

MINNESOTA DISTANCE RIDE ASSOCIATION

3-14-87

1:30 pm

Paul Heberling called the meeting to order. Eight of 12 Minnesota based rides were represented. Present were Paul Heberling, Kathy Love, Andrea Luoma, Fred and Diane Kuhn, Sara Schiell, Bernie Ness, Steve, Lynda, Jenna and Carl Hanson, Jim and Shirley Donaghue, Dale and Madeline Scott, Art and Connie Priesz and Jim Larson DVM. Sharon Crysl.

The First order of business brought up was whether we should incorporate. It was decided this would be done to protect all officers. Steve Hanson and Art Priesz agreed to take this responsibility.

A name for the organization was then discussed. Sharon proposed MnDRA "Minnesota Distance Riding Association". Steve proposed DRAM "Distance Riders of Minnesota." MnDRA was agreed on.

Diane suggested we have as officers President, Vice President, and Sec-Treasurer and a person to act as ride manager in charge of a MnDRA ride. It was decided that the V.President would handle the ride.

It was agreed that all paid members would have voting privileges.

Paul suggested we use UMECRA AND AERC rules. Agreed to by members.

It was suggested we use UMECRA rules for placing riders but give 1 point for each 5 miles completed rather than 1 for each 25 miles. The ride must be successfully completed by UMECRA rules to receive points. Additional points for placings would be like UMECRA 1 for 6th 2 for 5th up to 6 for 1st place. Jim Donaghue suggested just the 5 best rides be used for deciding winners. It was decided we would use total cumulative points on all rides ridden. We agreed all members should also be members of UMECRA so that they would receive UMECRAS advantages. Such as newsletter, ride brochure etc. The following dues for membership were suggested.

	Total Dues.	To UMECRA	TO MnDRA
Single	\$15	\$8	\$7
Family	20	12	8
Single	\$16	\$8	\$8
Family	24	12	12
Single	\$13	\$8	\$5
Family	\$22	12	10

\$13 single and \$22 family was chosen. Suggestions for raising more funds were brought up. It was agreed we would run a ride. The former Minnesota RiverValley ride date was chosen. It will be run at Sand Dunes State Forest this year.

A sanctioning fee from each ride was then suggested. It was discussed whether this would be a flat fee or based on the number of riders. A flat fee of \$10 was chosen. To qualify for sanctioning by MnDRA a ride must start and end in Minnesota and pay the 10 dollar sanctioning fee.

For 1987 points accumulated from all Minnesota rides, whether or not such rides are all sanctioned by MnDRA, will count toward MnDRA awards.

We then discussed how to let people know about the organization. Suggested were:

- Ad in UMECRA newsletter and brochure
- Set up booth at MN rides
- AERC newsletter Ad
- Horse Expo and other horse get togethers
- Articles in papers or magazines

The Ad in AERC newsletter was ruled out as too expensive and so was the Expo. They can be reconsidered later if we can afford it.

It was decided we would set up by laws at our next meeting. Meetings would be held at Minnesota rides.

Election of Officers followed. President was Steve Hanson, Vice-President Paul Heberling, Sec. Treas. Kathy Love. Term of office would be one year. Committees were selected to do the work.

Awards Sharon Cryslér, Shirley and Jim Donaghue. They will select and make arrangements to purchase awards for year end and the MnDRA ride. The number and value of year end awards will be determined later based on our financial position.

Flyer for UMECRA Brochure Art and Connie They will design something to put in UMECRAS brochure to advertize the organization.

Year End Banquet Party Committee Andrea and Diane They will plan any social gatherings and year end award party.

General Publicity Connie and Lyn They will put together an ad for UMECRA newsletter and write articles for local newspapers to attempt to generate interest in distance riding and MnDRA.

The meeting was called to end at 3:50 pm. The Party Committee decided to have a social hour to relax and then decided we should dine at the Black Angus Rest. in St. Cloud. Here we were joined by Rhonda Williams and Fred, Patrice and Nicholas Pawelk.

"A Good Time Was Had By All"

Kathy Love Sec. Treas.