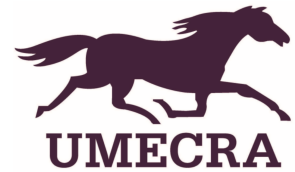


2026
May

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



LETTER FROM THE PREZ...

Ride season is underway. I hope you have been hitting the trails and getting out to enjoy the rides.

It's been an exciting start to the season with multiple clinics and mock rides happening.

New riders at these events are excited to get started and see what our sport is all about. Please help welcome them. If you see a new face, maybe go up and introduce yourself and find out what they are riding.

These clinics could not happen without the dedication of our members who put lots of time and effort into making them positive and fun events. Thank you to everyone who hosts or helps out at a clinic or mock ride! Your impact on our sport will be felt for years.

Peggy Pasillas, UMECRA President

ID Are you a new UMECRA member?

1. Make sure you use your UMECRA ID number when registering for rides to ensure your mileage is accrued correctly.
2. If you are a Novice or Competitive Trail rider and your horse does not have an AERC number, request a UMECRA horse ID number. Reach out to Mandie Roggenkamp, 218.820.5209 or roggenkamp.mandie@gmail.com.

🚩 Ride updates - check FB before traveling

Stay current on ride news and logistics by checking the Facebook (FB) ride page and/or the sanctioning club FB groups before heading out to each ride.

👉 Check out the UMECRA ride schedule at umecra.com/schedule.

Date	Ride Name	Location
5/23-24	Grand Island	Rapid River, MI
5/30-31	Maplewood West	Pelican Rapids, MN
6/6-7	White River Summer No Frills	Hesperia, MI
6/13-14	DRAWs Kettles N Bits	New Prospect, WI
6/20-21	Kankakee River Ride - AHA Reg. 11 Championship	Bourbonnais, IL
6/20-21	SE Minnesota	Preston, MN
6/20-21	Grand Island North	Munising, MI
6/27-28	Dakota Dash	Ft Ransom, ND
7/3-4	Firecracker Fling/AHA R10 Championship	Avoca, WI
7/11-12	Hopkins Creek	Manton, MI
7/11-12	Mosquito Run	Rogers, MN
7/24-26	Bonecrusher	Palmyra, WI
7/25-26	Au Sable Pines	Hale, MI
8/1-2	AHDRA Heatwave Hustle	Fayette, IA
8/7-9	Louise Riedel Memorial	Arkdale, WI
8/14-15	Detroit Horsepower Benefit	Milford, MI
8/15-16	Bearfoot Boogie	Hinckley, MN
8/22-23	DRAWs Prairie River Ride	Gleason, WI
9/5-7	White River Pioneer	Hesperia, MI
9/12-13	Charity Cup	Pillager, MN
9/12-13	Pampered Ponies Ride	Augusta, IL
9/18-19	DRAW's Colorama Classic	New Prospect, WI
9/26-27	Waterloo Rock 'N Roll	Grasslake, MI
10/2-4	Huntersville Hundred	Menasha, MN
10/10-11	Iron Oak	Arkdale, WI
10/10-11	Oak Leaf Run	Hamilton, MI
10/16-17	Point Chaser	Theilman, MN
10/24-25	AHDRA Big River	Keithsburg, IL
11/7-8	Field of Dreams Dash	Lehigh, IA

RIDE RESULTS

Tally Ho! 4/25/26 Novice 10			
Amy	Foster	Asa	1
Jayden	Moser	Caspian	2
Maida	Prickett	Halo	3
Kacey	Temple	Summer	4
Alexis	Willey	Falcon	5
Cecilia	Dirks	Whizbang	6
Faye	Foster	Tate	6
Clair	Bowers	Mochachina	C
Tricia	Brinkman	Rainbow's Curious Snopp	C
Megan	Green	Humble Henry	C
Kenlyn	Grenis	Jolene	C
Myleena	Grenis	Fancy Poco	C
Katie	Hall	Gypsy	C
Rachel	Kelker	Lacey	C
Reghan	McNaul	Delta	C
Andria	Pooley	Posh	C
Adella	Prickett	Marshmallow	C
Angie	Robberts	Tito	C
Carly	Ross	Ole	C
Madison	Stone	Dirty Bird	C
Quinn	Temple	Pixie	C
Grace	Vignato	Penny	C
Caylee	Watkins	Ricky	C
Heidi	Wildemuth	Beauty	C
Amy	Betzelberger	Starr Quest	MO
Vera	Betzelberger	Briar Rose	MO
Kaylie	Hulsey	Rsecret Dun SoPretty	MO
Alana	McNutt	Dasha	MO
Sheila	Schneider	Gypsy B Miss Behavin	MO
Emily	Schupp	RedAxel	MO
Alexandra	Stone	Orion's Belt	MO
Abby	Temple	Flicka	MO
Abigail	Wormley	Armira's Fireball	P
Sharon	Wormley	Channel CoCo Mademoiselle	P

Panther Creek 4/28/26 End HW 50			
Caden	Kinney	Aurora	1
Shawn	McCarthy	DG Finnegin Zamar	2
Alexis	Jones	T-rex	3
Panther Creek 4/28/26 End LW 50			
Elisa	Daniel	Psyches Shining Light	1
April	Farrell	Kharolina Wynd	1
Kaila	Cornell	Romeo	3

Diane	Meinders	Yo Dusty	4
Rebekah	Albertson	Heaven's Gift RN	5
Krystyna	Eischens	Rosco	6
Effe	Conner	MLR Mi Royal Psymba	C
Linda	Helmer	Nasmat Balqis	C
Ellen	Hensley	Amira Bint Jahbon	C
Kerry	Lowrey	Takoda	C
Maria	Enge	Peanut	P
Panther Creek 4/28/26 LD HW 25			
Sarah	Watts	Ishtar RTA	1
Sarah	Loftin	Imahit	2
David	McKinnon	Nadir	3
Belinda	Lopez-Minera	Padens Coal Trail	4
Jonathan	Morace	HOTA	P
Panther Creek 4/28/26 LD LW 25			
Margaret	Reynolds	VA Caradelle	1
Pamela	Garrison	DG ZAYN SHAQUIN	2
Felicia	Ashabanner	King ZippoSugarBar	3
Rebecca	Holthouse	IIB Don't Tell Pherrel	4
Wendy	Justice	Rococco Oriana	5
Jennifer	Noblin	Montana	6
Cathie	Birmingham	Yalak	C
Stephanie	Knaebel	Khatchin Fire	C
Sarah	Sanders	Leila	C
Tina	Snodgrass	Patricia	C
Heather	Karnowski	Star	P
Panther Creek 4/28/26 LD JR 25			
Lacey	Kanitz	Luna	1
Harlie	Connell	PONY	2
Dilynn	Vaughan	STARFIRE	3
Tabitha	Kostreva	The Wolk King	4
Sherry	Aune	Lily Creek Rhythm	5
Ashlyn	Aune	Iron Man	5
Ashley	Wilson-Connell	LE DOUX	C
Panther Creek 4/29/26 End HW 50			
Diane	Meinders	Yo Dusty	1
Maria	Enge	Eleanor Ambrosia B	2
Krystyna	Eischens	SoCo	3
Deb	Dickson	Kissino	P
Panther Creek 4/29/26 LD no membership HW 25			
Sarah	Loftin	Imahit	1
Belinda	Lopez-Minera	Padens Coal Trail	2
Panther Creek 4/29/26 LD no membership LW 25			
Ellen	Hensley	Jersey Girl PA	1
Whitney	Lowe	DD Nizons Amigo	2
Jennifer	Nobline	Montana	P

White River Springs 5/2/26 End HW 50			
Stephanie	Boomgaard	Arceus SS	1
White River Springs 5/2/26 End LW 50			
Diane	Meinders	Lumiere WW	1
Helen	Lynn	QMR Kammy Zell	2
Amy	Yatsko	Not Dew Yet	3
Damaris	Smith	Firelily Moon River	4
White River Springs 5/2/26 LD HW 25			
Kathleen	Neuhoff	Mystique Rose	1
Shane	Darga	Third Star	2
Pam	Darga	Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds	3
Diane	Maxey	LW Constant Sohn	4
Chelsea	Talaki	Al-Marah Fox Romeo	5
Soraya	Saatchi	DD Whooz Nadirah	6
Leah	Palestrant	PA Bracos Relentless	C
White River Springs 5/2/26 LD LW 25			
Rebecca	Mcarty	Wineglass Durbach	1
Melissa	Smith	Kulta	2
Barb	Kurti	Ayman Al Shaqub	3
Cecelia	Damler	Percy	4
Lisa	Germann	Ainia DCR	5
Cheryl	Fenton	Gemma	6
Aurora	Walsh	Win D Prada	P
White River Springs 5/2/26 LD JR 25			
Yoss	Afshari	Auburn	1
White River Springs 5/2/26 Comp LW 25			
Dawn	Bouwkamp	Little Annie	1
Jessica	Banner	Whiskey Ginger	2
Sara	Hall	WP Yippe Ki Yay	3
Jan	Wylie	Dose	4
White River Springs 5/2/26 Comp JR 25			
Abigail	Moorhouse	LSA Dark Son Rising	1
White River Springs 5/2/26 Novice 15			
Heather	Neal	Oscar On Duty	1
Anna	Nelson	Kain	2
Poorna	Bhagat	Jewel	3
Denise	Rooker	Missy	4
White River Springs 5/3/26 End 50			
Diane	Meinders	Yo Dusty	1
Helen	Lynn	Tugs Spring Fling	P
White River Springs 5/3/26 LD HW 25			
Kathleen	Neuhoff	Mystique Rose	1
Francis	Lewis	SH Youkon Gold	2

Leah	Palestrant	PA Bracos Relentless	3
White River Springs 5/3/26 LD LW 25			
Makayla	Earey	Fyre	1
Lisa	Germann	Ainia DCR	2
White River Springs 5/3/26 LD JR 25			
Grace	Lewis		1
Felicity	Lewis	Theophilus Hazelson	2
White River Springs 5/3/26 Comp 25			
Sandra	Wright	LW Raajas Chip	P
White River Springs 5/3/26 Novice 15			
Piper	Nelson	Kaine	1
Denise	Rooker	Missy	2
Heather	Neal	Oscar On Duty	3



3/1/2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Present: Peggy Pasillas, Victoria Robison, Emily Schupp, Robin Schadt, Sara Hall, Sarah Maass, Beth Frieders, Theresa Meyer, Brooke Moeller, Sherry Aune, Debby Weisbecker, Kim Fosler, Alana McNutt, DVM, Jessica Sonnek

Absent: Sarah Mowerer, Deb Searle, Crystal Esquada

Guests/Observers: Jan Sesana, Linda Jacobson, Michael Madison

Meeting called to order by Peggy at 9:02am and roll call collected by Victoria.

It was noted the 1/17/26 Annual Meeting minutes had been approved electronically before this meeting. There was no further discussion.

Website Update: Brooke reported on ongoing work to format the new website, describing cost saving measures. Discussion included information and questions about the host, workspace and domain site properties along with a timeline for making changes going forward. Peggy requested Brooke compose a written proposal for board members review to clearly understand the options before a decision is made. Victoria made the motion. Kim seconded. No further discussion. Approved.

Improving features for rider searches, equine searches and insurance forms were discussed with a plan to make changes to the drop boxes.

Brooke excused herself from the remainder of the meeting.

Treasurer Report: Emily thanked Jessica for her work to clarify/simplify contents and figures.

There was discussion about Membership Dues to date, Trails Fund, Scholarship Fund and the International Competition Fund. Theresa noted anyone who would like to consider hosting an FEI ride could access the ICF. Peggy suggested this be posted in the newsletter.

General Fund: Financial stability noted. Receipts can be emailed to Emily for reimbursement. Jessica reported she uses Quickbooks in her work as Bookkeeper, a cost saving measure. Sarah Maass inquired about a discrepancy in the price of our publicized handbooks compared to past years, clarified by Theresa and Jessica. It was noted our guest speaker, a UMECRA member, declined reimbursement for her presentation at the annual meeting. Alana suggested and plans were made to send the speaker a gift of two UMECRA ride certificates. It was noted some of our specially designated UMECRA awards are sponsored/funded by other entities. Jan plans to provide clarifying information for each of them and a plan was made to inform members of the process for qualifying.

Cash Balances: Emily explained the choices made for condensing funds.

Kim motioned to approve the Report. Beth seconded. No discussion. Approved.

Committee Reports:

2025 Awards: Jan gave a summary and requested members provide suggestions for 2026.

Sanctioning Coordinator – 2026 Ride Schedule: It was noted the 2026 schedule had been previously approved online and Theresa will formally confirm. Ride Books were mailed to members last week. New rider packets with scoring cards were organized and mailed by Beth and Sara Hall. It was suggested board members keep a supply in their trailers to offer new and interested riders throughout the riding season.

Veterinary: Dr. McNutt had no activity to report.

International Fund: no activity.

Old Business:

January 2027 Convention update: Kim reported on information she's gathered for venue possibilities. The main speaker has been secured for a focus on saddle fitting, topline and nutrition. A tentative date

and proposed sites in Dubuque, IA were discussed.

New Business:

Newsletter and Bylaw Article VI: A change in the bylaw was suggested for reducing the number of newsletters from the required 10/year. Alana proposed a reduction might ease the burden for the editor. Peggy noted, historically, updated points placings are published in the newsletter, also available online, and suggested there could be a reduced number of newsletters with more content. Beth expressed concern for our members who don't have consistent website access and rely on the physically mailed copy for the information. Theresa suggested it would be important to offer monthly newsletters particularly toward the end of the competition season when members are getting/need a clearer sense of placings. Sherry Aune noted she prefers the paper/mailed newsletter. A plan was made to task our Bylaws and Rules Committee to review the matter as to whether allowing more flexibility in the number of newsletters required by our bylaws may be considered by the membership.

Membership fees: Suggesting a small/nominal increase for 2027: Discussion about the club's 507C3 status which requires more paperwork. Theresa described our club history, incorporated by Minnesota as a not for profit. Peggy plans to research where the articles of incorporation might be located. Theresa reported she had taken care of submitting last year's annual report, due every December (our bylaws indicate this is the responsibility of the Secretary).

Jessica reported she has been reviewing the additional matter of submitting an annual report to the IRS (Form 990). Plans were made to follow through on both reporting requirements, going forward.

An annual membership dues raise of \$5.00 has been proposed for consideration, to be implemented in the 2027 ride season and was discussed. A motion was made by Alana, seconded and approved to present the proposed change to the membership at the annual meeting.

Bylaws/Rules suggestion for a language change from "riders" to "person" to cover drivers or other participants. Theresa reports she consulted with the Bylaws and Rules Committee recently and there are language barriers. Alana suggested a language

cleanup of the Bylaws/Rules, overall, be considered. Kim suggested the word "competitors" be considered. Emily suggested "rider/driver". Sherry suggested our Bylaws remain unchanged as they have, generally, served us well. Theresa noted making Bylaw/Rule changes can result in unintended changes made at the annual meeting. Peggy proposed this matter be referred to the Bylaws and Rules Committee for detailed review and recommendations. Adding Ride and Tie competitions was discussed, then tabled.

Electronic payments will change from the current payumecra.com that was established by Deb Moe, and transition to Jotform (same system as AERC) or other similar system. The cost is dependent on UMECRA's 501c7 status (\$19/month if yes or \$39/month if not 501c7). Discussion.

Rookie points requirements and calculations: Mileage points, placing points and number of completions required were discussed. The Rule clarifications have already been posted on the UMECRA website. Sherry requested this information be included in the next newsletter to promote participation. Website enhancements for this matter were discussed.

Secretary activity timeline and task distribution: Peggy and Victoria proposed some changes and confirmed some plans have been made. It was noted Kim has, for several years, organized the Membership Directory Booklet, published every two years, for several years and has agreed to do it again. The Head Control Vet Certification form was discussed: A motion was made, seconded and approved to dispense with this form. Jan Sasena has donated a gently used laptop computer for use by the UMECRA Secretary position. A motion was made, seconded and approved to send Jan a monetary thank you for this generous offer in the amount of \$200. A plan was made to distribute and collect a signed Code of Conduct agreement for new board members. The Website Mentor List was discussed, noted to be last updated in 2022. Peggy reported Sara Hall has agreed to coordinate an update.

Annual Convention Discussion – possibly secure a central location/site for convention. Kim reported during past convention planning, she'd discovered some venues give discounts for multiple year contracts. She explained positives which include less stress and pressure on planners, cost savings

and likely an increase in volunteers. Negatives were discussed: attendance is typically improved for those living in the hosting state, the venue's distance from the hosting state would be burdensome and there was concern about the contract(s) being honored by the venue. A plan was made for Kim to make further inquiries for future Board discussion.

Next board meeting: The date for the November in person meeting was proposed for Saturday, November 21, 2027. Plans were made for the meeting to be held in or near Dubuque, IA.

Other business:

Sarah brought up AHA Nationals and inquired about a \$500.00 donation from UMECRA, as was done two years previous, for our UMECRA logo to be included on the event t-shirts. Motion made, seconded by Victoria, no further discussion. Approved.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and approved at 12:30pm.

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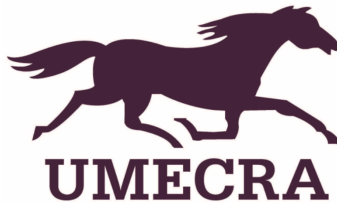
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**UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND
COMPETITIVE RIDE ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Membership year: _____

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

SELECT ONE:

☐ **RENEWAL**

☐ **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE:	SELECT MEDIA PREFERENCE:
☐ Family — \$45 ☐ Single — \$35 ☐ Minor* — \$10 *Under 18 as of Dec 1 (the beginning of ride season)	☐ Electronic Newsletter — \$0 ☐ Mailed Newsletter — \$10 ☐ Electronic Ride Book — \$0 ☐ Mailed Ride Book — \$10

*Family memberships shall consist of one or more related, or coupled as significant others, 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 names of all eligible family members below.

Ride Book is available for free by downloading the PDF file at umecra.com/schedule.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY

AERC Member Number(s) (if applicable): _____

UMECRA Membership Number(s): _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

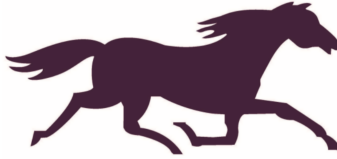
Email: _____

Do you have a new horse? To obtain a UMECRA number for your horse, or report a new AERC number, please inform both the Pointskeeper roggenkamp.mandie@gmail.com and the Webmaster umecrawebdev@umecra.com.

☐ **Check this box if you do NOT want your name and contact info in the membership book**

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

Jess Sonnek – Bookkeeper
1991 County 9
Houston, MN 55943



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: Victoria Robison, 3302 Geselle Ln NW, Rochester, MN 55901.
victoriaridesviggo@gmail.com with questions.

Date: _____

UMECRA Member making request: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount of request (\$500 maximum): _____

Date money is needed: _____

Name required on check if grant is approved: _____

**An organization name, not an individual's name.*

Address to send check: _____

Please explain the reason for the request. Include:

- What the money will be used for (be specific). Use the back of the form or another page if needed.
- How will UMECRA benefit from granting this request?
- How will UMECRA be recognized for this request?

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