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Hope everyone is having a great spring, I know I am. At least we didn't get our usual 80" of snow. The ride season is coming up fast and I am sure there are lots of miles being put on our trusty steeds. Wishin' I was there with ya'll. I have been progressing well and may have finally wore Kathy down to where a pleasure cruise on Ike is no longer met with threats of murder. It will happen, I just don't know when...

Congratulations to all the GLDRA competitors, especially the winners. The members who landed a special award like the Sportsmanship, Ride Manager, or Volunteer awards should be very proud of their accomplishments. This sport is much more than riding it also involves teamwork. Way to go everyone.

Here is a draft plan to implement the changes to the Mentoring program we are going to expire all of the current mentor's endorsements as of next February's Meeting. To keep from have a lapse in the program we are encouraging anyone that wants to become or to continue on as a mentor fill out a form prior to the meeting. This form will be available on the website, along with the qualifications and rules. The committee in charge of the screening will review the forms and let you know whether you are officially a GLDRA Mentor. The details will be worked out at the next board meeting.

On another note, the Hopkins Creek ride management is staying the same (Gene & Shelley). The dates and location are the same too. The only change is that they will not be sanctioned by UMERCA. This is due to past rides where they did not use the official UMECRA ride entry form. The ride will still be getting GLDRA points though. While attempting to get a pardon from the UMERCA Board we had our insurance company review all of the different entry forms, in particular the waivers sections, and their only requirement was that the form comply with the location's State Laws for Equine Events. We have citations that UMECRA's follows all of the State laws for states where they are used.

Happy Trails,
Carl Dosmann
President GLDRA

GREAT LAKES DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION

February 4, 2017 Minutes (unapproved)

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by President Carl Dosmann.

In attendance was Carl, Lisa, Kathy, Bruce, Linda H., Mindy Nagy, Amy Scharmen, Gene Dake, Shelley, Louise Northrup, Andy Redman, Diane Meinders, Karen Bahrman, Pete Wierengo and guests Taylor Walker and Larry (Pete's friend). All rides were represented except Keweenaw and Oak Leaf Run.

The minutes from the November 2016 meeting were read and accepted (motion by Linda, seconded by Lisa) as read.

Committee Reports:

Carl gave a brief verbal report that consisted of nothing substantive☺

Dr. Rae sent a verbal report with Bruce stating that most likely UMECRA will be changing the competitive score sheet (this was confirmed). The most significant change would be the fatigue and attitude section. They can now be scored up to 40 points off EACH. They will begin using this sheet in 2018.

There were no reports for MCH, Rider Reps, newsletter, grievance or membership.

Bruce e-mailed the members of the finance committee prior to the meeting in the hopes of doing a peer review tonight.

Kathy asked that all ride managers please include the BC scores on their ride results. This is important as we have an award for cumulative BC scores and there was a lot of missing scores this past year which made reporting difficult.

Louise stated that the awards “are ready” and Carl stated that he is working on a list of award tasks and their sequence to help make the transition (Louise taking over awards) easier and to make keeping track of the awards easier.

Diane asked if she could offer the \$10.00 memberships to people that had signed up for it last year but who didn’t do any rides. She would like to e-mail (or send a letter) to them offering this. Everyone thought this was a good idea. She will be doing the expo again and will ask at the annual meeting for volunteers to help man the table. If anyone else has ideas to promote GLDRA and our sport, please pass them on. She will be doing a local tack swap and have promotional literature there and will provide literature to anyone else that wants to do that kind of thing.

Amy stated she forgot to check to see if there was an e-mail program attached to our webpage but this is most likely a moot point now as Carl stated that gmail has put in some new security features. Bruce asked about the charges for the webpage and Amy explained them as best she could. The general consensus was that the approximate \$200.00 per year it is costing us is cheap. She reminded ride managers to send her anything they wanted put on the website (and FB page) and she would be happy to do that. She also stated that maybe the people on FB could start posting when they are going on training rides and this would help to get new people to join them and learn about our sport. Mindy suggested that we have a twitter account as most young people are on twitter now. Taylor volunteered to take this on and as twitter is free, we might as well try it.

Old Business:

Insurance: Shelley stated that it was all okay and approved based on the tentative schedule and she has the invoice just waiting for approval to pay it. There was some discussion about additional insureds and she stated we are allowed a certain number and then they charge \$25.00 for each additional one. The premium as the policy is now would be \$853.00. Bruce motioned to accept this and keep the costs the same as last year (RMs pay \$12.00 per day to be paid at the time of their ride fees). Andy seconded and this passed.

As nothing had been done about getting a new database, this was tabled until our June meeting.

Lisa explained how she had “fleshed out” the mentoring report (must be a member in good standing, fill out an application, have 500 miles with 80% completion rate, etc.). Andy stated that she thought 500 miles wasn’t enough. There was some discussion about this with Kathy suggesting moving it up to 1,000. Bruce suggested leaving the 500 miles and adding three years of rides and volunteering at rides. Bruce asked if the board should approve this or bring it to the general membership. It was decided this was a board decision. Kathy motioned to accept the report as presented and Diane seconded. This passed. The current mentors will have to fill out an application and be approved.

We will need to get application form made up and Mindy said she will do this and have it ready by next weekend. The form will go on the website when it’s ready. Linda, Becke and Lisa will be the “approval/denial” committee. Bruce moved to accept the committee and Andy seconded. Approved.

The proposed schedule was reviewed and appropriate changes made with the schedule being accepted with noted changes.

New Business:

Kathy stated that she would be more than happy to report the cumulative BC scores with the point standings as soon as we had a database that would allow this field to be added.

Entry Form: Carl stated that there was a long discussion on this at the UMECRA board meeting. They (UMECRA) met and decided to deny sanctioning to the AHAM ride. Gene stated that they didn’t care as they had had the ride before without UMECRA sanctioning and would do so again. Carl clarified that UMECRA was going to consider this an open date (and we don’t want that). Carl talked at length about liability and what he had learned. He suggested sending both the UMECRA entry form and the one Shelley uses to our insurance company for approval. There was much discussion about insurance and liability. Karen made a motion that Carl send in both forms to our insurance carrier and get their input. Lisa seconded. Passed.

Additional New Business:

Linda mentioned that the UMECRA convention will be in Michigan in 2019 and suggested that we start looking for places to hold it. Diane made a motion to bring this up at the annual meeting and form a committee to look in to banquet options. Kathy seconded. Approved.

Bruce discussed the proposed bylaw changes and wondered if the board should go over them and recommend that they be approved. Kathy stated that if we had proposed the changes didn't we already recommend them?? Gene moved to back any proposed changes to the membership and Becke seconded. Passed.

Karen moved to adjourn and Lisa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Macki

Secretary

GREAT LAKES DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION

February 5, 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

Doherty Hotel, Clare, Michigan

The meeting was called to order at 10:41 a.m. by President Carl Dosmann. He welcomed everyone to the banquet and gave a short recap of the past year.

The minutes from the last annual meeting were read.

Bruce stated that there were copies of his treasurer's report on the tables; he stated we were profitable and he would answer any questions anyone might have. Leif Isaac moved to accept his report as presented, Donnie seconded, report accepted.

As Rae was unable to attend, Bruce explained the changes that will be implemented on the UMECRA competitive score sheet beginning in 2018.

Three members of the finance committee met this morning prior to breakfast to perform a peer review of the Treasurer's records and methods, and determined that everything was in order.

Shannon stated that we needed to update our membership form for the website and newsletter. Amy will take care of this. There was a question on the extra \$10.00 charge for mailing paper copies of the newsletter and whether it should be removed from the form. She also stated that as of this date, we had 60 members 36 of which were at the banquet.

Diane stated that the Expo was March 10-12 this year and we would be there. She had a signup sheet for people that were willing to help.

Louise Northrup will be taking over the awards (she worked with Carl this year). There was some discussion about getting our digitized logo from the embroidery person (who was in Florida so we were unable to contact her). Kari stated that she was the one who designed the logo and digitized it and so she actually had the file. YES!!! Problem solved.

There were no reports for mileage & points, newsletter, grievance or trails and MHC.

Amy asked that the ride managers send her copies of their ride flyers so she can get them on the website. There was mention of getting a Twitter account to try and attract younger members. She encouraged ride managers to be more active on Facebook and other social media in an effort to get more people interested in our events. Kari stated that FB really does help as she is getting lots of interest in the WR rides after posting her flyers. Stacey mentioned that the S2S ride is the "AERC hidden gem" as per the latest issue of Endurance News. Bruce was surprised to hear this and everyone thought it was great.

Old Business:

Karen Bahrman explained her report and what benefits sanctioning would give us. Kari asked if there would be fees for ride managers with having to sanction with us. She was assured that we did not plan on charging any new fees to our ride managers. We will vote on this during the bylaw changes discussion.

Lisa went over her (and Linda's) mentoring report and explained the reasons for these guidelines/applications for being a mentor. She answered a few questions. Becke moved to accept the mentor guidelines as presented, Kathy seconded. This passed.

New Business:

We went over the ride schedule and the changes from last night were noted. Linda moved to accept the schedule with the changes and Becke seconded. The schedule was accepted 😊

Bruce passed out a one-page summary of the changes to the bylaws. He stated he would review these in four phases. The first was "minor" changes such as punctuation, clarifying, etc., (housekeeping 😊). Becke moved and Linda seconded to accept these "minor" changes. Approved.

Bruce then went over the "relatively minor" changes. Louise moved and Diane Maxey seconded to accept these changes. Approved.

We then moved into the "major" changes section. The only real discussion in the first major change regarded the wording in the criteria for sanctioning existing rides. Karen made a friendly amendment to change the proposed wording ("...already scheduled in 2016," to read "...already scheduled at the time of this bylaw change," There was also some discussion on requiring ride managers to sanction with UMECRA. It was generally felt that this was too controlling and that it should be left up to the individual ride managers who they wanted to sanction with. Kari mentioned cutoff dates and Carl stated we would do this in a second set of rules. Linda moved and Kari seconded. Approved.

Bruce then reviewed the last changes, regarding the Executive Committee. Linda moved and Lisa seconded to accept these changes. Approved.

Amy nominated Linda Hamrick for member-at-large. Lisa moved to close the nominations. Linda is the MAL for 2017.

Bruce nominated Cathy Cook for rider rep. Lisa moved to close the nominations and Becke seconded. Cathy is a rider rep for 2017.

We needed to fill three finance committee positions. Andy nominated Laurie Hilyard for the one-year position and Linda seconded. Andy moved to close the nominations and Louise seconded. Bruce nominated Amy and Sandra for the two two-year positions. Linda moved to close and Becke seconded. Laurie has the one-year position and Amy and Sandra have the two-year ones.

Kathy nominated Rae as the veterinary rep and moved that nominations be closed. Shannon seconded. Rae is the veterinary representative.

There were no nominations for Hoff person.

The nominations for Hall of Fame horse were read (Junior, Sis and Brooks). Over Brooks Image+// won in the voting.

Diane Meinders nominated Becke Grams and Doug VanderWoude jointly for the Sportsmanship award for their attention to Carl at the time of his accident last spring. This was for their actions at the Brighton Ride when Carl was dislodged from my horse and injured. Becke stayed with him and made sure he was comfortable while awaiting the ambulance and Doug spent time trying to retrieve Ike the wonder horse. Great sportsmanship!

The ride management award was voted on and awarded to the Brighton Ride.

Stacey nominated Karen Grams for pit crew and Shannon nominated Mindy Nagy. Becke moved that nominations be closed, Kathy seconded. Karen Grams wins the pit crew award.

Bev London nominated Amy Scharmen and Becke nominated Stacey and Doug VanderWoude for volunteer of the year. Lisa moved and Linda seconded to close the nominations. Amy is the volunteer of the year.

The juniors met and gave Brittany Rollsthedice the Merrylegs award.

It was mentioned that the UMECRA banquet would be held in Michigan in 2019 and that GLDRA would be hosting it. It was suggested that we have a committee to look into places and costs to be presented to UMECRA. Jessica Gruebner, Sandra Wright and Bruce Birr will make up this committee.

Donnie moved to adjourn, Bruce seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Macki

Secretary

MEETING OF THE NEW BOARD FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING

There was a short meeting of the new board following the annual meeting. In attendance were Bruce, Mindy, Karen, Kathy, Kari, Carl, Linda, Becke, and Lisa.

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Dosmann at 12:39 p.m.

Lisa motioned to keep Bruce as treasurer and Kathy as secretary. Becke seconded and this was passed. (Suckers)

Becke moved and Mindy seconded to keep Ken Wright as the board-appointed finance committee member. Approved.

Our next meeting will be at Grand Island North after awards with the option of changing to a conference call if there are not enough board members at the ride.

Kathy moved to adjourn and Lisa seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

After the meeting Bruce mentioned that we should have discussed next year's banquet. It was decided that he would confirm with the Doherty that we wanted to be there again next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Macki

Secretary

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Hello members! This winter is about done, thank goodness! Time to get serious about conditioning, I know I'm ready!

MHC had speakers from the mounted police group that rode in the Presidential inaugural parade. Pretty interesting, the travel to Washington with horses, the amount of red tape and the incredible (and necessary) security screening horses and riders experienced. But they all said it was an honor no matter what your political leaning, and an unforgettable experience.

There is an Equine Trails Subcommittee meeting on Friday March 10. The DNR is willing to look at instituting trails that connect current riding areas, such as a Brighton to Pinckney trail. DNR is also working in GPS mapping of horse riding areas statewide.

The PSA(public service announcement) are still being developed. Hopefully some will focus on certain trails such as Shore to Shore. There is a possibility that the PSA's may be distributed out of state also to promote Michigan riding. Pure Michigan is going to look at the videos when they are available to approve and have the Pure Michigan logo attached to the PSAs. MHC is looking for pictures for possible use in the PSAs. If you have any to submit, there is a picture Dropbox through the MHC website.

See you on the trails!

Andy Redman

MHC rep

Great Lakes Distance Riding Association Membership Application

Membership Year _____

Membership includes: quarterly newsletters, eligibility for year-end points and awards programs, horse & personal mileage tracking.

Individual \$20___ Family* \$30___ Junior (not 18 as of Jan. 1) \$10___ Lifetime Individual \$200___

*Family is up to 2 adults in same household and children <18 as of Jan. 1

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- Name(s): _____
- Address: _____
- City, State, Zip: _____
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Please mail completed application with payment (payable to GLDRA) to:

Shannon Weston, 4000 Crandall Road, Howell, MI 48855

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If you need paper copies of our ride flyers mailed to you, please check this box and add \$10 to above fees.

Application for Personal and/or Horse Distance Awards Programs (a one-time fee for each)

(Send to: Kathy Macki, P.O. Box 48, Rapid River, MI 49878)

Name of **Person** nominated for Personal Mileage Program: _____

Address: _____ **FEE: \$30** _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Name of Horse Owner: _____ **FEE \$30** _____

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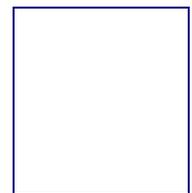
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