

Great Lakes Distance Riding Association

June 4, 2025 Minutes (Approved)

- i. Call To Order- President Jan Wylie
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Jan Wiley @ 7:00 pm.
- ii. Roll Call And Reading Of Minutes – Secretary Kathy Macki
 - a. The attendees were Becke Grams, Carl Dosmann, Sara Hall, Kristen Mikula, Jan Wylie, Jennifer Shooshanian, Shannon Weston, Barb Kurti, Diane Meinders, Rae Birr, Bruce Birr, Kathy Macki, Audrey McMurry, Heather Stafford, Michelle Weigand, Stephanie Boomgaard, and Pat Wierengo.
 - b. February 8, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes:
 - i. Becke Grams motioned to approve the report, Diane Meinders seconded the motion, and the report was approved.
 - c. February 8, 2025, Brief Meeting After Annual Meeting Minutes:
 - i. Audrey motioned to approve the meeting notes, Becke seconded the motion, and the report was approved.
- iii. Treasurers' Report- Kristen Mikula
 - a. The transfer of the credit union account is almost complete. Kristen is working on online access with the credit union.
 - b. Secretary Expense Account: Bruce clarified that Kathy received \$50 at one point for expenses, but Kathy has not turned in receipts to remove the \$50 balance.
 - i. Kathy currently pays \$115 annually for a Microsoft 365 subscription to manage the riders' points.
 - ii. Jan motioned to approve the treasurer's report and to approve the \$50 as a technology expense. Jennifer seconded the motion, and the vote was approved.
- iv. Committee Reports:
 - a. Executive: No Report
 - b. Veterinarian: No Report
 - c. Michigan Horse Council, Trails: No Report
 - d. Finance:
 - i. Kristen will contact the finance committee once she can access the bank accounts.
 - e. Rider Reps:

- i. Carl shared Layla's feedback regarding White River Spring. It was very positive and many reported being very happy with the trail markings.
- f. Points and Mileage
 - i. White River is complete.
 - ii. Grand Island will be complete by the end of the week.
 - iii. Once the above are completed, points will be calculated.
- g. Grievance: No Report
- h. Awards:
 - i. Kathy shared that Lisa sent the budget request change via email in February, reviewed the requested budget request email details, and motioned to approve the proposed budget changes. Stephanie seconded the motion, and the vote was approved.
- i. Membership:
 - i. The clinics are helping to increase the numbers
 - ii. Shannon needs the name, address, phone number, and email of clinic attendees to ensure they are not missed as members. This information is also added to the database, MailChimp, and welcome letters database.
 - iii. A standardized way needs to be implemented to get the information.
 - 1. Carl will send a membership form with all vouchers moving forward, requesting that ride managers facilitate completion and return to Shannon.
 - 2. Shannon will forward to the appropriate parties.
 - iv. 2025 Clinics:
 - 1. Heather will forward the information from Eventbrite for Lisa's clinic.
 - 2. Becke will forward the information from her clinic to Shannon.
 - 3. Kathy will work with Wendy to get the information to Shannon.
 - 4. Barb sent UMECRA membership forms to Shannon for her clinic.
- j. Newsletter-No Report
 - i. Kathy requested that the UMECRA ride results not be posted to the newsletter.
 - ii. Moving forward, only GLDRA results will be posted.
 - iii. They are completed by the 15th of each month and sent to Carl to be sent via Mailchimp and added to the website.
- k. Promotions-No Report
- l. Web Page

- i. The QR Code with Ride With GPS will be added on 6/5. Jennifer confirmed that Carl tested the QR Code, and he confirmed that it works.
 - v. Old Business:
 - a. Bylaws Update:
 - i. The bylaws were reviewed and Jan indicated there were very few changes.
 - ii. The document with the changes will be ready for review by the next meeting in July.
 - iii. The changes will need to be voted on at the next annual meeting in February.
 - b. Timeline Update:
 - i. Kathy will add the newsletter to the timeline and reflect that it should be done quarterly or more often as dictated by the Newsletter editor.
 - ii. It was requested that the October Newsletter reference upcoming November events and remind members to check points.
 - c. Apparel store update:
 - i. Heather will build a webstore sample.
 - vi. New Business:
 - a. Mailchimp licensing
 - i. Current Access: Carl & Barb
 - ii. Discussed Carl's February 10th email.
 - iii. Carl proposed a five-user membership subscription for \$20 per month.
 - iv. Jan motioned to approve the \$20 per month subscription. Pat seconded the motion, and the vote was approved.
 - v. Next meeting: Determine roles and users of Mailchimp.
 - b. Website:
 - i. Heather would like to create a search function like UMECRA's for a better user experience and improved web page storage and management. This would require working with Kathy to access her database.
 - ii. Adding to the new business for the next meeting.
 - vii. Next Meeting:
 - a. Tuesday, July 15 @ 7:30 pm

Kathy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Audrey seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Shooshanian