

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



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*“The happiness of your
life depends on the
quality of your
thoughts.” — Marcus
Aurelius*

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IMPORTANT

**RIDE MANAGERS – Effective Immediately - When
sending in your ride results, please send them to
Robin Schadt (708.280.8241
robinschadt@aol.com) and Nicole Mauser-Storer
(309-258-9234 n.mauserstorer@outlook.com).
They are taking over the ride result reporting and
points keeping activities for the rest of the year.**

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Thank the Park Managers!

There is a hidden resource that many riders
may not be aware of that are critical to the
success of our rides! That hidden resource is
the park managers and maintenance teams of
the various state and regional parks!
What do they do? Well, as one of the ride
managers for Mosquito Run, I know that the
success of our ride is very dependent on the
support of the park manager and her
maintenance team, we wouldn't have such nice
trails. When storms trashed the trail a few days
before the ride, the maintenance crew kicked
into high gear to remove downed trees and fix

washed out trails. By the time the ride started,
the trails were in good shape!
Another good example was the recent Charity
Cup ride. The park managers went above and
beyond to make sure the trails were cleared. It
had been a rough summer with some of the
trails getting badly overgrown due to all the rain
this year, they put 3 bulldozers out there to
clear trail and make sure the trails were clear!
They also spiffed up the campground, all freshly
mowed and made sure all the high ties were
secure. They checked in with the ride managers
over the weekend just to make sure everything
was okay. What a difference that makes!
At Sand Ridge, the DNR kept the water tanks full
all weekend – what a relief for the RM's! One
thing they didn't need to worry about.
At the Franklin Reserve ride, one of the
maintenance team helps mark and unmark trail!
So when you are at a ride and you see the park
staff make sure you give them a cheery wave
and a big thank you if you can!!

Peggy Pasillas

Ride Managers – remember - all ride
payments should be mailed to the
UMECRA Bookkeeper:
Jessica Sonnek
1991 County 9
Houston, MN 55973
Email: jess.sonnek@gmail.com
Call: 608.780.3477

Still time in the 2025 Ride Season!

Go to UMECRA.com for full ride details

Date	Ride Name / Location
10/4 – 10/5	Huntersville Hundred / Menahga, MN
10/4 – 10/5	Rock River Charity Ride / Weinberg-King State Park, IL
10/11 – 10/12	Iron Oak / Arkdale, WI
10/11 – 10/12	Oak Leaf Run / Hamilton, MI
10/17 – 10/18	Point Chaser / Theilman, MN
10/25 – 10/26	AHDRA – Big River / Keithsburg, IL
Monday, 11/3/25 - End of UMECRA Season	

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SAVE THE DATE FOR UMECRA 2026 CONVENTION!

January 16-18, 2026

Express Suites Riverport- Conference and Event Center
900 Bruski Dr, Winona, MN 55987



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Attention Rock River goers!

We switched to Weinberg-King State Park 2 miles from Augusta, IL

There are limited reversible spots, HOWEVER, we are allowed to double up on sites are share boxes. Grab your camping/riding buddy and you guys can share a spot!

There are also many non-electric sites to choose from also when you get there.

Hope to see you the first weekend of October!

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Ride Results

Make sure to confirm your placings on UMECRA.com for each ride and for points standings. Corrections are required to be made within 30 days of the results being posted on UMECRA.com. Reach out to the Ride Manager and the Points Keeper (Robin Schadt) for any corrections.

Bonecrusher - 7/25/25 - Comp LW 25			
Jessica	Sonnek	Jazmine	1
Alicia	Guilloux	RSD Encore Majjic	2
Laura	Geissler	Miss Emery County	3
Moxie	Flanagan	Marquise SE	4
Victoria	Robison	La Grange RTA	5
Mary	Otto	Noahs Serene Sunrise	6
Erika	Achberger	Yetlanesi	C
Bonecrusher - 7/25/25 - Comp Jr 25			
Melia	Hennig	Lucky John	1
Ellie	Otto	Camelots Spot Check	2
Bonecrusher - 7/25/25 - Comp HW 25			
Amber	Hennig	PAA Baylyn Seer	1
Amber	Davis	Whiskey Girl	P
Bonecrusher - 7/25/25 - End LW 50			
Amy	Yatsko	Not Dew Yet	1
April	Johnson	Lonida's Shooting Star	2
Claire	Godwin	Sundown Reveille+/-	3
Sheila	Schneider	Rushcreek Giggles	4
Linda	Jacobson	AE Gimli Strength	5
Angie	Mikkelsen	Krusin's Thunderbird	P
Bonecrusher - 7/25/25 - End Jr 50			
Alice	Erickson	Rushcreek Calia	1
Bonecrusher - 7/25/25 - End HW 50			
Kellie	Moore-Fryman	In God We Trust	1
Bettina	Koehn	Finnley	2
Crystal	Esqueda	Berry Truly My Deco	3
Bonecrusher - 7/25/25 - LD LW 25			
Samantha	Miller	Belle	1
Jessie	Finnila	FT Firestorm	2
Danielle	Lease	Boo Kids Aster Knight	3
Jutta	Schmidt	AF Go For Gold	4
Linda	Goddard	RedRock Wyatt	5
Katie	Bachhuber	Smooth Criminal TA	6
Sarah	Maass	Gideon	C
Jane	Kirkeide	Bassim	C
Debby	Weisbecker	Chocolate Martini	P
Bonecrusher - 7/25/25 - LD Jr 25			
Grace	Carter	Burning up Diesel	1
Vienna	Finnila	RB Liwa	2
Gracyn	Schneider	Midlife Crisis	3
Zoe	Hutchins	Shortcake	4
Elizabeth	Gasner	Petal Power	5
Bonecrusher - 7/25/25 - LD HW 25			
Jennifer	Frerichs-Ramon	Halley's Comet	2
Jim	Carter	Mister Jack Daniels	2
Rose	Crowle	H62510	3
Ann	DeLang	My My My My My Boogies Shoes	P
Sarah	Watts	Ishtar RTA	P
Bonecrusher - 7/25/25 - Novice 12			
Emily	Kibler	Reva	1
Andrea	Pfeifer	Grit	2
Sally	Hoff	Epic Journey	3
Nicole	Recknagel	Sinatra	4
Jessica	Recknagel	Ninja	4
Elle	Barbian	Hercules	6
Rich	Gebka	Shiloh	C
Martina	Campbell	Dreamer	C
Amelia	Recknagel	Faith	C
Emma	Boerema	Felicity	C
Kim	Wycislak	The Score is Even	C
Alisha	Agentem	Karma	C
Laura	Rethke	Lucy	C
Debby	Weisbecker	Love Me A Latte	C

Bonecrusher - 7/26/25 - Comp LW 35			
Moxie	Flanagan	Marquise SE	1
Laura	Gielser	Miss Emery County	2
Alicia	Guilloux	RSD Encore Majjic	3
Bonecrusher - 7/26/25 - Comp HW 35			
Sarah	Mowrer	A Time To Shine	1
Bonecrusher - 7/26/25 - End LW 55			
Jessie	Finnila	Sterlings Starstrider	1
Sheila	Schneider	Rushcreek Giggles	2
Claire	Godwin	Poetical	3
Colleen	Morgan	Batman SH	P
Bonecrusher - 7/26/25 - End HW 55			
Jodi	Johannessen	Ginger	1
Bonecrusher - 7/26/25 - End LW 55			
Katarina	Candee	Ashe	1
Bonecrusher - 7/26/25 - End HW 75			
Dana	Gasner	Whispering Echo	1
Samantha	Echaves		P
Bonecrusher - 7/26/25 - LD LW 25			
Debby	Weisbecker	Lady Jane	1
Ann	DeLang	My My My My My Boogies Shoes	2
Jutta	Schmidt	AF Go For Gold	3
Emily	Kibler	Reva	4
Erika	Achberger	Jetla	P
Bonecrusher - 7/26/25 - LD Jr 25			
Gracyn	Schneider	Midlife Crisis	1
Alice	Erickson	SLF Living On Faith	2
Sabrina	Shepard	Butterscotch Bar Sonny	3
Bonecrusher - 7/26/25 - LD HW 25			
Ann	DeLang	My My My My My Boogies Shoes	1
Crystal	Esqueda	Lopin in Diamonds	2
Jennifer	Frerichs-Ramon	Halley's Comet	3
Danille	Toland	Sunny	4
Kimberly Ann	Fosler	BZ Cojeseryn Sahar	P
Melissa	Shepard	We Con Err	P
Bonecrusher - 7/26/25 - LD LW 35			
Jane	Kirkeide	Ranahan	1
Bonecrusher - 7/26/25 - LD Jr 35			
Ellie	Otto	Camelots Spot Check	1
Bonecrusher - 7/26/25 - LD HW 35			
Kerstin	McNiesh	Eve From Paradise	1
Crystal	Esqueda	Lopin in Diamonds	2
Emily	Schupp	RedAxel	P
Bonecrusher - 7/27/25 - Comp LW 25			
Alicia	Guilloux	RSD Encore Majjic	1
Moxie	Flanagan	Marquise SE	2
Victoria	Robison	La Grange RTA	3
Jessica	Sonnek	Jazmine	P
Bonecrusher - 7/27/25 - Drive 12			
Alice	Hubert	Gridlock	1
Ray	Hubert	Chris P Bacon	P
Tammette	Poffenberger	River	P
Bonecrusher - 7/27/25 - LD Jr 25			
Ellie	Otto	Winston	1
Bonecrusher - 7/27/25 - LD HW 25			
Kellie	Moore-Fryman	In God We Trust	1
Kimberly Ann	Fosler	Chester	2
Sarah	Mowrer	A Time To Shine	P

AHDRAS Field of Dreams Dash - 8/23/25 - Comp HW 30			
Sarah	Mowrer	A Time To Shine	1
Aaron	Mowrer	EF Sweet Clementine	2
Joshua	Mowrer	KW Magnum Archie	3
Kim	Rumppsa	R Secret Cat Man Do	MO
AHDRAS Field of Dreams Dash - 8/23/25 - Comp LW 30			
Laurie	Hoepner	Gai Caravel	1
Glenda	Cook	Easy N Bodacious	P
AHDRAS Field of Dreams Dash - 8/23/25 - End HW 50			
Gerald	Cummings	Dakila Espress	1
AHDRAS Field of Dreams Dash - 8/23/25 - End LW 50			
Pamela	Garrison	DG ZAYN SHAQUIN	1
AHDRAS Field of Dreams Dash - 8/23/25 - LD HW 30			
Amber	Davis	Whiskey Girl	1
AHDRAS Field of Dreams Dash - 8/23/25 - LD LW 30			
Kelsy	Wilde	Ash	P
Stacie	Shelman	A Scene N Cashmere	P
AHDRAS Field of Dreams Dash - 8/23/25 - Novice 12			
June	Leezer	Murph	1
Amy	Foster	Asa	2
Ann	Heidileinen	Queincy	3
Andria	Pooley	Beauty	4
Sam	Dreyer	Ace	MO
Alexandra	Stone	Money Well Wasted	MO
AHDRAS Field of Dreams Dash - 8/24/25 - LD HW 30			
Sarah	Mowrer	A Time To Shine	1
Alexandra	Stone	Orion's Belt	2
Emily	Schupp	RedAxel	3
AHDRAS Field of Dreams Dash - 8/24/25 - LD LW 30			
Stacie	Shelman	A Scene N Cashmere	1
AHDRAS Field of Dreams Dash - 8/24/25 - Novice 12			
June	Leezer	Murph	1
Cecilia	Dirks	Whizbang	2
Kaylie	Hulsey	Rsecret Dun SoPretty	MO

DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/23/25 - Comp HW 25			
Desmond	Degroot	Ophelia Kkan	1
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/23/25 - Comp Jr 25			
Astrid	Erickson	Odette Dances	1
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/23/25 - Comp LW 25			
Jane	Malischke	Bourbon	1
Emily	Kibler	REVA	P
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/23/25 - End HW 50			
Guy	Worthington	PA Hi-Spirit	1
Sarah	Carlson	HTLB Stormy	2
Amber	Erickson	Ottalia Mystic	3
Crystal	Esqueda	Berry Truly My Deco	4
Stephanie	Crispin	Sinnamon Raysin Bread	5
Bettina	Koehn	Finnley	6
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/23/25 - End Jr 50			
Alice	Erickson	Rushcreek Calia	1
Logan	Erickson	A Kings Delivery	P

DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/23/25 - End LW 50			
Jessie	Finnila	Sterlings Starstrider	1
Jodi	Johannessen	SC Izzabella	2
Linda	Jacobson	AE Gimli Strength	3
Sheila	Schneider	Rushcreek Giggles	4
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/23/25 - LD HW 25			
Ann	DeLang	My My My My My Boogies Shoes	1
Kimberly Ann	Fosler	BZ Cojeseryn Sahar	2
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/23/25 - LD Jr 25			
Gracyn	Schneider	Midlife Crisis	1
Tabitha	Kostreva	The Wolf King	2
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/23/25 - LD LW 25			
Jessi	Lipponen	Strawberree Wyne GA	1
Ann	Ruesch	Brownie Batter	2
Karen	Bahrman	Edgefield Triton	3
SAVANNAH	MALONEY	WAYLON	4
Eileen	Kirsch	Elwha	5
Jane	Kirkeide	Bassim	6
Elizabeth	Frieders	HTLB Chester	C
Debby	Weisbecker	Chocolate Martini	P
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/23/25 - Novice 12			
STELLA	JACOBY	ZIPPER	1
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/24/25 - Comp HW 25			
Amber	Hennig	PAA Baylyn Seer	1
Amber	Erickson	Ophelia Kkan	2
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/24/25 - Comp Jr 25			
Astrid	Erickson	Odette Dances	1
Melia	Hennig	Lucky John	2
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/24/25 - Comp LW 25			
Linda	Jacobson	Hazelrun Mighty Roark	1
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/24/25 - LD HW 25			
Adrienne	Dymesich	Shady	1
Sigrid	Vining	Willow	2
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/24/25 - LD Jr 25			
Elliot	Dymesich	Happy	1
Vallerie	Zwicky	FedEx	2
Eva	Dymesich	Fiametta	3
Emily	Dymesich	SRR Apache Warrior	4
DRAWs Prairie River Ride - 8/24/25 - LD LW 25			
Wendy	Maas	FT Firestorm	1
Jessie	Finnila	Renegade Raja	2
Jessi	Lipponen	Strawberree Wyne GA	3
Stella	Jacoby	Zipper	4
Jane	Kirkeide	Bassim	4

Colorama - 9/12/25 - Comp HW 25			
Amber	Erickson	Ottalia Mystic	1
Kim	Rumpsa	R Secret Cat Man Do	2
Colorama - 9/12/25 - Comp Jr 25			
Astrid	Erickson	Odette Dances	1
Colorama - 9/12/25 - Drive 15			
Alice	Hubert	Gridlock	1
Ray	Hubert	Chris P Bacon	2
Colorama - 9/12/25 - End HW 50			
Gunnar	Frank	Ames Catalyst	1
Deb	Searle	Donut	2
Robin	Schadt	RAL Sorceress (Chloe)	P
Sarah	Mowrer	A Time To Shine	P

Colorama - 9/12/25 - End LW 50			
Katarina	Candee	Ashe	1
Carrie	Taft	PA Hi-Spirit	2
Linda	Jacobson	AE Gimli Strength	3
Alanna	Frank		3
Sheila	Schneider	Gypsy B Miss Behavin	5
Colorama - 9/12/25 - LD HW 25			
Caden	Kinney	Oakley	1
Jim	Carter	Mister Jack Daniels	2
Ann	Ruesch	Brownie Batter	3
Sherry	Aune	Jobair Al Shaqab	P
Colorama - 9/12/25 - LD Jr 25			
Grace	Carter	Burning Up Diesel	1
Logan	Erickson	A Kings Delivery	2
Colorama - 9/12/25 - LD LW 25			
Jessi	Lipponen	Mystic Dynasty PF	1
Debby	Weisbecker	Lady Jane	2
Emma	Schaffel	Reid	3
Vera	Betzelberger	Starr Quest	4
Amy	Betzelberger	Cisco Quarter Pony	5
Katie	Bachhuber	Smooth Criminal TA	6
Sally	Hoff	Epic Journey	C
Jane	Kirkeide	Bassim	P
Colorama - 9/12/25 - Novice 15			
Lauren	Menges	Gotye	1
Rick	Gebka	Shiloh	2
Joe	Klingeisen	Star	3
Julia	Habas	Moon	4
Danielle	Splaine	Zoltan	5
Colorama - 9/13/25 - Comp HW 25			
Amber	Hennig	PAA Baylyn Seer	1
Kim	Rumpsa	R Secret Cat Man Do	2
Colorama - 9/13/25 - Comp Jr 25			
Astrid	Erickson	Odette Dances	1
Melia	Hennig	Lucky John	2
Colorama - 9/13/25 - Drive 15			
Alice	Hubert	Gridlock	1
Colorama - 9/13/25 - End HW 100			
Caden	Kinney	Aurora	1
Guy	Worthington	JG Randie	P
Gunnar	Frank	Trinity	P
Colorama - 9/13/25 - End LW 100			
Diane	Meinders	Lumiere WW	1
Sheila	Schneider	Rushcreek Giggles	2
Alanna	Frank	WHR Blue Ridge	P
Colorama - 9/13/25 - End HW 50			
Stephanie	Boomgaard	Arceus SS	1
Amber	Erickson	Ottalia Mystic	2
Colorama - 9/13/25 - End Jr 50			
Alice	Erickson	Rushcreek Calia	P
Colorama - 9/13/25 - End LW 50			
Brooke	Moeller	Aurora's Magical Luv	1

Colorama - 9/13/25 - LD HW 25			
Jim	Carter	Mister Jack Daniels	1
Ally	Stone	Orion's Belt	2
Emily	Schupp	RedAxel	3
Kimberly Ann	Fosler	HTLB Chester	4
Colorama - 9/13/25 - LD Jr 25			
Grace	Miller	Golden Lightening	1
Colorama - 9/13/25 - LD LW 25			
Jessi	Lipponen	Strawberree Wyne GA	1
Samantha	Miller	Nobelle Afire	2
Stephanie	Vavra	AOF Moniet Al Raja	3
Ashlee	Miller	Dimiti	4
Colorama - 9/13/25 - Novice 15			
Kristin	Wacker	Manhattan Lace SBA	1
Carissa	Weber	NFF Skywalker's Pistol Pete	2
Laurenda	Easterlund	Ruby	3
Lara	Rohrback	Dauntless	4
Paul	Sawyer	Splitzville	5

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UMECRA Board of Directors Meeting April 5, 2025

Quality Inn, Lodi Wisconsin

Present: Robin Schadt, Theresa Meyer, Barb Gardner, Crystal Esqueda, Deb Searle, Emily Schupp, Debby Weisbecker, Janet Sarver, Sherry Aune, Sarah Maass, Brooke Moeller, Dr. Alana McNutt, Kim Fosler
Other: Linda Jacobson, Deb Moe, Jessica Sonnek, Ann DeLang

Absent: Peggy Pasillas, Sarah Mowrer

Meeting called to order by Robin Schadt at 10:06am Annual meeting minutes and Board of Directors from January 18, 2025 reviewed. Barb made a motion to accept, Sherry seconded. Approved.

Secretary Report - Janet reviewed a summary of IO group activity since November. The Canadian rides are no longer sanctioned by UMECRA due to them being unable to obtain ride liability insurance that crosses the international border.

Discussions were held regarding the ride calendar, a request for an extra 100 mile ride, the addition of a one day ride, and details on the convention.

Trail Grant – A request was made for \$500 to St Croix State Park to add more electric sites in the horse campground. Approved. A thank you card was received from FACETS for funding trail maintenance with a trail grant last year.

Treasure Report – Emily reported on the transition from former treasurer Deb Moe to Emily and

Jessica (bookkeeper). The change in banks has been completed and two more savings accounts will be opened for the trail fund account and convention account.

Committee Reports –

Vet Committee – Dr. Alana worked with AERC to get the names of vets in the UMECRA region who are members of AERC. The goal will be to reach out to these vets to create a list of those who are in the UMECRA region. She noted that only the head vet at a ride has to be an AERC member. She reported on research into fees paid to vets for ride weekends and rules for vets to practice in different states for the purpose of medical treatment at a ride.

Rule Committee

UMECRA GENERAL RULES – (Apply to both endurance and competitive rides)

1. Eligibility

A. Each ride must be open to all breeds. On a ride of **sanctioned at** 35 miles or less the equine must be at least 48 months old. The equines entered in **sanctioned** distances of 40 36 or more miles must be at least 60 months of age at the time of the ride with the exception of those entered in single day 100 mile rides. Equines entered in **sanctioned** single day 100 or **multi-day distances of sanctioned 100** mile distances must be at least 72 months of age at the time of the ride. (2015) (2024)

B. A ride must be open to everyone unless officially barred by the Board of Directors **or as recorded by the UMECRA Secretary upon notice of suspensions by other Organizations as noted below.**

C. Ride managers, riders, owners, veterinarians, crew and volunteers are not eligible to participate in any UMECRA event if they are suspended, sanctioned, banned or otherwise prohibited from participating by any of the following: 1. ((Including, but limited to)) SafeSport, AERC, USEF, FEI, Equine Canada, equine breed organizations, distance riding organizations, law enforcement or court order or judgment/conviction/plea agreement. 2. Severe rule infractions, unsportsmanlike conduct, and violations of the drug/medications and prohibited treatment policies. 3. Convictions related to

crimes against minors or crimes of embezzlement, money laundering, narcotics distribution or violence or abuse against persons or animals.

4. D. ~~Anyone having~~ **Outstanding debts owed to UMECRA or a UMECRA ride and which is not paid within 30 days (including bank fees) from notification in writing of the incident.**

D. Ineligible persons will be disallowed from receiving points, year-end awards or mileage accumulation **for themselves or their horses. They are also excluded from participation in UMECRA activities, including clinics, mock rides, being elected or retaining their office or representative status, meetings and conventions.**

E. Riders under 18 must have written permission of parents **or recorded** guardians.

Theresa moved to accept changes. Seconded, approved.

4. Rider Requirements

F. No equine entered in a sanctioned event may be under the influence of prohibited drugs, medications, or stimulants **or be given any treatments, lotions, balms, supplements, or alternative therapies prohibited** by AERC. (See AERC Rule 13 and its Appendixes for allowed and prohibited substances and treatments **and keep up to date on them. It is Rider and Owner responsibility.**) All equines are subject to drug testing while entered in the ride. **_ If a rider is disqualified from participation or suspended from AERC or FEI or USEF or Equine Canada or any Breed (AHA, AQHA, etc.) or other Equine Discipline (USDF, USEA, USHJA, etc.) and their case is final and not under Appeal, said rider and owner and the affected horse shall be suspended from any and all UMECRA sanctioned events for said a concurrent period of time. ...**

(a) Exception, if the disqualification/suspension by AERC is from September thru April, UMECRA's suspension will begin in the following May.

(b) Disqualification/suspension will be for the same number of months/years as AERC's suspension/prohibition.

(c) A rider can appeal UMECRA's recognition of AERC's suspension/ban by submitting a written request to the UMECRA President and Secretary,

and explaining and setting out the reasons and facts and rules to back their appeal. (2015) (2018)

Theresa moved to accept change. Seconded.

Discussion. Agreed that F. (a) (b) and (c) will go back to committee.

UMECRA General Rules

5. Awards

A. Placings ~~Awards~~ shall be ~~given~~ reported in ~~two~~ **weight** each divisions and a junior division through six places. (Exception: **no weight divisions for** Novice and Competitive Drive) Everyone finishing within the maximum time, to be determined by ride management, shall receive a completion award. (2021)

B. If a rider fails to complete the ride in the allotted time, management may at their discretion give the rider a completion award, but that rider will not be placed in the standings. He will receive credit toward his mileage record.

Theresa moved to accept change. Seconded.

Approved.

SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS

2. UMECRA RULES

F. Once the schedule is finalized at the annual meeting, no new rides may be scheduled except with ~~Board and~~ ride manager approval via electronic ballot with a majority of 2/3rds of the managers responding within ten (10) calendar days. (One vote per ride). Rides seeking approval by ~~Board~~ ride manager vote must meet one of the following criteria: 1) Be proposed for an open date 2) Be 501 miles or more from an already scheduled ride (as measured using Mapquest.com) 3) If less than 501 miles from an already scheduled ride (as measured using Mapquest.com), have written approval of those ride manager(s)

Theresa moved to accept change. Seconded.

Discussion. Voted to tabled and go back to committee.

Awards Committee – Sarah Maass presented new award ideas for discussion. Dr. Alana made a motion to eliminate restricted mileage awards and return to a top 10 award instead of Elite 8. Emily

made a motion to reallocate the remainder of the budget from restricted mileage to additional awards. Seconded. Passed.

Discussion of decreasing the minimum mileage to earn a top 10 award. Alana made an addition to her motion to include a change in mileage minimums.

- Currently the minimum mileage to earn an Elite 8 award in Endurance is 200 miles and Restricted Mileage minimum is 150.

- The minimum mileage to earn an Elite 8 award in LD and comp is 150 miles, and Restricted Mileage minimum is 100.

- The minimum mileage for juniors is half the minimum mileage of seniors.

After more discussion, Alana moved to amend her motion to keep the current existing minimums for the return to Top 10. Amendment approved and passed.

Awards Committee Chair Report - Jan Sasena reported that the new vendor worked very well for embroidery and the awards went smoothly. Lucy's embroidery purchase of inventory will be moved on to the fall agenda.

Technology Committee – Deb Moe will meet with Robin to discuss the future of the website and report back to the board. Discussed Ride with GPS and how to encourage ride managers to try this new tool. Deb stated that the UMECRA photo website has some expenses that she will submit to the board and she is looking for someone to help upload and maintain photos. Discussion of the newsletter frequency and getting an additional volunteer to help.

Social Media/Outreach Committee – no updates
Convention 2026 - Sarah Maass stated the location will be at the Holiday Inn Express in Winona Minnesota. Dates will be January 16-18, 2026. MnDRA voted to spend \$1000 for appetizers for Friday evening.

Old Business Protest Investigation Process - Janet presented a draft of the Protest Form. Motion made to accept the draft with the modification addition that the form must be submitted within 7 days of the ride.
Seconded. Approved.

The Protest Process will be discussed on the IO account at a later date. Ride Manager Code of Conduct – Hold until fall meeting. International Competition (USEF) – no updates.

New Business –

Michigan rider rep position – Robin will contact GLDRA to see about a nominee.

Update Trail grant form – Form can be submitted to the Secretary at any time of the year. The Board will vote on them through the IO account.

Fall board meeting, date and location - November 1st, location to be announced.

Ride Schedule/Sanctioning – Theresa noted some discrepancies between ride flyers and the sanctioning. Rock River Charity's LD, Comp and Novice ride do not have the correct miles reflected in the spreadsheet. LD & Comp should be 30 mile events and Novice should be a 15 miles event. These are due to former SC errors. Motion was made to correct the sanctioning to match the ride flyer. Seconded and approved. Any future discrepancies will be discussed on the IO account.

Motion to adjourn, seconded.

Meeting ended 2:42pm

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Photo Credit: Katy Carter – thank you for sharing your wonderful photos!

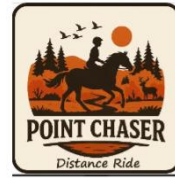


Time to start thinking about Scholarship applications!!

The scholarship fund was established back in 1996 by former WI members Ray and Audrey Gehrig. These scholarship opportunities are open to any UMECRA member seeking post high school educational study in at least a two-year program. Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a current UMECRA member
- Have been a UMECRA member for at least 2 yrs
- Participated in a minimum of 25 rides sponsored by UMECRA.

Anyone interested in applying for a UMECRA Scholarship needs to do so by November 10th. For scholarship information/ materials please go to the website <https://cfsw.org/misc-scholarships/> and scroll down to UMECRA or contact: Upper Midwest Endurance & Competitive Rides Association Scholarship Fund, c/o Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Jackie Ommodt, Scholarship Manager jackie@cfsw.org or phone 608-758-0883



Come and join us on October 17-18th 2025 for the 39th annual Point Chaser Distance Ride! This is a great way to finish the MnDRA and UMECRA 2025 season in one of the premier riding areas in the Midwest, right here in our own backyard. Zumbro Bottoms trails are beautiful and challenging with river views, bridge crossings, oak forests, bluffs and rocky climbs. Shoes or boots for your horse are recommended. We offer a variety of distance over both Friday and Saturday to challenge both you and your horse, including....

- Two days of 50 mile endurance
- One 50 mile competitive
- Two days of 30 mile limited distance and 30 mile competitive
- Novice ride on Saturday

We will be hosting the ride at the West Assembly horse campground. It is primitive but has high ties and space to spread out. Water is available on site at the electric pump. You will need to reserve your campsite online through the Yodel app or pay at the ride office.

Our completion awards this year are either a Point Chaser logo hat or a handmade neck gaiter. Distance Depot, Riders Warehouse and Spike and Houle's Feed Store have all donated great awards for this ride!

There will be a potluck with the main course provided so please bring a dish to share.

Our awesome vets are Dr. Bonnie Miller and Dr. Heather D'Amico.

Please help us out by pre-registering on the MnDRA.com website no later than October 10. If you have any questions you can reach us through email or Facebook messenger.

See you all soon!

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UMECRA TRAIL GRANT REQUEST

Trail grants are provided to public trails only and are for an organization, not individuals.
Requests will be reviewed and voted on at each board meeting three times a year.

Send completed form to: Janet Sarver 5670 Foxboro Lane, Wyoming MN 55092 or email to Jsarver662@gmail.com.

Date: _____

UMECRA Member making request: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Amount of request (\$500 maximum): _____

Date money is needed: _____

Name required on check if grant is approved:

The name needs to be an organization name; not an individual name.

Address to send check:

Please explain the reason for request. Include:

- What the money will be designated for (be specific)? You can use back of form or submit more information if needed.
- How UMECRA will benefit from granting this request?
- How UMECRA will be recognized for this request ?

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For Office Use Only:

Date Rec'd _____

Check # _____

Amount \$ _____

DB entered? _____

QB Receipt# _____

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**UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND
COMPETITIVE RIDE ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Membership year: _____

Credit Card option available online at
www.payumecra.com/membership

SELECT ONE:

RENEWAL ☐

NEW MEMBERSHIP ☐

SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

Family \$45 ☐

Single \$35 ☐

Minor* \$10 ☐

**Under 18 as of Dec 1 (beginning of ride season)*

SELECT MEDIA PREFERENCE:

Electronic Newsletter - \$0 ☐

Mailed Newsletter - \$10 ☐

Electronic Ride Book - \$0 ☐

Mailed Ride Book - \$10 ☐

Ride Book is available for free by downloading the PDF file at www.umecra.com on the Schedule page.

*Family memberships shall consist of one or more related, or coupled as significant other, adults, and/or children of such adults who are less than 18 years of age, all of whom reside in the same household. Please include all names of eligible family members below.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY and LEGIBLY!

AERC MEMBER NUMBER(s) (if applicable): _____

UMECRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER(S): _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number (s): _____

Email: _____

Do you have a new horse? To obtain a UMECRA number for your horse, or report a new AERC number please contact the pointskeeper (ajdavisaussies@gmail.com) and the webmaster (n.mauserstorer@outlook.com)

If you do NOT want your name and contact info in the membership book, check this box: ☐

Pay online at payumecra.com/membership OR mail completed form along with check made out to UMECRA to:

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