe Sport:** this national awareness program was briefly discussed and Peggy has agreed to chair a committee to look into the details of the program.

**Old Business –**

- **Membership Form:** the CD choice has been eliminated (few if any members were selecting this option) and some minor language changes have been made to the form. The BoD has agreed to continue an additional charge of $10 for members selecting a hard copy of the ride book. The ride book will be available as a free (PDF) down load from the web-site.
- **LD Points Proposal:** discussion of this item was withdrawn from the agenda pending further information.
- **Review of Endurance Rule 9:** after a lengthy discussion, the BoD approved a motion by Tony, second from Lisa, to withdraw this rule proposal from the afternoons general membership meeting agenda and send it back to the rules committee for further study/review.
- **Review/Discuss Annual Meeting Procedures:** Jon shared that he'd like to keep the meeting informal, orderly and on time. The procedures for the motions related to the bylaw and rule changes were discussed and agreed upon. (Tony and Peggy will make motions, Lynda and Dr. Elford to second)

**Announcements –** the AERC Convention is being held March 7th – 9th. The BoD members will decide via the BoD Yahoo account on when to meet for their March board meeting (March 16th or 30th).

**Adjournment –** motion to adjourn was made by Tony, seconded by Peggy at 8:45 am.

Respectively submitted,

/s/Bruce Birr, Sec-Treas