



MnDRA News

Rochester was the place to be

Mn puts on successful meeting and awards party.



VC girls starting to party at UMECRA annual meeting

Howdy all,

I wore a fun meter to the UMECRA meeting. You will see a picture of it representing the mood of my table during the meeting. This one was a challenge. I do remember meetings in the past that ran into happy hour. This one came close.

The weekend was very nice and the Rochester location was great. I have to admit, it was nice to sleep in, eat a leisurely breakfast and still be home before 1. If you didn't make the meeting, please let UMECRA know why. Go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPYWGWZ> by Jan 31st and fill out the survey. It takes hardly any time, is anonymous, and the Board will pay attention to it.

A few issues came up and I began to wonder if our little group isn't a microcosm of the country. It seems that civilized compromise is becoming a thing of the past. A

simple conflict in the ride schedule becomes a major public point of contention instead of a quiet discussion between the two ride managers involved. We also seem to have become a group that wants to force personal views on everyone. There was discussion about requiring novice rides to be two parts like regular rides to protect the horses. It was good to point out the possibility that 10-15 miles might be too long for some of the novice horses, but then let the ride managers make that decision based on their experience and terrain. We don't need a rule to force already stressed vet areas to do more when it probably isn't needed. Our freedom in this country demands that small vocal groups be heard, but it doesn't mean it isn't frustrating.

Hope you are finding time to ride.

=;{}} Happy trails. Ken

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MnDRA Horse Expo Booth Request

Walt Freiberg is in charge of the MnDRA booth at the Horse Expo this year. He is requesting any old *Endurance News* magazines. Please bring them to the MnDRA Winter meeting.

MNDRA DOES WELL AT UMECRA

There were a number of MnDRA folks who took special awards at the UMECRA convention.

Lynda Zimmerman won Competitive Rookie for the 2010 season on Lluvia del Norte

Laurie Brown won Endurance Rookie on Lazer's Legacy

Lazer's Legacy was the Rider's Choice Horse for 2010.

Bonnie Mielke won the Competitive Trail Heavyweight on Chariotsofire

Charlotte Tuhy won Endurance Heavyweight on LS Maxximus

And last, but perhaps the best, our own Dean Peterson was elected to the UMECRA Hall of Fame. Below you will see a painting of a young Dean and his horse, Danny that was presented to Dean. The painting was done by our own Karen Kerstan. Rumor has it that Dean loves the picture. It is a well-deserved honor.

Congratulations to everyone. You all made MnDRA shine.



2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

Well, I'm at the meeting again and it's time for my play by play minutes to give you all the pageantry and drama (Oh please, Lord, limit the drama) so you can feel as if you were there. I've have six columns of space reserved, so here we go:

1:01 **Meeting called to order.** Actual ground rules this year.



1:02 **Roll call.**

1:07 It was asked if we have a quorum. We needed 20 voters, we had 74.



1:10 **Secretaries report:** Lots of numbers. Net income for 2010 was \$3800 plus change. Moved to accept, second. More time needed to look over the report. It was questioned that the awards expense was a \$1000 short. This is due to a book-keeping function and the year change (when bills are paid) first

vote at 1:16.



Report accepted.

1:17 **Newsletter report.** Moved, seconded, accepted.



1:18 **Morning meeting items**

Rule changes:

Ride dates by November 30th or ride MAY not be sanctioned. A second amendment taking discretion from the board was suggested, refused. Passed as stated. 1:26

Late paperwork past 21 days may result in loss of sanctioning. Discussion dealing with 21 days and computer vs hardcopy.



A motion for an amendment on also prohibiting voting or holding office in UMECRA for a 12 month period as a punishment. Passed. Whole amendment passed. 1:41

Putting a requirement that three years experience as a ride manager is needed for the secretary/treasurer position. Moved and seconded. Discussion on reason for this, explained that experience is needed for the



position. The quorum point was brought up and it was suggested that the board could hijack the organization since they have 16 members. (A fun button doesn't work here. Go to this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1LAzZWxkmA4>) Passed by 2/3rds majority. 2:00

Term for sanctioning coordinator, newsletter, points keeper and webmaster become 2 years. Passed 2:03



My table-mates pondering the discussion.

Adding restricted milage awards for LD to the prizes. Question is can we afford? Answer was, probably can. Will rules be the same as competitive? Answer, yes. Passed. 2:07

Rule clarification. Number of checks for competitive. Requiring a minimum of 2 checks for novice was brought up. Heated discussion both ways. No vote needed, it was a clarification (Go to above link again) 2:16

Novice rides need to have a window identical to competitive.

Discussion. 2:22

Same with drives. 2:22

Rules can be changed with approval of board.2:27(Bob Egerer agreed with Elenor. Temperature in Hades dropping rapidly. Prepare for Viking super bowl.) Allowing ties was discussed. Discussion was brought back to original rule. Done 2:34

Ride schedule dates. Proposal that board and ride coordinator apply current ride rules to rides. Not a voting proposal. Looks like it might become one. Postponed 2:46

Ride schedule changes described. Some corrections made. Sanctioning coordinator did not get forms in a timely manner explains some of the

corrections. Vote with corrections. Passed 3:00

Group potty break. 3:10



Ride schedule proposal forgotten.

Dr Wes explained about what is needed to ride at the team champion ride in California. Info in UMECRA newsletter. 3:17

Tony Troyer presented the International Competition Fund application rules. 3:24

Insurance will stay the same as last year. 3:25

Membership report. 3:24

Introductions

Jeanne Crispin sanctioning coordinator
Nicole Mauser-Storer, webmaster
Robyn Schandt, points keeper
Peggy Pasillas, newsletter

Elections

Vice-president: Theresa Meyer
Director at large Lynn Reichart
Marty Powers
Illinois Representative, Tony Troyer
Michigan Director, Wayne Gastfield

Meeting adjourned 3:57



VETTING IN



Dianne S. received this.
Hello,

My name is Marian Robinson and I'm the chair of the Mn. Horse Council Disaster Response Team.

I also belong to MNVOAD where agencies like Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc. gather to help in time of need. We are the only large animal group to join VOAD.

Our membership list to Mn. Horse Council is not given out to anyone and even directors have to have a reason to have one. They allow me to have a copy so I can check up on folks to see if they need any help for their horses.

Marian Robinson
Golden Valley, Mn.
chair of the Minnesota Horse Council Disaster Response Team

MNDRA Banquet

The MNDRA Banquet will be held Saturday February 26th at the

Wintergreen's & Grill

(763) 444-8422

306 Credit Union Dr, Isanti, MN 55040

1 Block West of Highway 65 – Downtown Isanti

www.wintergreens.net

- **The Board and Ride Managers meeting will be at 4:30**
- **The general meeting will begin at 5:00**
- **Dinner around 6:30 with awards to follow.**
- **There will be a special menu for our group with excellent choices for \$20.00 per person.**

WE NEED TO KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING

For dinner reservations please respond

By Friday February 11th.

Dinner reservations should include a check payable to MNDRA, for \$20 per person.

Suzy Warren

15936 345th Street

Center City, Minnesota 55012

651-257-9812

MnDRA Survey and More

If you would like to complete the short survey that was available to MnDRA members at Point Chaser here are the questions: Please respond to lynnreichert@msn.com

- Comments on the season good, bad, ugly
- Any ideas you would like to share.
- Would you be able to compete more if the prices were lowered?
- Ideas for year end awards for 2011.
- Ideas for completion awards for 2011.
- Questions or suggestions for MnDRA UMECRA

Thank you to all of you who attended the meeting at Point Chaser, also for filling out the surveys-very helpful.

If anyone has anything they would like to see on the agenda for the MnDRA meeting please contact lynnreichert@msn.com or any of the board members, Dale Lunde, Holly Egerer, Darlene Molitor, or Sandra Noonan



Thank you,
Pres. Lynn

Trail Fund Form

•MnDRA has a trail fund available to its members upon request.

If you would like to make a request from this fund please fill out the following application and return to lynnreichert@msn.com or mail to Lynn Reichert PO Box 220 Richmond, MN 56368 before February 11th.

NAME OF PERSON MAKING REQUEST _____ DATE _____

TRAIL/PARK BENEFITTING FROM REQUEST _____

NAME OF RIDE HELD IN THIS LOCATION _____

SPECIFIC USE OF MONEY (if known) _____

MnDRA Membership form

Name _____

Family _____ (\$25.00) Single _____ (\$15.00)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (PRINT NEATLY) _____

Please make checks payable to MnDRA and mail membership renewal to:

Sandra Fett
35976 Co. Hwy 4
Frazee, MN 56544