

**MINNESOTA DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION
INFORMAL MID-YEAR MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 22,2010
TRAILHEAD BUILDING, ST. CROIX STATE PARK**

Officers present, President Lynn Reichert, and Secretary Holly Egerer. Officers absent, Vice President Dale Lunde, and Treasurer, Sandy Noonan.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Run for The Border ride has new managers for 2011, Mary and Steve Baker. They will be moving the ride camp to a new location but still will use the same trail at Governor Knowles State Forest in western Wisconsin.

President Lynn Reichert passed a survey around asking for ideas for completion awards and year-end awards, comments on the season, would members be able to compete more if prices were lowered? Questions or suggestions for MnDRA and/or UMECRA, and any general ideas or comments to share.

The UMECRA board meeting will be held in November going over January 11,2011 general meeting topics. Items that will be discussed;

- 20-mile competitive loop limit changed to 25 miles
- The location for this year's meeting is at Rochester, Minn on January 14-15, there will be a silent auction, vendors and a tack swap.

Horse expo for 2011 will need a new person to take on managing the booth, Chip Jack has stepped down but is willing to help the new person get things going. Walt Freiberg offered to take over and will contact Chip Jack to get assistance.

Candy Barbo put out a request to all MnDRA ride managers to get their rides sanctioned with AHA for sweepstakes. The fee is \$20.00 per event and you cannot charge an extra fee to the riders that participate. Many of the members who have sweepstakes horses are willing to donate to the ride to help defray the extra cost. It does require some extra paperwork as well.

Lynn wanted to make sure people are prepared in February to submit their request for a trail donation to the board before the general membership meeting and banquet.

The Veterinarian Van and Trailer continues to be cared for by Dr. Dean Peterson. The drugs and supplies are Dr. Dean's, if supplies are used please inform Dr. Dean and he will purchase replacements and charge the Client/horse owner who had the treatment done. Dr. Dean also asked if MnDRA could purchase a tent/table shelter to store in the van.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM
Respectfully submitted by MnDRA Secretary,
Holly Egerer