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Minnesota Distance Riding Association
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 1993 at Holiday Inn of St Cloud, Mn.

The meeting started at approximately 2:30 p.m. Officers present were as follows: President Mark Jensen, Vice President, Sue Lunderby, Treasurer, Duane Weslander and Secretary, Holly Egerer. Board of Directors present were as follows: Dale Lunderby, Steve Hanson, Mark Jensen and Holly Egerer.

President Mark Jensen called the meeting to order and asked for the secretary's report. A brief overview of the January 16, 1993 meeting minutes was read by secretary Holly Egerer. Motion made and accepted of secretary's notes as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Duane Weslander (acting treasurer since Kathy Love's move). Net Income for 1992 was \$514.49, income from MNDRA I was \$872.18 and MNDRA II was \$263.84. Checking balance as of February 28, 1993 was \$4,235.14. Duane has copies of the balance sheet and a profit and loss statement as of December 31, 1992 to anyone who would like one. MndRA will no longer collect dues for UMECRA but in order to be a member of MNDRA you must be a member of UMECRA. Motion made and accepted of Treasurer's report as given.

President Mark Jensen asked for discussion regarding the possibility of splitting up the responsibilities of membership roster and points keeper. Sharon Chrysler said that it does work well to have the points, membership and dues go to one person to keep track of updating membership roster and making sure that the newsletter person gets an updated list of members periodically. Duane Weslander suggested that Barb Weslander keep track of points since Duane will be collecting dues and updating the membership roster. The newsletter person needs an updated list of members also.

Andrea Vargo and Sharon Chrysler have put together a information packet to give to people interested in Distance Riding. They consist of a condensed version of endurance and competitive UMECRA rules, conditioning information sheet, UMECRA and MndRA organization membership forms. Sharon is in the process of putting together a fact sheet to add to the packet and she would appreciate any input members might have. This packet will replace the brochures we have used in the past. Due to the high cost of printing brochures Andrea will have these packets available to members who can then take and copy some for their own use to hand out to interested people. (This was voted on at the Jan 93 meeting)

MndRA business cards are available to members to pass out. Two volunteers are needed for their names as contact people to be on the next set of cards printed. Jim Donaghue and Kathy Yates have offered to be the contact people on the next printed set of cards. Sue Lunderby has ordered ribbons for the MndRA awards but

has not ordered any trophies. She is going to go through the inventory of what we have and see if we need anything else. The cost for the ribbon order is approximately \$185.00. We need to get 1st place trophies but still have some left. Ann Ness ordered T-shirts.

The MTRA Booth is again willing to have our brochures available for handout. Suzette did get the O.K. but they will need more brochures or packets, they have some left from last year. The Medina fair was successful, many packets were handed out and Rick Halvorson sent his photo book for display also. Chip Jack, Lynn Wells and Beth Preusse worked the booth. Ann Ness had a clinic at Kurt Jordi's farm near Brainerd on March 6th, there were about 20 adults. Ann also helps run a clinic for 4H kids the 1st part of June, most likely it will be Friday evening. She will try to get more information. She is looking into having 25 mile competitive rides be a judged 4h event.

MnDRA I ride will be held at Wild River this year with Dale Lunde managing. Insurance for this ride has been paid. Sue Lunderby briefly went over some of the highlights of the UMECRA meeting.

Other business discussed, Andrea recommended that Paul Heberling and Kathy Love be nominated Mn Horse Council's horse person of the year. She also found out that money can be donated to any state park for horse trail improvements. It would be good to possibly donate to the park that hosts a MnDRA ride. After some discussion Sue Lunderby made a motion to make a committee to look into where trail fund money should go. Ann Ness suggested giving \$100.00 to each park used by MnDRA, Dale Lunde seconded Sue's motion, passed. New trails fund committee is as follows, Dale Lunde, Andrea Vargo, Sue Lunderby, and Jim Donaghue.

After much discussion regarding notification of members to future MnDRA meeting dates, current and past issues covered in the MnDRA meetings, a motion was made by Kate Lundeen, seconded by Ann Ness to include MnDRA meeting minutes in the newsletter. Steve Hanson made an amendment to the motion to reimburse for postage to newsletter person.

Jim Donaghue made a motion that MnDRA general Meeting dates never conflict with the UMECRA or AERC annual general meeting dates. Diane Kuhn seconded, motion passed. Ann Ness made a motion to have the person who is receiving the Minnesota Horse Council newsletter (Andrea Vargo at this time) keep them in a 3 ring notebook and bring it to the MnDRA meetings for everyone to look through. Kate Lundeen seconded. It was decided that the Newsletter person would continue to be the member who would receive the councils newsletter.

President Mark Jensen gave a brief talk on the resolution that was made at the January 1993 meeting regarding MnDRA sanction of the North Dakota rides. He stated that he had many negative

phone calls after the meeting and that before we started discussion today that everyone needs to remember that MnDRA was started to promote the sport of distance riding. This is meant to be a fun sport and organization and although there needs to be rules we must try not to get too weighted down with rules and lose track of the fun.

The resolution from the January 1993 meeting was read by Secretary Holly Egerer as follows, resolution to accept ride applications for MnDRA sanctioning from out of state organized rides that have no state organizations for sanctioning, that ride is UMECRA sanctioned and are accepted by the general membership vote. Mark read the official change to the articles put together by Steve Hanson. Also needed to change is the MnDRA corporation's registered post office box which has been Kathy Love and Paul Heberling's in Clearwater, Mn. This has now changed since their move to Oregon. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of the new resolution. Steve Hanson also wanted the membership to be aware that before any ride can get sanctioning from MnDRA the general membership must vote to accept that ride.

A private vote on resolution to change the Articles of Sanctioning, 22 voted yes and 7 voted no, resolution was passed by majority vote. Next was a vote to sanction the Heart of Gold ride and One Tuff Nutt North Dakota rides. Terry Jensen made a motion to a private vote on sanctioning of both rides together in one vote, Suzette Riches seconded the motion, all members agreed. Sanctioning of both rides passed by majority vote, 23 yes, four no. A voice vote was done to accept sanctioning of all 1993 Minnesota rides, passed.

Mark opened the floor for the election of 1993 MnDRA officers, a motion was made to change the bylaws and separate the secretary/treasurer office into two separate offices, passed. Floor was opened to nominations of President. Nominated were, Dale Lunde, Steve Hanson and Ann Ness, Dale and Ann both withdrew their nominations making Steve Hanson MnDRA's 1993 president. Mark Jensen gave Steve Hanson the floor and nominations were opened for Vice President. Nominated were Dale Lunde and Mark Jensen, private votes were taken and Dale Lunde won. A Motion was made by Kate Lundeen to amend that in the event a past president gets elected to another office position a consecutive year then members can choose an additional member from the floor to serve on the Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed. Roxanne Swisher motioned that Duane Weslander our temporary treasurer and Holly Egerer the present secretary remain in those positions in 1993 if they so choose. Both agreed, motion was seconded and passed. The following are the list of 1993 MnDRA officers:

President: Steve Hanson
Vice President: Dale Lunde
Secretary: Holly Egerer
Treasurer: Duane Weslander

The Board of Directors will be:

Steve Hanson
Dale Lunde
Holly Egerer
Duane Weslander
Mark Jensen

Discussion followed on the change of address to be registered in the articles of incorporation. Ann and Bernie Ness volunteered their address, a motion was made to accept, motion seconded and passed. The following are the 1993 committees and the people who volunteered to be on them:

Points keeper: Barb Weslander
Newsletter: Lynn Wells
Awards: Barb Weslander & Ann Ness
Banquet Arrangements: Sue Lunderby
Banquet Program & MC: To be voted on
at Jan 94 meeting

Bernie Ness made a motion to let Sue Lunderby choose the date for next years banquet to be held sometime in March 1994 and that it can be at any place in the St. Cloud area at her discretion, motion seconded and passed. Bernie Ness also motioned to have both the President and Treasurer be able to sign MnDRA account checks, motion seconded and passed.

Last item on the agenda was a vote to continue to have the MnDRA general membership meetings in January and March. Ann Ness motioned to add another meeting during the summer at either the MnDRA I or MnDRA II ride at the discretion of the board members and to send at least a 5 day notice to all members of the upcoming meeting date. Motion was seconded and passed.

Steve Hanson motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Holly Egerer
Secretary of MnDRA