December 2013

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION

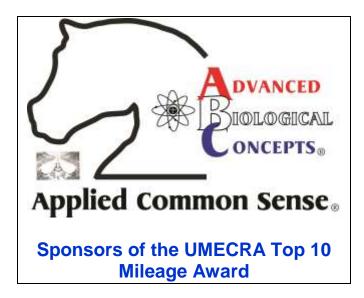


Ride Managers:

You need to register the names of UMECRA members who will be voting for your ride at the annual meeting at the January convention. Contact Jill Feller with those names: <u>jfeller@nconnect.net</u>; <u>920.948.</u> <u>9502</u>; N9280 County Road TW; Mayville, WI 53050. If you leave a voicemail, please identify which ride

the names will be voting for. Rides are allowed one voting member per ride day (2-day ride has two voters; 3-day ride has three voters; etc.). Names need to be submitted **before** the meeting is called to order on January 18th.

Thank you! Jill Feller



Want to request a donation for

trail improvements? There is donation form that needs to be used for ALL requests for trail grants, Expo money, etc. The form can be obtained by contacting Jill Feller at: jfeller@nconnect.net or by regular mail at: Jill Feller, N9280 Cty Road TW, Mayville, WI 53050.

The ride year has wrapped with some wonderful milestones and also heart-wrenching losses. Our thoughts are with those who have lost friends and loved ones - human and animal. We also think about those recovering from injuries. We are thankful for the riders, volunteers, veterinarians, and ride managers. A note or word of thanks to them is truly appreciated. We are thankful of our equine partners - whether they have thousands of miles, or have just started they are being patient with us through our never ending learning about this sport we love.

I hope to see you all at convention this year in Madison. It's a time to see folks without a helmet on their heads and chat and celebrate so many things that happened last year, and look forward to the new ride season. Please make your reservations now. Thanks everyone and

see you soon! - Theresa

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We Want Your Vote! Rider Rep Bios.....

Thank you for allowing me to be your rider rep during the preceding years. I do enjoy being able to represent your views to the BOD and would like to continue to do so in the future. See you on the trails in the coming season and I wish you much success. Your vote of confidence is appreciated. **Max Bernsdorf**

Hi! My name is Joslyn Seefeldt and I am running for the position of Rider Representative.
I have contributed to our sport and organization through various positions. I was a ride manager for several years of DRAWARAMA (4 day ride held in Wisconsin), president of DRAW for several years, WI Regional Director for UMECRA for 2 years.
I have been a member of UMECRA since 2004. I have competed in the endurance, limited distance and competitive divisions of our sport. Each season I average between 600 – 800 miles. I have competed in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois. Competing outside my state, I believe, has Page 2 of 12

allowed me to learn more about our organization as a whole. I am always available to listen to your thoughts, questions, or concerns on ride weekends or by phone and email.

I believe by serving as a ride manager, UMECRA Board member, and a rider has enabled me to become a well-rounded candidate for the position of Rider Representative.

I would appreciate your vote for the position of Rider Representative.

Thanks! Joslyn Seefeldt Member of UMECRA, DRAW, GLDRA, MnDRA, AHDRA and AERC

Open Positions for 2014

In January 2014 the following positions will be up for election:

President, veterinary representative (must be a doctor of veterinary medicine), **Wisconsin** representative, **Minnesota** representative and **4 rider representatives**. The Rider Rep details are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Dr Beecher Update....

Sending out updated information on my Dad. I think most of endurance crew I remember knows that he entered a skilled nursing facility and had a deep brain stimulator inserted into his brain in July. He is getting stronger every day and is moving out of skilled nursing this week and into an apartment with a caregiver. Tomorrow (Dec 4th) will be the 3rd adjustment to his brain stimulator and each adjustment improves his mobility and reduces the tremors. He has a long way to go but he is going the right direction. Jan has filed for divorce so he still faces lots of changes. Please share his new contact information with any horse folks that know him: 40 Main Street, Apt 310, Dubuque, Iowa 52001. He has the same cell phone 563-590-0356. Best.

Lara Beecher Fisher



Agenda items for BOD Fall Meeting November 16, 2013

Attendance: Jill Feller, Wayne Gastfield, Barb Kurti, Max Bernsdorf, Robin Schadt, Bonnie Mielke, Sarah Mowrer, Nicole Mauer-Storer, Tony Troyer, Bill Suskey, Theresa Meyer, Peggy Pasillas, Elizabeth Laurie, Olivia Rudolphi, Joslyn Seefeldt

Guests: Linda Jacobson, Jon Wagner, Deb Searle, Katie Bachhuber, Linda Mowrer, Jan Sasena

Call to order at 11:04 am by President Theresa Meyer.

Minutes for March meeting presented: Motion made by Tony Troyer; seconded by Wayne Gastfield to accept minutes are printed in NL. Passed.

Treasurer's report presented: Motion made by Tony Troyer; seconded by Maxine Bernsdorf to accept report as presented. Passed.

Nov 9, 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	
Convention fund	3,916.83
ICF Fund	7,884.76
Mayville Savings Bank	21,709.36
Trail checking	4,597.69
Total Checking/Savings	38,108.64
Total Current Assets	38,108.64
TOTAL ASSETS 38,108.64	

Old Business:

- Abused/over-ridden horses issue- update by Dr. Olivia (from spring meeting).
 - What is the statement that UMECRA wants to move forward with? Dr. Olivia has researched a lot of different ride organization's horse health statements. UMECRA does have a statement in our rules; do we need more than this?
 - Sample statements will be posted for the general membership to review and make suggestions to. This topic will again be discussed at the January annual meeting.
- Vet Committee: Ride managers should send Dr. Olivia their ride vet contact information. Dr. Olivia would like to reach out to the ride vets and form a ride vet committee.
- Pay-pal use for rider fees and membershipssurvey discussed at spring meeting was not sent out to see if there was any interest; there is no

new update on this subject. Do we want to continue with this or not?

- Peggy will send out a survey seeing if there is an interest.
- Self-nominating forms for elections.
 - Jill will send out sample forms to the email group and a decision can be made at the January meeting.
- **Promotion committee**-: A report was sent out to the BOD via email with information regarding UMECRA membership over the years. Some ideas that were discussed were the use of social media and using the Midwest Horse Councils (UMECRA is a member of each of the Midwest Horse Councils).
 - Social media would be a good source to be promoting our sport. You-Tube could be used to post some videos such as 'how to set up camp', 'how to vet in', etc.
 - Who would be responsible for posting items and reviewing the posts?
 - Committee: Elizabeth Laurie, Bill Suskey, Barb Kurti, Nicole Mauer-Storer, Joslyn Seefelt
- Theresa will update the UMECRA brochure and send it out to BOD members. The brochure could be put into the RM packets and available to non-UMECRA members at rides. On the back of the brochure, there will be a location where a UMECRA member can write their contact information before giving the brochure to a potential new member.
- New member committee- update. No new activity to report.

Rules: (go to General meeting)

- Revisit the stallion rule
 - If a stallion is confined to a pipe corral- do they still need to be tied?
 - If a stallion is high-tied- how do you follow the rule? (*Proposed change to current rule in bold*)
 - Stallions must be double tied (two halters & two lead ropes tied to two distinct tie points) to trailer, hitching post, or high tie when not being ridden or handled. Thev mav be tied with a single halter and lead rope if also enclosed in a charged electric fence or in a secure pen provided by campground. Stallions must be marked with a yellow ribbon on the bridle or forelock and tail at all times. Alternative containment options may be approved by Ride Management.
- Can a ride say "no studs"?

- UMECRA will allow ride manager to put this on the ride flyers.
- AERC does allow No Studs at rides but it must be announced at sanctioning.
- Rider requirement rule: (*Proposed addition rule in bold*)
- There is no consequence listed in the rule book for a rider who breaks a requirement rule.
- To add to page 13 of the rule book:
 (H) The penalty for failing to follow the above requirements; completion only, miles only or disqualification. Motion made by Elizabeth Laurie and seconded by Tony Troyer. Passed.
- Protest rule:
 - Rule currently states "will be discussed at next BOD meeting". Should this be changed? If points/placings are changed due to the protest outcome, it is too late for rider to make up points and it could affect year-end awards. Should a protest be solved within 30 days?
 - Jill and Robin will work on a protocol for protests. The protest rule will be revisited in January.
- Re-evaluate the 'Boot' rule for competitive rides; some of the new hoof boots go above the coronet band and results in point deductions. (*Proposed change to current rule in bold*)
 - If boots, bandages or wraps are used, the horse shall be penalized two points per leg per day. Boots designed to protect the sole of the hoof and their permanent attachments, are permitted and shall not be penalized. The judges may request to observe the area covered by the attached strap, keeper or gaiter at any time. If boots are not declared, see (H).
 - Motion made by: Wayne Gastfield; seconded by Tony Troyer. Passed.
- Rule changes suggested by UMECRA members. (*Proposed change to current rule in bold*)
 - The age for juniors should be changed to 16 in competitive to match AERC; no action taken by BOD.
 - Change the UMECRA Lightweight to 185 lbs.; this weight will match the AERC featherlight and

lightweight categories. Motion

made Elizabeth Laurie and seconded by Sarah Mowrer to accept this change. Passed.

- Move UMECRA ride season to match the AERC ride season. The UMECRA ride year was determined at the March 9, 2013 meeting. After a discussion no further action was taken by the BOD.
- Change the convention date to the middle to end of February to accommodate the new ride season. Since the ride season will not be changed, there was no action taken on this subject.

New Business:

- Sanctioning coordinator (SC) position:
 - After a discussion, Jill Feller has been appointed to take on the SC duties with Jan Sasena assisting.
- Newsletter Editor:
 - Peggy Pasillas was appointed to this position
- Rider representative nominees:
 - Dec NL will be a hard copy as voting ballots will be included. Single memberships receive one ballot and family memberships receive two ballots. There are six UMECRA members who are seeking the Rider Representative seats on the BOD.
- Update on upcoming conventions 2014 & 2015:
 - 2014: Katie Bachhuber gave an update on the upcoming convention. Reservation information is on the UMECRA website.
 - 2015: Wayne has a speaker scheduled from Michigan State.
 - 2016: no location or manager as of yet
- Update on 2014 sanctioning:
 - There are several outstanding rides that have not sanctioned for 2014 yet; those RM's will be sent a reminder email or hard copy of forms.
- ICF fund:
 - The ICF rule was changed at annual meeting in 2013 to allow money to RM's to host FEI ride. What is the procedure to request money? Who decides if money is given to RM for FEI ride? How much money is provided for FEI ride?
 - The following guidelines have been established for the ICF fund: (Proposed guidelines in bold)
 - Rides requesting funds to host an FEI ride will need to be a UMECRA sanctioned ride for at least the past 2 years.
 - Adult Riders: must have at least 500 lifetime ride miles in UMECRA and a

minimum of 200 UMECRA ride miles/year. Requested funds can only be used for 3 or 4 star FEI rides.

- Young Riders: riders must be 14-21 years old.
- Riders must have a minimum of 200 UMECRA ride miles/year. Requested funds can only be used for Young Rider Championship events.
- The UMECRA BOD will approve requests for ICF grant money.
- The maximum amount of grant money to be removed from the ICF fund within one UMECRA fiscal year is \$1500.
- The ICF fund will carry a minimum balance of \$500.
- Motion made by Tony Troyer and seconded by Wayne Gastfield. Passed.
- Ride members book:
 - After a discussion, it was decided to continue to print the UMECRA ride member's directory each year. The directory will be sent our earlier in the year in future years. A PDF file of the directory could be made available to members who would like to download it onto their phones.
- Fun rides:
 - There were a few rides who hosted a fun ride; these rides were run with LD rules. If a Novice rider would ride one of these rides, he/she would not receive any novice points. Should these rides be allowed?
 - A discussion was held regarding this topic. The consensus was that these rides should not be held in conjunction with a UMECRA ride if the ride is covered under UMECRA insurance.
 - (Proposed rule in bold) Any UMECRA sanctioned ride with ride miles less than 25 miles, must follow the established UMECRA Novice rules.
 - Motion made by Tony Troyer and seconded by Wayne Gastfield. Passed
- Scholarship award money allotment:
 - \$3000 is available for scholarships for this year.
- Trail grant requests:
 - 4 requests were submitted and approved.
 - National Forest Service in MI- c/o Karen Bahrman to replace trail and mile markers.
 - SKMTRA- Southern Kettle Moraine trailsc/o Bonnie Mielke to update trail maps on trails.
 - Forestville State Park- c/o Dianne Schmidt to purchase lime for existing and new trails.

- TBD (will be paid to contractor doing stump removal)- c/o Barb Kurti to be used for stump removal on trails used at Oak Leaf Run ride
- Organization of a vet committee:
 - Approval given to Dr. Olivia to start a vet forum. Ride managers are encouraged to send their vet's contact information to Dr. Olivia.
 - Vet report on AERC rule changes:
 - The drug used for Cushing's disease is now allowable in competition horses.
 - Dr. Olivia has the protocol for ride drug testing of 'what to expect, etc.'. If any ride manager would like this information, they should contact Dr. Olivia.
 - Dr. Olivia reminded us that AERC has money available for necropsies and she encourages people to have these done as we can learn a lot and the information may help others in the future. If a horse dies a few days after attending an event, the owner should still contact AERC about a necropsy.
- Awards:
 - Convention- update on this year's award.
 A big thank you to our Awards committee.
 - Dr. Beecher Shining Light Award: there were two nominations that were submitted by November 1st for this award.
 - Hall of Fame award: the award will be presented at the convention.

Motion made by Wayne Gastfield to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jill Feller.

Respectfully submitted Jill Feller UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer



Proposed Ride Schedule – Time to start planning for the 2014 Ride Season!

Proposed 2014	UMECRA Ride	e Schedule			С	ompiled as	of 12/8/2013											
Ride Name	Ride Manager	Ride City	Ride State	2014 Ride	2014 Fri	2012 Sat	2012 Sun	2014 Other		AUGUST				2014				
APRIL			State	Date						Ride Nam e	Ride Manager	Ride City	Ride State	Ride	2014 Fri	2012 Sat	2012 Sun	2014 Other
Brighton Competitive Trails Spring	Lisa Germann	How ell	м	4/12 - 13		Sa 35C/25C/15C	Su 25C/15C		2014 only					Date			Su	
	Lisa Germann	HOW EII	M	r		Sa75E/50E/25	25LD/25C/ 12.5		2014 Only	Warm-Up	Wayne Gastfield	Oscoda	MI	8/3	M-F		50E/25LD/25C	
Brushy Creek Distance	Denise Young	Fort Dodge	IA	4/26- 27		LD/25C/ 12.5 & 25D/12.5N	& 25D/ 12.5 N								50E/25LD/2			
MAY				-						Shore-to-Shore	Wayne Gastfield	L Huron to L Mich	MI	8/4-8	5C			
MnDRA I	Theresa Meyer	Orrock	MN	5/3-4		Sa 50E/25LD/25C	Su 25LD/25C/12N									Sa 50E/25LD/25C		
MINUKA I	Theresa meyer	OFFOCK	IMIN	5/3-4		Sa	Su		-	Cool-dow n	Wayne Gastfield	Empire	MI	8/9		Sa	Su	
White River Spring	Wayne Gastfield	Hesperia	м	5/3-4		50E/30LD/35C /25C	50E/30LD/25C			Louise Reidel Memorial	Cianas Tanasa	Ashdala	wi	8/9-10		50E/25LD/25C /12D/12N	25LD/25C/25D/1	
				ſ		Sa 50E/25LD/25C	Su 25LD/25C				Elinore Tonsor	Arkdale		8/16-		Sa	2D Su 25LD/25C/9N	
Kettles & Bits Mothers Day	Jill Feller	New Prospect	WI	5/3-4 5/11		/12N/12D				Thistle Down Run	Sandy Fett	Frazee	MN	17		50E/25LD/25C Sa	Su	
inothero buy						Sa	Su 2-day			Rock River Charity	Tony Troyer	Utica		8/16- 17		60E/30LD/30C /15N/15D/25D	30LD/30C/15N/1 5D/25D	
				5/10-		50E/25LD/2- day	50C/25LD/25C/1 2N/12D			rook rufor onany	iony noyor	olida				Sa	Su	
Glacier Trails	Romana Radtke	Palmyra	WI	11 5/17-		50C/25C/12D/ Sa	Su		-	Northern Highland	Jon Wagner	Florence County	wi	8/23- 24		50E/25LD/25C	25LD/25C/15N/2 5D	
Sisu on the Border	Ed Hauser	St Croix Falls	WI	18			25LD/25C/12N			SEPTEMBER				Maria				
					Fri 2-day 100E/50E/2	Sa 2- day100E/50E/	Su 25LD/25C/12.5D/			Labor Day				Mon 9/1				
Endure Ride	Marty Power	Chandlerville		5/16- 18	5LD/25C	25LD/25C/25D /12.5D/12.5N	12.5N			White River Fall-Labor				8/30-		Sa 55E/30LD/35C	Su 100E/50E/30LD/3	Mo
Memorial Day	Marty Tower	Criandiervine		5/26		-				Day	Wayne Gastfield	Hesperia	MI	9/1		/25C	5C/25C	50E/30LD/25C
				5/24-		Sa 50E/25LD/50	Su 25LD/25C									Sa 50E/25LD/50C	Su	
Grand Island	Kathy Macki	Rapid River	MI	25		C/25C Sa				Charity Cup	Darlene Molitor	Pillager	MN	9/6-7		/25C	25LD/25C/10N	
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Maplew ood West JUNE	Diane Schermerhorn	Pelican Rapids	MN	6/1		2N				Kew eenaw	Karen Jarvi	Lake Linden	MI	9/6-7		50E/25LD/50C /25C	25LD/25C/15N	
JUNE						Sa	Su			Reweenaw	Raien Jaivi	Lake Linden	IVII	5/0-7		Sa		
ApDRA	Dawn & Jim Haas	Palmyra	WI	6/7-8		50E/25LD/25C /12N/12D	25LD/25C/12N/1 2D									100E/50E/30L D/30C/15N	Su 30LD/30C/15N	
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White River Summer Fathers Day	Wayne Gastfield	Hesperia	M	6/7-8 6/15		/25C	50B30LD23C							9/12-	Fr 55E/25LD/2	100E/50E/25L D/25C/25D/12.	SU 50E/25LD/25C/2	
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SEMN	Dianne Schmidt	Forestville	MIN	15		Sa 2-	Su			Tin Cup Springs	Rebecca Grams	Luther	MI	14		/25C		
Hopkins Creek	Stacey Cooper	Manton	м	6/21- 22		day100E/50E/ 25LD/40C/25C	EDE/DEL D/DEC							9/20-		Sa 60E/35LD/35C	Su 25LD/25C/N	
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Dead Dog Creek	Linda Mow rer	Kinmundy	L	6/21- 22		/15N	5N				Kana Dal	Notice to the		9/27-		50E/25LD/50C	Su 25LD/25C	
						Sa 50E/30LD/2-	Su 25LD/2-day 50C/25C/12.5N/1			Pine Marten Run OCTOBER	Karen Bahrman	Nahma Junction	M	28		/25C		
AHDRA I- My Backyard	Lori Window s	Wyanet	L	6/28- 29		day50C/25C/1 2.5N/12.5D	2.5D								Fr 3-day	Sa 3-day		
JULY				Fri											155E/50E/2 5LD/3-	155E/50E/25L D/2day 50C/3-	Su 25LD/3-day 75C/2-	
Fourth of July				7/4	E-i										day75C/40C /25C/20D/10	day75C/25C/2	day50C/25C/10D	Th 3-day 155E/55E/25LD
					Fri 50E/25LD/2	Sa50E/25LD/2 5C/35C				DRAWarama	Barb Gardner	Palmyra	WI	10/2-5		0D/10D/15N	CI I	/25C/20D/10D
Endless Valley	Linda Jacobson	Spring Green	WI	7/4-5	5C/35C	Sa								10/11-		Sa 50E/25LD/25C	SU 25LD/25C/12N/1	
						50E/25LD/2- day 70C/50C	Su 25LD/2-day 70C/25C			Iron Oak	Ruth Casserly	Arkdale	Wi	12		/25D/12D/12N Sa	2D	
AHAM	Gene Dake	Augusta	MI	7/5-6		open/25C Sa				Oak Leaf Run	Barb Kurti	Hamilton	м	10/11- 12		50E/30LD/50C /30C/15N	Su 30LD/30C/15N	
				7/12-		50E/25LD/2- day	Su 25LD/2-day 50C/25C/10N			Jak Lear Kull	Darb Nurd	namilon	IVII	12	Fri 2-day	Sa 2-day		
Mosquito Run	Peggy Pasillas	Rogers	MN	13		50C/25C/10 50E/30LD/50C								10/17-	100E/50E/3 0LD/50C/30	100E/50E/30L D/50C/30C/20	Su 30LD/30C/15N	
Grand Island North	Karen Bahrman	Limestone	м	7/19- 20		/30C	50E/30LD/30C			Point Chaser	Holly & Bob Egerer	Wabasha	MN	19	C/20D	D Sa	Su	
				7/26-		Sa 50E/25LD/25C	Su 25LD/25C				Topy Trayor	Keitheburg		10/25- 26		50E/25LD/25C	25LD/25C/12D/1	
Wildcat	Amber Erickson	Palmyra	WI	27		/12N	1			AHDRA III-Big River	Tony Troyer	Keithsburg	IIL.	Fri		/12D/12N	2N	
										Halloween				10/31				





UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM Membership year:_____

CIRCLE ONE:

Single \$35 Family* \$45 - hard copy newsletter and/or ride book

Single \$ 25 Family* \$35- electronic newsletter and CD for ride book

If you do NOT want ANY newsletter sent to you- please check this box:

If you do NOT want a CD or Ridebook sent to you- please check this box:

NOTE: to receive the reduced rate, you MUST receive the newsletter electronically AND receive a CD for the ride book. **If you have either the newsletter or ride book delivered via USPS** *you MUST pay the higher membership fees.*

Check one: **RENEWAL_____ NEW MEMBERSHP____**

*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.

PRINT CLEARLY

Date:	UMECRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER(S):	
Names:		
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Phone number (s):		
Email:		
Please mail completed form Jill Feller UMECRA Secretary/Treasure N9280 County Road TW Mayville, WI 53050	along with check made out to UMECRA to: r	

UMECRA Dinner and/or Convention 2014

Registration

January 17, 18, & 19, 2014 Crowne Plaza Hotel Madison, WI

Name (s) of attendees: _____

Phone number: Email: @ \$41 = _____ Adult Meal Chicken Cordon Bleu # _____ # _____ @ \$43 = _____ Beef and Bley Pasta @ \$41 = ____ Vegetarian Plate #_____ Gluten Free Plate #_____ @ \$41 = _____ # _____ Children's Plate (5-12) @ \$15 = _____ Adult ONLY Convention (no meal) # @\$7 = _____ Child ONLY Convention (no meal) @\$3 = ____ #_____ Total = Send completed form and check (made out to UMECRA Convention) to: Katie Bachhuber N10103 County Road YY Mayville, WI 53050 We must have **meal** count in by **January 8th** so **PLEASE** register now! ******** Hotel Registration Hotel Reservations can be made by calling: Passkey Reservations 888-233-9527 for the Crowne Plaza in Madison, WI To get our group discount (\$89), make hotel reservations by the Dec. 27, 2013 deadline and say "UMECRA Group" For our Awards Banquet this year you will need to pick one of our plate choices. They are as follows - Which one to have? Hmmmm... Chicken Cordon Bleu Beef and Bleu Pasta - Boneless, Skinless Breast of Chicken stuffed - Tender Char-Grilled USDA Choice Medallions with Virginia Ham and Wisconsin Swiss Cheese baked tossed with Sautéed Mushrooms, Bacon, Cream with Brown Sugar & Dijon Glaze Sauce, and Pasta garnished with Artisan Bleu Cheese - Chef's Choice Seasonal Vegetable and Starch - Chef's Choice Seasonal Vegetable and Starch Children's plate Vegetarian or Gluten free plates are also available. - Chicken Tenders, French Fries, and Milk All plates include: House Salad with 2 dressings, freshly baked rolls and butter, Dessert du Jour, iced tea or coffee. Because these are pre-ordered plates, you **cannot** eat unless you have registered by **January** 8th. Also, we **cannot**

refund your registration money after Jan.8th.

UMECRA Convention Schedule

January 17-19, 2014 Crowne Plaza Hotel Madison, WI

Friday

- \Rightarrow 4:00 7:00 pm Registration by Monona Room
- \Rightarrow 7:00 pm AHDRA Awards in Mendota/Monona Room
 - Food and cash bar sponsored by AHDRA
 - Free beer Friday and Saturday nights sponsored by DRAW

Saturday

- \Rightarrow 7:00 am BOD meeting in Yahara Room
- \Rightarrow 7:45 9:00 am Registration by Monona Room
- \Rightarrow 8:00 8:45 am- Speaker Dr. Mike Bachhuber speaking on what to do to help rider's injured on the trail
 - The Mendota/Monona Room
- \Rightarrow 9:00 11:45 am -Speaker -Dr. Sabrina Brounts speaking on tendon injuries, arthritis, and wound treatment The Mendota/Monona Room
- \Rightarrow 12:00 1:00 pm Lunch on your own (Salad and Sandwich Buffet offered in The Prairie Café in lobby)
- \Rightarrow 1:00 4:00 pm- Annual meeting in Mendota/Monona Room
- \Rightarrow 5:30 6:00 pm- Cocktails in Mendota/Monona Room
- \Rightarrow 6:00 pm Meal in Mendota/Monona Room
- \Rightarrow 7:00 9:00 pm Awards in Mendota/Monona Room
- \Rightarrow 9:00 12:00 pm Entertainment (Karaoke) in Mendota/Monona Room

Sunday

 \Rightarrow 7:00 am – AHDRA Annual Meeting in Yahara Room

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