



Great Lakes Distance Riding Association Hoof Beats Newsletter

June 2015

Letter from the President

This spring I had the opportunity to travel down to Tennessee and Indiana for work. I was fortunate to bring my horses with me and included some competition at the Barefoot Derby in Tennessee, Indy Ride and Top of the Rock in Indiana. I enjoyed meeting up with old friends and gained new friendships.

What's great about this sport is that it doesn't matter where you travel, you will find likeminded horse enthusiasts to ride and socialize with. During this time it gave me an insight of how other organizations, ride managers, riders, volunteers, etc. do things different than in Michigan. What information can I bring back with me back to Michigan to help strengthen our sport? The biggest challenge is that we have bodies of water that surrounds majority of the mitten making it more difficult for out of state riders to get to our rides. Recently the ride entries have been slowly shrinking which is putting financial pressure on the ride managers. This is one of many factors of why there has been some instability for some of our rides this year.

So you ask, "What can I do to help"?

#1 Promote our sport!! We need more riders to support these rides that offer iconic and beautiful trails that has experienced veterinarians onsite evaluating participants equines. Spread the word to 4-H groups, boarding facilities, local feed stores, tack shops, breed organizations, write an article for the newspaper or contact a press reporter, etc. Our website offers very useful information for new riders on the New Rider Information tab and the Link tab.

#2 Consider donating money, awards or even just your time helping out might make the difference whether or not rides can go on. Offer to unmark trail, be a ride photographer, volunteer at the vet check(timer, scribe, taking P&R's), etc. Contact the ride manager to see what is needed for their ride. Each ride manager manages their ride differently.

#3 Create fun and friendly atmospheres at ride camp and on the trail. Help make a ride unique. Decorate your campsite or horse, offer a sandwich to a hungry rider after they get off the trail, create friendly competitive teams, lend a helping hand, hang funny signs out on trail, invite others to your campsite for a campfire, be creative☺

If you are interested in managing a ride me or any of the board members.

Barb Kurti, President



GOT HORSE STUFF?

The management for the 2015 Shore to Shore ride is trying to tackle this project, and keep costs to a minimum. We want to have a "prize box" where people can pick a prize for their placing.

Do you have any unneeded/unused prizes/awards that you have received that we could recycle to our awards box for this year?

We are looking for buckets, brushes, lead ropes, hoof picks, or any odd item, that might even bring a laugh... Any special Junior items would be great too!

Please contact Bruce, or Diane to arrange gathering up any items.

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Ride Results

Ride Date: 4/18/2015

Brighton Spring Ride

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Competitive

Distance 25

Heavyweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Laura Roberts		Easter Bow Lilly	Other	Completion	388	11.0		1	
Jayna Steffel		Samaha Spirit Dancer	Half Arabian	Completion	385	10.0		2	
Ken Wright		Samaha Gameela	Arabian	Completion	384	9.0		3	
Melin Capuano da		Frederico	Other	Completion	379	8.0		4	
Debby Searle		WOA Ravens Premier	Half Arabian	Completion	372	7.0		5	
Diane Maxey		LW Constant Sohn	Arabian	Completion	364	6.0		6	
Shann Weston on		Samaha Aziim	Arabian	Completion	343	5.0		C	

Junior

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Mira Mansueti		Patralana	Arabian	Completion	388	11.0		1	
Whitney Meinders		MS Dasani	Arabian	Completion	374	10.0		2	

Lightweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Deb Zarish		Oakwyn Gypsy Rose		Arabian Completion	383	11.0		1	
Lori Windows		JA Bannarr	Arabian	Completion	379	10.0		2	
Becke Grams		LW Classic Diamond	Arabian	Completion	377	9.0		3	
Diane Meinders		Shatto's Sir Lance Lot	Half Arabian	Completion	376	8.0		4	

Distance 35

Heavyweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Carl Dosman n		Paper Icon	Thoroughbred	Completion	332	15.4		1	
Bonnie Mielke		Ola Loki	Half Arabian	Completion	296	14.0		2	

Lightweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Julie Jackson-Biegert		Burnin Dezyre	Arabian	Completion	334	15.4		1	
Genna Wethington		Moun Shadow CDA	Unknown	Completion	294	14.0		2	
Amanda Clark		RAL Tornado	Arabian	Pulled		0.0		dnf	

Ride Date: 4/18/2015

Novice

Distance 15

Novice

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Bonnie	Mielke	DLF Boudicca XX	Half Arabian	Completion		0.0			
Heather	Aboud	Jokers Champagne Toast	Other	Completion		0.0		C	
Rachel	Clark	PR Miss Marianne	Other	Completion		0.0		C	
Roseanna	Clark	Stormy Joe	Other	Completion		0.0		C	
Barbara	Drake	Stellar's Little Boy	Other	Completion		0.0		C	
James	Harwood	Blaze	Other	Completion		0.0		C	
Kimberly	Hoskin	Khandigo	Other	Completion		0.0		C	
Don	Hudson	A Ali Aseel	Arabian	Completion		0.0		C	
Angeline	Lollis	Tommy	Other	Completion		0.0		C	
Miranda	Miller	Brittany Rolsthedice	Half Arabian	Completion		0.0		C	
Amy	Scharmer	Coosa Valley Indiana Jones	Morgan	Completion		0.0		C	
Suzy	Wyckoff	Neka Im Golden Stardust	Other	Completion		0.0		C	
Jamie	Sides	Tonka	Other	Other		0.0		dnf	

Brighton Spring Ride

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Competitive

Distance 25

Heavyweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Sandra	Wright	LW Raajas Chip	Arabian	Completion	382	11.0		1	
Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	Arabian	Completion	374	10.0		2	
Carl	Dosman	Paper Icon	Thoroughbred	Completion	359	9.0		3	

Junior

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Whitney	Meinders	MS Dasani	Arabian	Completion	375	11.0		1	

Lightweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Diane	Meinders	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	Half Arabian	Completion	397	11.0		1	
Lori	Windows	Mahrtina	Arabian	Completion	386	10.0		2	
Deb	Zarish	Oakwyn Gypsy Rose	Arabian	Completion	370	9.0		3	
Becke	Grams	Bear's Northern Light	Half Arabian	Completion	368	8.0		4	
Beverly	London	Stryker Grani	Other	Pulled		0.0		dnf	

Ride Results

Ride Date: 5/2/2015

White River Spring

Saturday, May 02, 2015

Endurance

Distance 50

Heavyweight

	<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Bonnie Mielke	Ola Loki	Half Arabian	Completion		22.0		1	6:31

Junior

	<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Shelby Moucha	Bit O'Honey	Other	Completion		22.0		1	6:44

Lightweight

	<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Linda Hamrick	RTM First In Line	Half Arabian	Completion	622	22.0		1	5:54
Rusty Toth	RB Calvin	Arabian	Completion	710	22.0		1	5:54
Amy Yatsko	Captain	Arabian	Completion	717	22.0		1	5:54
Kelly Moucha	Odys April Sunset	Other	Completion		16.0		4	6:44

Limited Endurance

Distance 30

Junior

	<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Katelyn Fleming	RTM Fancy	Half Arabian	Completion	579	13.2		1	2:19
Alexis Herman	Bear's Northern Light	Half Arabian	Completion		12.0		2	2:27
Ava McCarty	Dynamo Dash	Arabian	Completion		10.8		3	2:42

Senior

	<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Stacey Cooper	Lil Nicki	Arabian	Completion	750	13.2		1	1:39
Douglas McQueen	Moon Is A Star	Thoroughbred	Completion		12.0		2	1:40
Cathy Cook	Red Cloud	Mustang	Completion		10.8		3	1:49
Don Fehrs	Doppler	Other	Completion		9.6		4	1:53
Lisa German	Over Brooks Image+	Half Arabian	Completion	629	8.4		5	1:54
Amy Scharmen	Coosa Valley Indiana Jones	Morgan	Completion	710	7.2		6	1:57
Angel Chmurnski	Yankee Zarr	Arabian	Completion		6.0		C	2:39

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Myra Fleming	Boomerang	Arabian	Completion		6.0		C	2:18
Becke Grams	LW Classic Diamond	Arabian	Completion		6.0		C	2:22
Cassandra Green	Tryllerika	Arabian	Completion		6.0		C	2:25
Kari Hanes	Smokey	Other	Completion		6.0		C	3:43
Diane Maxey	LW Constant Sohn	Half Arabian	Completion		6.0		C	2:22
Tina Williams	Sonny	Arabian	Completion		6.0		C	2:40
Leigh Kuhn	Shatto's Sir Lance Lot	Arabian	Pulled		0.0		dnf	
Barbara Kurti	Kulta	Arabian	Pulled		0.0		dnf	

White River Spring

Sunday, May 03, 2015

Competitive

Distance 25

Heavyweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Sandra	Wright	LW Raajs Chip	Half Arabian	Completion	310	11.0		1	
Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	Arabian	Completion	299	10.0		2	

Junior

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Miranda	Miller	Brittany Rolsthe dice	Half Arabian	Completion	368	11.0		1	

Lightweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Lisa	German	Over Brooks	Half Arabian	Completion	328	11.0		1	
Diane	Meinders	Image+/ BackstreetstrutterG	Half Arabian	Completion	326	10.0		2	
Beverly	London	Stryker Grani	Other	Pulled		0.0		dnf	

Limited Endurance

Distance 30

Senior

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Rusty	Toth	RH Intrique	Arabian	Completion	738	13.2		1	3:35
Douglas	McQueen	Moon Is A Star	Thoroughbred	Completion	644	12.0		2	3:36
Stephanie	Toth	Liberty Sun	Other	Completion		10.8		3	3:39
Amy	Scharmer	PR Miss Marianne	Other	Completion		9.6		4	4:16
Cassandra	Green	Coosa Valley Indiana Jones	Morgan	Completion		7.2		5	4:19
Cathy	Cook	Red Cloud	Mustang	Pulled		0.0		dnf	
Laura	McCormack	Ashe	Other	Pulled		0.0		dnf	
Lisa	Moorhouse	Moulins Sal-Las WPA	Arabian	Pulled		0.0		dnf	

Ride Results

Ride Date: 5/23/2015

Grand Island

Saturday, May 23, 2015

Competitive

Distance 25

Heavyweight

	<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Shann Weston on	Samaha Spirit Dancer	Half Arabian	Completion	366	11.0		1	

Junior

	<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Whitn Meinder ey s	MS Dasani	Arabian	Completion	355	11.0		1	

Lightweight

	<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Cathy Hansen	Moonstruck	Arabian	Completion	373	11.0		1	
Laura Husser	CDWD Margarita	Appaloosa	Completion	370	10.0		2	
Linda Jacobson	Mi Precious Ruby	Arabian	Completion	369	9.0		3	
Maxin Bernsdorf e	CH Shamm Bashire	Arabian	Completion	366	8.0		4	
Leslie Bennett	Catchu Latr WLA	Arabian	Completion	363	7.0		5	

Endurance

Distance 50

Junior

	<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Ainsley Suskey	Mi Lucky Charm	Half Arabian	Completion		22.0		1	8:55

Lightweight

	<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Linda Hamrick	RTM First In Line	Half Arabian	Completion	690	22.0		1	6:02
Karen Bahrma n	Prada SF	Arabian	Completion	724	20.0		2	6:18
Diane Meinder s	Mattingley KC Heart	Arabian	Completion	630	18.0		3	6:18
Diane Meinder s	Bear's Northern Light	Half Arabian	Completion	697	16.0		4	6:39
Becke Grams	LW Classic Diamond	Arabian	Completion		14.0		5	6:39
Dawn Keast	Californiadreamin	Arabian	Completion		12.0		6	7:52
Pam Cotton	Cherokee Diamond Bunny	Mustang	Completion		10.0		C	8:55
Laurie Henschel	Ebony's Bravo Moon	Other	Completion		10.0		C	8:03
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Melodie Sprecher	Sobreviva	Other	Completion		10.0		C	7:52

Limited Endurance

Distance 25

Senior

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Jessica	Cinelli	Colonel Docs Peppy	Quarter Horse	Miles Only		0.0			
Sarah	Harttung	Cajun Storm	Other	Miles Only		0.0			
Wes	Elford	Suzie Q	Grade	Completion	770	11.0		1	2:57
Angel	Chmurynski	National Idol	Arabian	Completion		10.0		2	2:58
Jon	Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	Arabian	Completion	704	9.0		3	3:02
Wendy	Maas	Silver Russian	Arabian	Completion	732	8.0		4	3:05
Paula	Dube	Montgo Sun	Arabian	Completion	668	7.0		5	3:19
Julia	Newton	Lucca	Other	Completion	649	6.0		6	3:20
Erin	Anderson	XH Amere Angel	Arabian	Completion		5.0		C	3:46
Lisa	Docter	HS Kiger Danie	Other	Completion		5.0		C	3:35
Kelsey	Shope	Frost	Grade	Completion		5.0		C	3:48
Carol	Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	Quarter Horse	Completion		5.0		C	3:52
Kayla	Shope	Lu-Nor Tornado	Arabian	Completion	661	5.0		C	3:45
Tina	Williams	Sonny	Arabian	Completion	667	5.0		C	3:34
Adam	Heil	Mariah by Dbl	Arabian	Pulled		0.0		dnf	
Jordon	Holmes	Thaddeus	Arabian	Pulled		0.0		dnf	

Grand Island

Sunday, May 24, 2015

Competitive

Distance 25

Heavyweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Shannon	Weston	Samaha Spirit Dancer	Half Arabian	Completion	281	11.0		1	

Junior

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Rachael	Meinders	Mattingley KC Heart	Arabian	Completion	349	11.0		1	

Lightweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	Morgan	Completion	350	11.0		1	
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	Appaloosa	Completion	349	10.0		2	
Diane	Meinders	Bear's Northern Light	Half Arabian	Completion	324	9.0		3	

Ride Date: 5/24/2015

Limited Endurance

Distance 25

Junior

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Ava	McCarty	Dynamo Dash	Arabian	Completion		11.0		1	3:17
Whitney	Meinders	MS Dasani	Arabian	Completion		10.0		2	4:02
Ainsley	Suskey	RFR The Ice Baby	Arabian	Completion		9.0		3	4:04

Senior

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Leslie	Bennett	Lis's Love	Thoroughbred	Completion	715	11.0		1	2:53
Wendy	Maas	Renegade Raja	Arabian	Completion	726	10.0		2	2:55
Jessie	Dux	Foxy Sterling Silver	Arabian	Completion	700	9.0		3	2:56
Jon	Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	Arabian	Completion	628	8.0		4	3:12
Angel	Chmurnski	Yankee Zarr	Arabian	Completion		7.0		5	3:18
Tina	Williams	Sonny	Arabian	Completion		6.0		6	3:36
Pam	Cotton	MRK Annie Oakley	Other	Completion		5.0		C	4:04
Lisa	Docter	HS Kiger Danie	Other	Completion		5.0		C	3:38
Karen	Jarvi	Sony De Mayo	Other	Completion		5.0		C	5:18
Kathleen	Niedzieski	HD Indy	Arabian	Completion		5.0		C	4:59
Kelsey	Shope	Frost	Grade	Completion		5.0		C	3:58
Kelly	Stratten	HD Cassius	Arabian	Completion		5.0		C	4:59
Carole	Rose	Cloud	Other	Pulled		0.0		dnf	
Kayla	Shope	Lu-Nor Tornado	Arabian	Pulled		0.0		dnf	

POINT STANDINGS THROUGH GRAND ISLAND

Competitive

Category	Class	LastName	FirstName	Horse	BCPoints	Miles	Points
Competitive	Heavyweight	Wright	Ken	Samaha Gameela (3 rides)	0.0	75.0	29.0
Competitive	Heavyweight	Weston	Shannon	Samaha Spirit Dancer (2 rides)	0.0	50.0	22.0
Competitive	Heavyweight	Wright	Sandra	LW Raajs Chip (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	11.0
Competitive	Heavyweight	Wright	Sandra	LW Raajs Chip (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	11.0
Competitive	Heavyweight	Roberts	Laura	Easter Bow Lilly (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	11.0
Competitive	Heavyweight	Capuano	Melinda	Frederico (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	8.0
Competitive	Heavyweight	Maxey	Diane	LW Constant Sohn (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	6.0
Competitive	Heavyweight	Weston	Shannon	Samaha Aziim (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	5.0

Category	Class	LastName	FirstName	Horse	BCPoints	Miles	Points
Competitive	Junior	Meinders	Whitney	MS Dasani (3 rides)	0.0	75.0	32.0
Competitive	Junior	Meinders	Rachael	Mattingley KC Heart (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	11.0

Category	Class	LastName	FirstName	Horse	BCPoints	Miles	Points
Competitive	Lightweight	Zarish	Deb	Oakwyn Gypsy Rose (2 rides)	0.0	50.0	20.0
Competitive	Lightweight	Germann	Lisa	Over Brooks Image+/ (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	11.0
Competitive	Lightweight	Meinders	Diane	Ella N Fires Jane Doe (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	11.0
Competitive	Lightweight	Hansen	Cathy	Moonstruck (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	11.0
Competitive	Lightweight	Meinders	Diane	BackstreetstrutterGSA (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	10.0
Competitive	Lightweight	Grams	Becke	LW Classic Diamond (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	9.0
Competitive	Lightweight	Meinders	Diane	Bear's Northern Light (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	9.0
Competitive	Lightweight	Bernsdorf	Maxine	CH Shamm Bashire (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	8.0
Competitive	Lightweight	Grams	Becke	Bear's Northern Light (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	8.0
Competitive	Lightweight	Meinders	Diane	Shatto's Sir Lance Lot (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	8.0
Competitive	Lightweight	Bennett	Leslie	Catchu Latr WLA (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	7.0
Competitive	Lightweight	London	Beverly	Stryker Grani (2 rides)	0.0	0.0	0.0

Endurance

Category	Class	LastName	FirstName	Horse	BCPoints	Miles	Points
Endurance	Lightweight	Hamrick	Linda	RTM First In Line (2 rides)	0.0	100.0	44.0
Endurance	Lightweight	Toth	Rusty	RB Calvin (1 ride)	0.0	50.0	22.0
Endurance	Lightweight	Bahrman	Karen	Prada SF (1 ride)	2.0	50.0	20.0
Endurance	Lightweight	Meinders	Diane	Mattingley KC Heart (1 ride)	0.0	50.0	18.0
Endurance	Lightweight	Meinders	Diane	Bear's Northern Light (1 ride)	0.0	50.0	16.0
Endurance	Lightweight	Grams	Becke	LW Classic Diamond (1 ride)	0.0	50.0	14.0

Limited Endurance

Category	Class	LastName	FirstName	Horse	BCPoints	Miles	Points
Limited Endurance	Junior	McCarty	Ava	Dynamo Dash (2 rides)	0.0	55.0	21.8
Limited Endurance	Junior	Fleming	Katelyn	RTM Fancy (1 ride)	0.0	30.0	13.2
Limited Endurance	Junior	Meinders	Whitney	MS Dasani (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	10.0

Category	Class	LastName	FirstName	Horse	BCPoints	Miles	Points
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Limited Endurance	Senior	McQueen	Douglas	Moon Is A Star (2 rides)	0.0	60.0	24.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Williams	Tina	Sonny (3 rides)	0.0	80.0	17.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Toth	Rusty	RH Intrique (1 ride)	1.0	30.0	13.2
Limited Endurance	Senior	Chmurynski	Angel	Yankee Zarr (2 rides)	0.0	55.0	13.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Bennett	Leslie	Lis's Love (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	11.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Cook	Cathy	Red Cloud (2 rides)	0.0	30.0	10.8
Limited Endurance	Senior	Maas	Wendy	Renegade Raja (1 ride)	1.0	25.0	10.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Chmurynski	Angel	National Idol (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	10.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Scharmen-	Amy	PR Miss Marianne (1 ride)	0.0	30.0	9.6
Limited Endurance	Senior	Germann	Lisa	Over Brooks Image+/ (1 ride)	0.0	30.0	8.4
Limited Endurance	Senior	Maas	Wendy	Silver Russian (1 ride)	0.0	25.0	8.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Scharmen-	Amy	Coosa Valley Indiana Jones (1 ride)	0.0	30.0	7.2
Limited Endurance	Senior	Green	Cassandra	Coosa Valley Indiana Jones (1 ride)	0.0	30.0	7.2
Limited Endurance	Senior	Fleming	Myra	Boomerang (1 ride)	0.0	30.0	6.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Grams	Becke	LW Classic Diamond (1 ride)	0.0	30.0	6.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Hanes	Kari	Smokey (1 ride)	0.0	30.0	6.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Maxey	Diane	LW Constant Sohn (1 ride)	0.0	30.0	6.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Green	Cassandra	Tryllerika (1 ride)	0.0	30.0	6.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Kurti	Barbara	Kulta (1 ride)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Moorhouse	Lisa	Moulins Sal-Las WPA (1 ride)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Limited Endurance	Senior	Kuhn	Leigh	Shatto's Sir Lance Lot (1 ride)	0.0	0.0	0.0

GREAT LAKES DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION JANUARY 18, 2015 BOARD MEETING

Doherty Hotel, Clare Michigan 8:30 a.m.

In attendance was Barb, Lisa, Kathy, Bruce, Cathy C., Carl, Linda H., Rae, Wayne, Karen B., Becke, Jeanne A., Amy Scharmen, Andy Redman, Diane Meinders, and guests Tony Troyer and Cassie Green.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by president Barb Kurti.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive report - Barb thanked Wayne and Diane (and everyone involved) for all their work on the banquet. There was some discussion on the silent auction. She said that the UMECRA convention would be held in Michigan again in 2019. She thinks we should start working on that within the next year. More discussion followed.

Veterinarian report - Rae recapped the body score/new AERC rule changes. She would also like to see the vet list (vets who work rides) updated and expanded. Some discussion followed.

MHC - Expo is going ahead and the trails room will be on the floor this year. Amy stated it would be \$130. this year; we will check with UMECRA to see if there are funds available to help with this.

Finance - The finance committee met and did an internal audit. A total budget of \$4,500.00 was proposed for 2015. Bruce went over the figures and Rae suggested swapping the newsletter budget with the promotions budget. Some discussion followed. Becke suggested moving \$100.00 from the newsletter to promotions. Becke motioned to approve this change, Rae seconded. Approved.

There were no reports from rider reps, points and mileage, newsletter or grievance.

Awards - Carl gave a verbal report on the current awards. He would like to adjust our "standard" mileage awards. Kathy suggested forming a committee to address this. Rae moved, Becke seconded. Carl will chair and Kathy and Becke will also help. Approved. They will have something ready to present at the next board meeting.

No membership report.

Promotions - Diane plans on sending letters to last year's "\$10.00 members" inviting them to join again at the discounted rate. There was some discussion about doing a clinic/demonstration. Tony Troyer had some input here and it was mentioned that UMECRA has funds available to help with costs. Requests for funds would be directed to Jill Feller. Amy stated that MTRA was a "no go" for ads/listing our ride schedule, etc.,

Web Page - Amy gave a short verbal report. We need to update our mentor list. Amy will pass around a sign up sheet at the general meeting for those who would like to be added. It was suggested that the executive board approve mentors before they are added to the list. Mentors must also be current GLDRA members.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance 2015 - Kathy will contact Shelley and check the status (note: she was waiting on the approved schedule and now has that. The renewal date is March 1).

Budget (tabled from the November meeting)

2015 Ride Schedule - Reviewed and approved

Bylaw Changes - Becke moved to recommend to the members at the general meeting that they approve the changes as stated in the newsletter. Diane seconded. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Awards - committee to set guidelines (this was addressed in the committee reports.

Next Meeting - January 18, 2015 at the Doherty Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

June 13, 2015 GLDRA Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting (held at the White River Summer ride) was called to order by President Barb Kurti at 7:45 pm. Also in attendance were Board members Linda Hamrick, Lisa Germann, Pete ?, Bruce & Rae Birr, Carl Dosmann, and Becke Grams, and committee chairs and guests Kari Haines, Amy Scharmen-Burgdolf, Cassie Green, and Bev London.

After ascertaining that we had a quorum, Bruce stated that he had forgotten to print out and bring a copy of the minutes from the last meeting (shame on Bruce!). It was moved by Becke and seconded by Lisa to table reading and approval of those minutes until the next Board meeting. This passed.

For a Treasurer's report, Bruce merely stated "We are solvent" (i.e. no T-report. Again, shame on Bruce!)

Committee reports:

- **Executive:** Barb mentioned that UMECRA donated \$500 for a sign which has been erected at the entrance to Silver Creek Park.

- **Veterinarian:** Rae stated that some clarification of the new AERC 30-minute pulse rule had been worked out; while pulse criteria must be met by 30 minutes of finishing, it must also be met along with the rest of the completion requirements up to 1 hour after finishing.

- **MHC:** ??? stated that the dueling factions within the Horse Council were going to jointly meet on July 14 to re-do elections and hopefully get the Council back on a single leadership track.

- **Rider Reps:** Linda stated that “everyone's ecstatic” (i.e. there have been no complaints mentioned). Regarding the “Wayne's rides fiasco” (the last-minute cancellation of Wayne's rides), the overwhelming consensus of the group was that it was not good PR for the sport and was very poorly handled and made for a lot of confusion for almost everyone.

- **Awards:** Carl said he was uncertain as to how (or if) we had settled the issue brought up at the last meeting regarding the Reserve Champion award for LD. The group assured him that it had been approved.

- **Membership:** Barb stated that membership now numbers 74. Two new members were added at the April clinic which had 15 attendees. She also stated that the use of Mail Chimp by GLDRA has begun. Barb and Shannon will work on the membership list.

- **Web Page:** Amy reported that it was “up to date”. Light discussion followed.

- All other committees (Finance, Points & Mileage, Newsletter, Grievance, Promotions) had No Report.

Old Business: The only item listed was Awards; Carl mentioned the approximate numbers of some awards that were in stock, and wondering about any changes to what is used for awards. Generally, the group decided that the awards currently used were fine, but that this agenda item be kept on the agenda for the next meeting so that it is reviewed once more and kept in our minds. Amy mentioned the degraded condition of some awards (such as Rookie of the Year) and that some refurbishment was needed for some awards. The group decided by consensus (not an official motion), the new “procedure” for handling awards is for Board members to 'collect' traveling awards from last year's recipients in their area, and bring them to the November board meeting, where they will be given to Carl to prepare as needed. [Comment: This probably needs to be re-addressed as a passed motion, with clarification on expenditures for such refurbishment.]

New Business:

A. Silent Auction ride certificates. Bruce mentioned that there was some consternation voiced to him by Pete, whereby he was forced to accept (at a loss to him) ride certificates from the January meeting Silent Auction. Bruce stated that as he was not the one to donate the ride entries, that a fair way to proceed would be for GLDRA to refund the winning bid amounts collected for those ride certificates to Pete. Upon Bruce's motion to that effect, and Becke's second, this was passed.

B. Number of rides at one location. Karen Bahrman had emailed a proposal to limit the number of rides per year which could be held primarily on the same section(s) of trail. This was discussed at great length, with perhaps some favor, but also with great problems, such as: defining grandfathering (which was part of Karen's proposal), the fact that GLDRA is not a sanctioning organization, and the fact that if people don't like (or are tired of) a particular trail or ride, they will not come and so it becomes of sorts “self-limiting”. Rae suggested that a committee look (not before November) into studying this and to possibly recommend a policy or bylaws change. No further action was taken.

C. Plan to backup GLDRA data. Discussion on the safe backup (and redundancy so access is not limited to one person) of GLDRA data (points, membership, etc.) had some options noted: a safe deposit box is safe and secure, but access is limited to one location and can be physically difficult to use owing to keys, etc. Carl mentioned that his employer is going through backup solutions at this time, and many options are out there so as to have redundancy and ease of use. He was appointed as an Ad Hoc committee to learn more and recommend one or more IT solutions to keeping our data and records backed up and retrievable. Thanks Carl!

D. Possible guidelines for ride cancellations. Somewhat dove-tailing with item B above, there was consensus that there should be a set of “Best Practices” which would help ride managers (and thus the organization) put on successful rides by following certain procedures. Rae then suggested that Barb appoint an Ad Hoc committee to work on this. Barb then appointed Rae, Bruce, and Kathy Macki to work on this and have a draft ready by the November board meeting (this may include use of GLDRA's member email list.)

E. (added item) Mail Chimp. As stated earlier, Mail Chimp is now operational for our organization. Barb feels that this is a good move for GLDRA, and will (or may) lead to fewer emails being rejected by servers. There was discussion on who should have control of Mail Chimp for sending emails out to the membership. Rae moved that this control be given to the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. This was seconded by Becke, and passed.

Bev London brought up the issue of cancelled rides and how that affects UMECRA sanctioning and scheduling. No answers were readily available as everyone felt that there was a LOT of uncertainty in this.

The next board meeting will be held November 7, 2015 in a location to be determined (by Bruce). Pete moved to adjourn, and Rae seconded. Motion passed at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Bruce A. Birr

Great Lakes Distance Riding Association
2015 Membership Application

Membership includes quarterly newsletters, eligibility for year-end points and awards programs, horse & personal mileage tracking, and yearly GLDRA ride schedule book.

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July 11, 12	AHAM – Augusta Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center Sat E 50, LD 25, C-25 Sat Novice E 50, LD 25, C-25 Sun LD 25, C-25, 15-Fun Ride	Gene & Shelley Dake 11400 `i` Drive South Burlington, MI 49323 dedake@fishmail.net	(269) 979-9472 (269) 979- 1025
July 18, 19	Grand Island North Sat E 55, LD 30, C-30 Sun LD 30, C-30	Karen Bahrman E. 1780 M-94 Skandia, MI 49885 kbahrman@gmail.com	(906) 439-5745
Aug. 2-8	Shore to Shore For E: Pioneer 3-day rides Sunday-Tuesday and Thursday-Saturday Sun E 55, LD 30, C-25 Monday-Friday E 50, LD 25, C 25 Sat E 55, LD 30, C- 25	Bruce Birr 1633N West Kendall Road Manistique, MI 49854	(906) 286-1991 bbirr@centurytel.net
Aug.22	Huron River –Kensington Metro Park Sat E 50, LD 25	Rusty Toth 12291 12 Mile Road South Lyon, MI 48178	(480) 390-9854 rusty@gracingstables.com
Sept. 5 Sept. 6 Sept. 7	White River Labor Day Sat E 55, LD 30, C-35, 25 Sun E 75, 50, LD 30, C-35, 25 Mon E 50, LD 30, C- 25	Pete Wierengo 4345 Warner Ave Hesperia, MI 49421	(231) 854-0092 tecllc04@aol.com
Sept. 12, 13	Keweenaw - Location TBA Sat E 50, LD 25, C- 50, 25 (aft) Sun E 50, LD 25, C- 25, Fun 8-15miles	Karen Jarvi Dollar Bay, MI 49922	sunnyville@hotmail.com kih84@hotmail.com
Sept. 19,20	Tin Cup Springs		
Sept. 26,27	Pine Marten Run Sat E 50, LD 25, C- 25 Sun LD 25, C- 25	Karen Bahrman E. 1780 M-94 Skandia, MI 49885	(906) 439-5745 kbahrman@gmail.com
Oct. 10,11	Oak Leaf Run - Hamilton Sat E 50, LD 30, C- 50, 30, 15N/15Intro Sun LD 30, C- 30, 15N/15Intro	Barb Kurti 319 Quincy St. SW Grandville, MI 49418 silverheartsfarm@yahoo.com	(616) 896-6798 Kris Dipple (616) 617-4673

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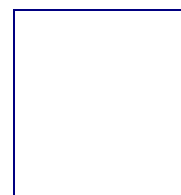
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