



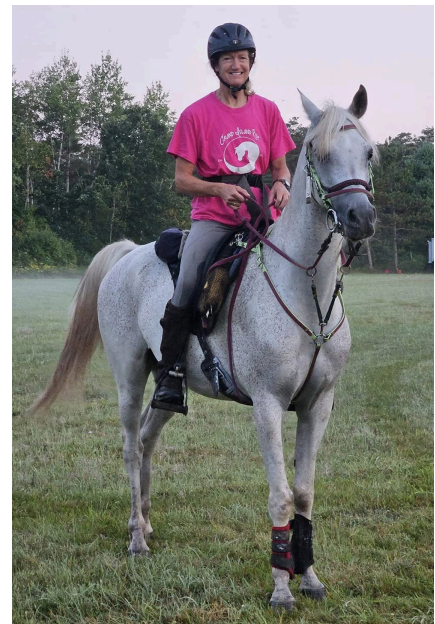
Great Lakes Distance Riding Association Newsletter June 2025

Upcoming Rides

Grand Island North- June 21-22 Hiawatha, MI
Hopkins Creek- July 12-13 Manton, MI



Diane Meinders and Lumiere WW for
their 2nd place finish in the Old
Dominion 100 mile endurance ride!



RIDE RESULTS

Grand Island- May 24-25

Ride Date: 5/24/2025

Competitive Distance 25 Heavyweight

Horse Score Points BC Place Ride Time

Jeann Aslakson GF Midnight Completion 370 11.0 1

Becky Bond Quincey QT Completion 356 10.0 2

Lightweight

Sara Hall WP Yippe Ki Yay Completion 381 11.0 1

Endurance Distance 50 Heavyweight

Adrie Dymesic Shady Completion 20.0 1 5:55

Guy Worthin JG Randie Completion 715 20.0 2 6:09

Damar Smith Joker's Wild Streak Completion 706 18.0 3 6:15

Amber Erickson Ottalia Mystic Completion 16.0 4 7:41

Sarah Carlson Hope Completion 14.0 5 7:41

Junior

Grace Carter Bataania KSR Completion 694 22.0 1 6:09

Alice Erickson Rushcreek Calia Completion 20.0 2 7:41

Lightweight

Diane Meinder Lumiere WW Completion 736 22.0 1 5:54

Jessie Finnila Sterlings Starstrider Completion 728 20.0 2 6:09

Karen Bahrma Westwind Little Completion 18.0 3 6:47

Linda Hamrick Cash Completion 16.0 4 8:08

Nola Westpha Greta Pulled 0.0 dn

Limited Endurance Distance 25 Junior

Vienn Finnila RB Liwa Completion 672 11.0 1 3:44

Logan Erickson A Kings Delivery Completion 10.0 2 3:48

Senior

Jim Carter Mister Jack Daniels Completion 11.0 1 3:07

Laure Werner MMF Hot Coco Completion 705 10.0 2 3:07

Sarah Fleming RTM Triple Completion 733 9.0 3 3:11

Katelyn Fleming MSU All Shook Up Completion 744 8.0 4 3:11

Steph Crispin Sinnamon Raysin Completion 7.0 5 3:46

Wend Maas FT Firestorm Completion 6.0 6 3:49

Alexa Gregson Hudson Bay Drifter Completion 5.0 C 4:16

Jesse Shaddrick Pertorio Crf (Rio) Completion 5.0 C 4:11

Sarah Watts Ishtar RTA Completion 722 5.0 C 3:50

Kersti McNiesh Eve From Paradise Pulled 0.0 dn

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Competitive Distance 25 Heavyweight

Damar Smith Firelily Moon Completion 321 11.0 1

Junior

Laure Werner MMF Hot Coco Completion 331 11.0 1

Limited Endurance Distance 25 Junior

Grace Carter Burning Up Diesel Completion 711 11.0 1 3:19

Lilian Borchert Luke Completion 607 10.0 2 4:04

Abigail Forsythe Winston Completion 701 9.0 3 4:04

Madel Austin MMF Grey Turtle Completion 667 8.0 4 4:05

Alexa Gregson Rocket Completion 7.0 5 4:12

Ilona Jarvi Sunshine Completion 7.0 5 4:44

Senior

Jessie Finnila FT Firestorm Completion 735 11.0 1 3:17

Katelyn Fleming MSU All Shook Up Completion 766 9.0 2 3:24

Sarah Fleming RTM Triple Completion 716 9.0 3 3:26

Steph Crispin AllAboutMajestic Completion 748 8.0 4 3:53

Sarah Watts Ishtar RTA Completion 6.0 6 4:10

Karen Jarvi Sony De Mayo Rose Completion 5.0 C 4:44

Carol Rose Sunna Dawn Completion 5.0 C 4:44

WHITE RIVER SUMMER- June 7-8, 2025

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Competitive Distance 30

Heavyweight

Jeann Aslakson GF Midnight Completion 342 13.2 1

Junior

Abigail Moorhou Rhock Slide Completion 360 13.2 1

Lightweight

Lisa Moorhou LSA Dark Son Completion 380 13.2 1

Auror Walsh Win D Prado Completion 364 12.0 2

Dawn Bouwka Bailey Completion 356 10.8 3

Ann Bogan Dun It Completion 342 9.6 4

Laure Schmalt Tequila Other 0.0 dn

Endurance Distance 50

Heavyweight

Katelyn Fleming MSU All Shook Up Completion 675 22.0 1 6:53

Alex Uspenski Marton Completion 20.0 2 8:23

Sarah Fleming RTM Triple Pulled 0.0 dn

Lightweight

Jennif Shoosha Al-Marah Fox Completion 22.0 1 8:53

Limited Endurance Distance 35

Senior

Linda Hamrick Cash Completion 15.4 1 6:04

Novice Distance 15

Audre Dennis Kooper Completion 0.0 C

Beth Kail LW Constant Sohn Completion 0.0 C

Came Lloyd Crystal Completion 0.0 C

Kriste Moody Fable Completion 0.0 C

Jan Wylie Dose Miles Only 0.0 C

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Competitive Distance 25

Lightweight

Jan Wylie Dose Completion 370 11.0 1

Limited Endurance Distance 25

Senior

Katelyn Fleming MSU All Shook Up Completion 687 11.0 1 3:42

Sarah Fleming DD Hucks Legacy Completion 675 10.0 2 3:43

Kriste Moody CC's Delight Completion 9.0 3 4:11

Kathle Neuhoff Mystique Rose Completion 8.0 4 4:12

Novice Distance 15

Elizab Allen Ringo Completion 0.0 C

Heath Neal Oscar On Duty Completion 0.0 C

POINT STANDINGS THROUGH WHITE RIVER SUMMER JUNE 7, 2025

Competitive Heavyweight

Aslakson Jeanne GF Midnight Confession (2 rides) 0.0 55.0 24.2

Smith Damaris Firelily Moon River (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 11.0

Smith Damaris Joker's Wild Streak (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 11.0

Bond Becky Quincey QT (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 10.0

Competitive Junior

Moorhouse Abigail Rhock Slide (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 13.2

Competitive Lightweight

Hall Sara WP Yippe Ki Yay (2 rides) 0.0 50.0 22.0

Walsh Aurora Win D Prado (2 rides) 0.0 55.0 22.0

Bouwkamp Dawn Bailey (2 rides) 0.0 55.0 21.8

Moorhouse Lisa LSA Dark Son Rising (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 13.2

Wylie Jan Dose (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 11.0

Bogan Ann Dun It (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 9.6

Endurance Heavyweight

Boomgaard Stephanie Arceus SS (1 ride) 0.0 50.0 22.0

Saatchi Soraya Fadjuraba (1 ride) 0.0 50.0 20.0

Smith Damaris Joker's Wild Streak (1 ride) 0.0 50.0 18.0

Endurance Lightweight

Bahrman Karen Westwind Little Big Man (1 ride) 0.0 50.0 18.0

Hamrick Linda Cash (1 ride) 0.0 50.0 16.0

Meinders Diane Lumiere WW (2 rides) 4.0 100.0 44.0

Meinders Diane Yo Dusty (1 ride) 2.0 50.0 22.0

Shooshania Jennifer Al-Marah Fox Romeo (1 ride) 0.0 50.0 22.0

Intro

Stafford Heather AflameM (Enzo) (1 ride) 0.0 10.0 0.0

Limited Endurance Junior

Seraji- Nafiseh DD Whooz Nadirah (2 rides) 0.0 55.0 22.2

Moorhouse Isabella LW Constant Sohn (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 10.0

Yoss Afshan Wish (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 8.0

Jarvi Ilona Sunshine (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 7.0

Limited Endurance Senior

Hamrick Linda Cash (2 rides) 0.0 65.0 26.2

Maxey Diane Al-Marah Fox Romeo (2 rides) 1.0 55.0 22.2

Talaski Chelsea LW Constant Sohn (1 ride) 1.0 30.0 12.0

Germann Lisa Ainia DCR (Eve) (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 9.6

Shooshania Jennifer Faro (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 8.4

Neuhoff Kathleen Mystique Rose (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 8.0

Bogan Ann Dun It (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 8.0

Saatchi Soraya Fadjuraba (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 7.0

Maas Wendy FT Firestorm (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 6.0

Rose Carole Sunna Dawn (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 5.0

Jarvi Karen Sony De Mayo Rose (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 5.0

Novice

Novice Novice Neal Heather Oscar On Duty (2 rides) 0.0 30.0 0.0

Novice Novice Wylie Jan Dose (1 ride) 0.0 15.0 0.0

Novice Novice Kradel Julie Duchess of Leelanau (1 ride) 0.0 15.0 0.0

Novice Novice Kradel Julie Tir na nOg (1 ride) 0.0 15.0 0.0

Novice Novice Bhagat Poorna Sassy Lady (1 ride) 0.0 15.0 0.0

Novice Novice Bogan Ann Dun It (1 ride) 0.0 15.0 0.0

IF THERE ARE POINT DISCREPANCIES, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE POINT KEEPER L

Looking for the entire 2025 ride calendar? Check out all the details, distances offered and locations, check out <https://glrami.org/rides>.

Would you like to contribute to the newsletter? Have a story to share? Send submissions by the 10th of each month to sara.hall1388@gmail.com.

GREAT LAKES DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION February 8, 2025 Minutes, approved

The meeting was called to order by VP Barb Kurti as Jan was ill, at 10:48 a.m. Attending was, Barb Kurti, Kathy Macki, Bruce Birr, Audrey McMurry, Stephanie Boomgaard, Linda Hamrick, Kristen Mikula, Michelle Weigand, Karen Bahrman, Diane Maxey, Diane Meinders, Heather Stafford, Lisa Germann, Chelsea Talaski, Jeanne Aslakson, Jean Miller, Sara Hall, Heather Neal, Carl Dosmann, Amy Fisher, Layla Saatchi and her daughter (sorry, didn't get her name). The minutes were read and Linda Hamrick motioned to accept them, Diane Maxey seconded, and the minutes were accepted as read.

Bruce handed out copies of his treasurer's report. He stated that it wasn't pretty (it was handwritten LOL). He said that we were solvent and had approximately \$10,523.25 with no outstanding bills. He noted that the banquet fee of \$433.00 for last year was inadvertently put on his personal credit card and that GLDRA needed to reimburse him. Lisa Germann moved to accept his report, Stephanie Boomgaard seconded, and the report was approved.

Committee Reports:

There was no executive report.

Veterinarian – Rae stated that we need more vets so anyone that knows someone who might be interested, please send them our way. They do not need to be licensed to work a ride.

Michigan Horse Council/Trails (I've did a copy and paste of Barb's report:

"HPA (Horse Protection Acts) does not include Endurance rides. The Horse Protection Act is a Federal law that prohibits sore horses from participating in shows, exhibitions, sales, or auctions. Soring is a cruel and inhumane practice used to accentuate a horse's gait. The law has been modified effective February 1, 2025, to cover nearly all equine activities, regardless of breed or discipline. Delayed until April 2 nd , 202.

MICHIGAN HORSE COUNCIL:

MHC Expo: March 7-9, 2025 GLDRA will have a table.

MHC has put together a sport subcommittee. Endurance riding falls under sport. We held our first meeting recently for a meet and greet.

MICHIGAN HORSE TRAILS ASSOCIATION:

Michigan Horse Trails Association recently launched their new website. Their mission is to work in cooperation with public land managers, equestrian organizations, and volunteers to promote, protect, and increase access to equestrian trails and camping opportunities in Michigan.

MichiganHorseTrailsAssociation.com

Events calendar, trail maps, incident reports, trail etiquette, equine trail and camp design, equine health, LAER (large animal emergency rescue), grants

This incident reporting form can help us identify the common trail conflicts, as well as, the locations that are commonly experiencing issues.

We hope you enjoy every second on Michigan's horse trails and in camp. But if something does happen that you need to report, please include Michigan Horse Trails Association in your reporting process. Please also include Back Country Horsemen of America if the incident involves e-bikes on shared trails or non-equestrians in equestrian camps. Be sure to also report to the land manager's local office. Contact information should be available in kiosks on site and on that area's webpage which you can find links to from the Michigan Horse Trails Directory.

You can utilize the DNR RAP line to report issues on state land 800-292-7800. Always call 911

for emergencies.

March 22, 2025 Amy Scharman and I will be helping present horse camping and trail riding in Michigan course. This will be held at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting & Fishing Center in Cadillac. We'll chat about MHTA, how to use the Michigan Horse Trails Directory and trail apps and maps, horse containment options and what to pack for camping and trail riding, plus a veterinarian and DNR trails staff will be joining the fun too."

Bruce said that we were current members of MHC and MTRA.

Finance Committee – Bruce said he hadn't contacted the FC but we need to get a peer review done.

There were no reports from Rider Reps, Points and Mileage or Grievance committees.

Awards: Lisa stated that she had found a new embroiderer and was very happy with her work. She said the quality was really good. She said the cost of awards is up, but that seems to be normal, and the only downside of this new vendor was the hours, which were 10-4. She also stated that she didn't think we were charged for the digitizing of our logo and that there was an \$89.00 overcharge that was to be refunded. Some of the award costs (the parts picked up by the award recipient) still needed to be paid to GLDRA and she said that we were \$375.00 over the budgeted amount for awards.

She wants to tweak the mileage awards and wants to increase the budgeted amount for equines. She thinks those should be more expensive as it takes longer for them to reach the different levels. She will work out some pricing and present it at the June board meeting and the board can vote on it. She will also include a suggested price for the plaques.

She would like to see an accounting of income/expenses kept in our account so we can keep better track of what was brought in for awards and what was spent. This then turned into a discussion of different ways to add funds to the awards budget. A couple of the things mentioned were 50/50 drawings or competition cards. Competition cards seemed like it would require too much work in tracking/payments/etc. She suggested Ride Managers sell 50/50 tickets when people register and then do a drawing at the potluck/awards. She would like a designated line item on the finance report so we can keep better track.

Barb suggested an apparel store. Everyone thought that was a good idea. Heather said she can set that up. Lisa made a motion to open an apparel store, Rae seconded. Heather and Barb will check on info and present to the executive board on March 15, 2025.

Rae stated that we should raise our membership dues. Much discussion followed with the end result being that the Finance Committee meet after lunch and discuss an increase and present it to the general membership at the annual meeting.

There was no membership report.

Promotions: Diane said she had the signup sheet for Expo. She said Saturday was the most important day for helping. She also stated that she would like to "retire" from this position and would be happy to help if there was anyone else willing to take over the promotions position. She will continue to send out the welcome letter/packet to new members. She said it was just a welcome letter and sticker.

Webpage: Heather said she has some ideas for the page. Sara Hall would like to do a newsletter for the site. Heather would like more content, PLEASE!! She wants to change some of the images. She wants to add different payment options such as Venmo or CC. Kristen said Venmo was already there as an option.

The newsletter will go via MailChimp and on the website. Carl will train Sara on using MailChimp. She is going to try and do a monthly newsletter. There was lots of discussion regarding this.

Old Business:

Awards: This was discussed above in the committee reports.

Insurance 2025: Kathy said she would contact Shelley Dake to see if she was taking care of this (I did and she is and will do so for as long as GLDRA wants her to).

Budget 2025: There isn't one.

Bylaw Changes: The committee that was formed in November will meet. The current bylaws are the 2017 version.

New Business:

The final ride schedule was presented, and a few copies were made available. It needs to be given to Heather for the website.

Banquet 2026: We picked 2/7/26 as the date and Bruce will check availability with the Doherty.

Awards for Novice/Intro Division:

There was some discussion about novice/intro awards. We did give a first-place plaque for 2024, although we really hadn't approved anything yet. There were a lot of good ideas discussed with the end result being that we would give plaques up to six places (Rae made the motion, Stephanie seconded and this passed). Riders would have to do the required number of rides/mileage and have a current membership to qualify. It was also mentioned that the awards could be improved if necessary. There was a bit more discussion on new riders being acknowledged with one of them stating that she thought our program was good.

Developing a timeframe: Barb presented a timeframe she had worked out for getting things done. There was some discussion and it was thought to be a good idea to have a guideline for having things turned in/done. Kathy made a motion to develop a timeframe and Diane Meinders seconded and this passed. Barb and Kathy (me) will work on this and present it to the board at the March 15 meeting.

There was nothing else and Rae moved to adjourn the meeting. Diane Meinders seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Macki

2025 Board Members

President- Jan Wylie

Vice President: Barb Kurti

Secretary: Kathy Macki, Jennifer Shooshanian helping

Treasurer: Kristen Mikula

Member at Large: Layla Saatchi

Rider Reps: Audry McMurry, Stephanie Boomgaard

Newsletter: Sara Hall

Webmaster: Heather Stafford

Points Keeper: Kathy Macki



Next board meeting: July 15, 2025 at 7:30PM