

Great Lakes Distance Riding Association

(July 22, 2026) , Minutes (Unapproved)

i. Call To Order- President Stephanie Boomgaard

- a. The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Boomgaard @ 7:30pm

ii. Roll Call and Reading Of Minutes – Secretary Jennifer Shooshanian

The attendees were:

- a. Dawn Bouwkamp, Teresa Mulherin, Carl Dosmann, Michelle Wiegand, Stephanie Boomgaard, Linda Hammrick, Kristen Mikula, Becke Gram, Damaris Smith, Sara Hall, Audrey McMurry, Barb Kurti, Michelle Wiegand, Pat Wiengo
- b. Linda Hammrick motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Becke Gram, seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved

iii. Treasurers' Report- Kristen Mikula

- a. 2026 Income January 1, 2026 – July 22 = \$3,552.96
 - i. There was a balance correction in favor of \$12.45
- b. Total Expenses \$2,895.75
- c. Net Profit \$657.21
- d. Total Balance of all accounts \$10, 223.60
- e. Jan Wiley motioned to accept the report as presented, Teresa Mulherin seconded the motion, and the report was approved

iv. Committee Reports:

- a. Executive: No report.
- b. Veterinarian: Dr. Rae is not in attendance. No report.
- c. Michigan Horse Council (MHC) & Trails: No report.
- d. Finance:
 - i. Kristen has sent an email reminder to all the ride managers of ride fees and insurance payments owed. If an invoice is required, Kristen can send one.
- e. Rider Reps: No report.
- f. Points and Mileage:
 - i. Kathy Maki provided an email update that all rides are up to date until Hopkins Creek is received. Upon receipt, the points will be updated.
- g. Grievance: No report.
- h. Awards: No report.
- i. Membership: No report.
- j. Newsletter: No report.
- k. Promotions: No report.

- I. Web Page: Added Kathy Macki to the ride result page so discrepancies could be reported directly.
- v. New Business:
 - a. Central Ride Registration Process: Barb has been working with Corey on this; the project will restart in 2027.
 - i. Vision: Entry form on the website, under the same tab as events, drop boxes for each ride with an option for PayPal if desired. Ride Managers would list their specific payment options.
 - b. New Rider Ambassador: Signs have been distributed to the rider representatives and the member at large; there are 3 left.
 - i. Linda Hamrick requested one.
 - ii. Audrey plans to leave one at White River.
 - iii. If more is needed, they are approximately \$7.00 each.
 - iv. At this point, no one has directly approached for support, although Damaris Smith did assist the new riders camped next to her at White River.
 - v. The group agreed that Audrey should be reimbursed; Kristen requested a receipt.
 - c. Shore To Shore Virtual Ride:
 - i. Currently, 71 spots remain.
 - ii. There is an opportunity to promote this at the Ausable ride.
 - d. Audrey inquired about making the next meeting mandatory since several were not in attendance, and many committees did not report. Stephanie noted that GLDRA is only required to hold three meetings per year, but if there are items to discuss, anyone can reach out to have a topic added to the agenda.
 - e. Compliments were paid to the new board of directors for doing a great job.
- vi. Old Business:
 - a. Drop Box:
 - i. Kristen plans to work on the details with Jennifer. There were questions about what email to use.
 - 1. Carl noted that Jennifer has access to the GLDRA email and recommended using that email.
 - 2. Carl has the log in information.
 - b. Rough Draft for the Summary for President & Vice President are complete.
 - i. Recommend it to be sent to Stephanie, Audrey, Carl, Jan, & Barb for review.
 - c. Michelle Wiegand inquired if there is an option to have a private ride managers page for submission and storage of Coggins. There was discussion about the logistics and challenges associated with this. Barb

noted that during an online registration they can upload the document, creating consistency among the rides. Theresa shared how much she appreciated online registration.

d. All other action items as noted below are still open.

vii. Next Meeting:

- a. September 23, 2026 @ 7:30pm
- b. November 18 @ 7:30 pm (Required)

Teresa Mulherin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Audrey McMurry seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Shooshanian

Open Items

Subject	Date Due	Person Responsible	Status
New tracking system for points and mileage	TBD	Kathy Macki	IP
Inquire about UMECRA contributing towards the cost of the GLDRA insurance. (Done, they are willing to pay 1/2)	5/27/26	Sara Hall	Revisiting @ the November Meeting.
Any insurance changes need to cover the board members.			
This needs voted on by UMECRA			
Create sign-up sheet for	5/27/26	Jennifer Shooshanian	

volunteers to
support new riders

Send Stephanie an
example of the
data base to
explore options for
creating a new
database.

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Kathy Macki

Get pricing for
purchasing Drop
Box for GLDRA

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Jennifer
Shooshanian /
Kristen Mikula

Create rough draft
of position
summary for
President & Vice
President

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Novice/Intro Rides

Kathy indicated
these have not
been split in the
past, she will
attempt to begin
splitting
novice/intro out and
provide feedback

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Kathy Macki

Review Sara's
Board of Directors
document

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