

UMECRA Board of Director Meeting

JANUARY 20, 2024

Present: Deb Moe, Robin Schadt, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Sarah Mowrer, Dr. Wes Elford, Sarah Maass, Peggy Pasillas, Kim Fosler, Karen Jarvi, Theresa Meyer, Barb Gardner, Janet Sarver

Absent: Dr. Jen Lorenz, Tracy Johnson, Linda Jacobsen

Meeting officially called to order by Sarah Mower at 7:02am

Minutes from the board meeting November 11, 2023 reviewed. Deb motioned to approve. Dr. Wes seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's report

Deb reviewed the 2023 financial report and stated that the awards and convention expenses will be calculated when received. She also reviewed the current insurance coverage. Memberships increased by 30 for a total of 311 members of which 45 are new members – these are paid memberships. There were 91 complementary memberships given out in 2023. The same memberships given out in 2022 converted to 8 paid members. Deb described the online page that she is creating for ride managers to track information. Robin motioned to approve the report. Seconded and approved.

Committee reports

Awards committee - Sarah Maass reviewed the AERC year end statistics by region and in the US that showed the number of starters per region has decreased by half. Discussed that the point calculations in UMECRA are set up for placings, not miles. Sarah stated that AERC and all other regions that she researched give points for miles and placings. She presented a chart with placings of UMECRA riders from 2021-2023 and the effect on standings when adding in points for miles. Kim made the motion to add in points plus miles in UMECRA point calculations. Robin seconded. Approved to bring this to the membership at the general meeting. Sarah Maass stated that she also looked at ideas for other awards that could be given to riders. This will be developed and presented more detail in March meeting.

Sanctioning – Theresa presented the 2024 year schedule. Approved.

International committee - Peggy will head the international committee with Dr. Wes Elford. They will look for new members. She will evaluate the current situation of international rides with USEF.

Old business

Insurance coverage – Deb stated that the main policy did not change. A one million dollar extra liability was purchased for a total of 2 million per event. UMECRA subsidy for ride manager cost is paid for 2024 and will be evaluated year by year. Dr. Wes stated that Michigan rides have their own insurance and that they do not get assistance from UMECRA. Karen Jarvi will reach out to her rider managers in Michigan and see what they would like to do and report at the March meeting.

Huntersville AHA championship – Sarah Maass stated that this was a well attended ride and that AHA gave a lot of good support and advertising.

Rule committee – Theresa reviewed the rules and bylaws that will be presented to the general meeting. These were all passed by the board either at the November meeting or through the IO account. Dr. Wes reviewed his concern with LD Rule 13 as proposed. Agreed that this rule will be presented as written to the general membership. On UMECRA General Rules 2. Management Requirements I. Peggy motioned that we add veterinarians to UMECRA General Rules 2. Management Requirements 1. Barb seconded. Approved.

2025 Convention – Wisconsin will host. Kim stated she is working on a hotel and speaker. A request for assistance in planning this will be announced at the general meeting.

Discussion of timing of convention, final results and awards. These topics will be discussed more in detail at the March meeting.

Discussion of general meeting schedule.

Peggy motioned for meeting to adjourn, Kim seconded.

Meeting adjourned 8:40am.