

**Minnesota Distance Riding Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2000
The Blue Heron Supper Club, Cold Spring, MN**

President Missie Schwartz called the meeting to order at 3:52 PM. Other officers present were as follows, Vice President, Dale Lunde, Treasurer, Joan Thiel, and Secretary, Holly Egerer.

Announcement made to inform members that MnDRA follows UMECRA ride points system unless published differently, for example, MnDRA give 10 placings for year end LD.

Secretary's minutes from the last meeting were published in the newsletter and a copy was given to members at the meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report, Joan Thiel presented the treasurer's report. Year end figures as of 12/31/99, Total Assets – \$10,366.87, Total Liabilities – \$4,366.00, Total Liabilities and Equity – \$10,366.87, Total Income - \$4,603.62, Total Expenses – \$4,642.85, Net Ordinary Income – (\$39.23). Checking account Balance on 12/31/99 was \$9,204.98. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded and approved.

Board meeting review, only one request for the trail funds recipient from Jan Halvorson for Sand Dunes State Forest. The trail fund was awarded to Sand Dunes. Novice rides and Clinics, no person has volunteered to run one. Discussion on having a MnDRA ride to hold a Championship ride for AERC. Need to discuss further for future rides.

Committee reports,

- ❖ **Newsletter**, Missie Schwartz would continue to do the letter, anyone that would like to take it over is welcome to do so. Dianne Kuhn announced that UMECRA would print club news in the UMECRA monthly newsletter.
- ❖ **Awards**, Diane Kuhn did a great job again and has agreed to continue for 2000. If anyone has ideas for new awards contact Diane.
- ❖ **Novice rides and clinics**, there are again going to be several rides that will be having novice rides. Members encouraged to help at these rides as much as possible.
- ❖ **Horse expo**, Chip Jack not available to help this year, Bev Specht and Missie Schwartz will be help to set up and tear down. Dianne will help since she will be there to sell portable corrals. Need all members to volunteer time for 1-2 hours to sit at booth.
- ❖ **Annual Banquet**, Darlene Molitor stated that everything went well and would continue to do it for Feb 2001. Open to anyone else who would like to manage the Banquet in the future.
- ❖ **Points keeper**, Joan Thiel requested that ride managers need to remember to send her the points from their ride as soon as possible, within 14 days of the ride. A copy of what is sent to UMECRA is all that is needed.

Unfinished business, *MnDRA ride insurance for 2000*, Holly Egerer stated that the same rides plan on getting insurance through MnDRA for 2000 so that should continue to keep our insurance cost for the MnDRA sponsored rides paid for. Anyone who can pay their fee today Holly will collect. Costs to remain the same, \$75.00 per ride day.

New business, 2000 ride schedule books were received by most members of UMECRA this past week. Missie made her annual request for members to come forward and volunteer to help at any and all of the MnDRA sponsored rides. Dianne Kuhn gave some information on winter trail access and would continue to research the availability. New junior rule passed at UMECRA meeting in January allowing Jr. riders age 13 and older can ride by themselves after they have completed 500 competitive miles and have a signed approval from a parent.

Election of officers, no new nominations for any of the officers was made unanimous vote to keep the 1999 slate of officers for 2000.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:30 PM, seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Holly Egerer
Secretary for MnDRA