

Great Lakes Distance Riding Association

May 27, 2026 Minutes (Approved)

i. Call To Order- President Stephanie Boomguard

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

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

The attendees were:

- a. Roll Call: Dawn Bouwkamp, Teresa Mulherin, Carl Dosmann,, Michelle Wiegand, Stephanie Boomgaard, Linda Hammrick, , Jennifer Shooshanian, Kristen Mikula, Becke Gram, Damaris Smith , Lisa Germann, Pat Wiengo, Kathy Macki , Diane Meinders, Sara Hall,
- b. Kathy Macki motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Dawn Bouwkamp, seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved

iii. Treasurers' Report- Kristen Mikula

- a. Treasurer report will be presented during the July 22nd. board meeting.

i. Balances:

1. Savings \$1,543.04
2. Checking \$1,859.51
3. 1 Year CD \$2,444.72
4. 7 month CD \$2,953.37

iv. Committee Reports:

- a. To be addressed at “required” meeting July.

v. Old Business:

- a. Inquire about the coverage amount of the UMECRA Ride Insurance
- i. Sara reached out to the president, and they are open to having UMECRA cover ½ of GLDRA ride insurance.
 - ii. It will need to be voted on at the Fall November UMECRA meeting.
- b. Get access to GLDRA Facebook page to assist ride managers with creating events for rides/clinics
- i. Teresa has access.
 - ii. The current ride is pinned along with the Ride With GPS post so it will be the first to be seen.
 - iii. The next ride is Karen Barmans, but she is not actively on Facebook.
 1. The ride flyer for Grand Island North is on the website if Karen would like an event
- c. Ride The Mitten Challenge
- i. Pat posted on the outside of the pavillion on @ White River and it is laminated.

- d. Contact Christina Hyke to expand the S2S virtual ride to 200 participants.
 - i. As of last week 122 participants.
 - ii. Jennifer encouraged everyone to share.
 - 1. Teresa has been sharing.
- e. Contact UMECRA regarding ride insurance. (Liability limits and costs)
 - i. Michigan requires a \$2M coverage.
 - ii. UMECRA only has a limit of \$1M.
 - iii. As noted above, the president of UMECRA (Peggy) is researching the coverages.
 - 1. GLDRA covers the board members and if there are any changes in the insurance, we need to verify the board members are covered in the fall.
- f. Audrey to research and procure “help” signs for new riders
 - i. Damaris reported that Audrey has the signs.
 - ii. Jennifer to send sign up sheet to the ride managers.
- g. New tracking system for points and mileage
 - i. Currently in Access.
 - ii. Kathy’s contact can assist with reporting.
 - iii. Carl said the database can’t be exported, but there is a method to extract the information via flat tables.
 - 1. Kathy will send Stephanie an example.
 - 2. Additional planning and discussion to follow.
 - iv. Sara was happy with how the information was received from Kathy.
- vi. New Business:
 - a. New Member Packet
 - i. Diane is now getting the appropriate emails.
 - ii. No additional changes are needed.
 - b. Mentor Program
 - i. Jan expressed interest and has the application. Once submitted, it will be addressed.
 - ii. Damaris Smith is officially and listed.
 - iii. Lisa receives the application and reviews/ approves.
 - c. Electronic Storage of GLDRA Docs- Google Drive or Drop Box?
 - i. Discussed pricing of google drive and drop box.
 - 1. Google drive storage doesn’t have the same storage capacity as Drop Box.
 - 2. Jennifer prefers Drop Box for storage capacity.

- a. The estimated cost for Dropbox is approximately \$120 (2 TB) if more is needed it is an additional \$60 for 1 TB.
 - 3. Carl has records dated back to 2015.
 - ii. Discussed the storage of documents, databases.
 - 1. Jennifer and Carl have a box of papers that can be scanned.
 - 2. Carl, Jennifer and Sara all have GLDRA information stored.
 - 3. Carl noted the importance of file organization.
 - iii. Sara motioned that we proceed forward with pursuing the purchase of a GLDRA drop box, seconded by Carl.
 - d. Recording of positions
 - 1. Sara started a google doc with the current board members and dates and we can move it to the GLDRA storage.
 - a. Agreed that it did not need to be posted publically.
 - 2. Sara would like it to be reviewed.
 - ii. Position Summary's to begin building:
 - 1. President & Vice President
 - 2. Planning to build a rough draft for July meeting.
 - e. Sara asked if GLDRA numbers are assigned.
 - i. Kathy confirmed we don't have numbers assigned publically like other organizations.
 - f. Central Ride Registration
 - i. There was a discussion about the central ride registration and paypal.
 - 1. GLDRA PayPal would not use their PayPal
 - 2. Likely an individual PayPal account to the ride manager via friends & family.
 - g. Hopkins Creek
 - i. Michelle is having challenges getting the permit approved, but expects that it will be approved.
 - ii. Michelle is working through some red tape with the appropriate agencies.
 - h. Novice/Intro Rides
 - i. Kathy indicated these have not been split in the past, she will attempt to begin splitting novice/intro out and provide feedback
 - 1. This is for the purpose of year-end awards.
- vii. Next Meeting:
- a. July 22 @ 7:30 pm.

Jennifer Shooshanian motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kathy seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Shooshanian

Action Items

Subject	Date Due	Person Responsible	Status
Send Stephanie an example of the data base to explore options for creating a new database.	7/22/26	Kathy Macki	
Get pricing for purchasing Drop Box for GLDRA	7/22/26	Jennifer Shooshanian / Kristen Mikula	
Create rough draft of position summary for President & Vice President	7/22/26	Jennifer Shooshanian	
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Review Sara's Board of Directors document	7/22/26	?	

Open Items

Subject	Date Due	Person Responsible	Status
New tracking system for points		Kathy Macki	IP

and mileage

TBD

Inquire about UMECRA
contributing towards the cost of
the GLDRA insurance. (Done,
they are willing to pay 1/2)

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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
volunteers to support new
riders

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Jennifer
Shooshanian