

Draw notes – meeting 11/17/2013

Present today: Max Bernsdorf, Ainsley Suskey, Melinda Stewart, Boots Wagner, Josh Gilson, Kim Fosler, Tracy Johnson, Sherry Aune, Jos Seefeldt, Nicole Hermann, Hattie Hermann, Adam Fermanich, Bill Suskey, Pam Cotton, Bettina Koehn, Linda Jacobson, Kathy Schauer, Katie Bachhuber, Barb Gardner, Jon Wagner, Jim Feller, Jill Feller, Nancy Leonard, Mike Bachhuber

Minutes approval on the website – motions by Max, seconded by Jon

Treasurer's report – by Bill. Current balance \$10k and change. DRAW did not have a great year in 2013. Only ride that did not lose money is Drawarama. Kettles and Bits lost \$746.65, NH down \$1315, Colorama down \$736.99, Drawarama made \$924.95. Entries were down at every ride this year. GI lost \$1k, other rides lost money as well. Ride attendance printout available to review. DRAW bought ride kits that hit the finances this year. We gave nice awards. Overall account down about \$4k over the same time last year. Over \$800 in group camp reservations were spent at the Northern and Southern Kettles. Will discuss specific savings in costs at the individual rides. Report motion to approve by Jos and second by Max.

By-law proposals: some proposed and some already voted on but didn't make it into the by-laws. Proposal to change ride minimum from three ride to three rides or equivalent number of miles for the division. Discussion about entry fees, and possible loss if change to mileage. Motion to say with ride ride minimum by Jill and seconded by Bill. No change, will remain the same.

Other proposal is for 20 members or 1/3 of membership, whatever is less should constitute a quorum. Change is to clarify that it must be adult members. Jos motions to accept change and Kathy seconded it. Motion carried.

Proposal – versatility award. Change would allow for junior and senior division for awards, rather than one award only. Discussion – this doesn't come up frequently, happened last year. Jill proposes to keep one division, change to two rides in each category instead of three comp and three endurance. Discussion and Jill withdraws motion. Jill motions we move to two comp, two endurance and two LD and add a junior division (two divisions). Katie seconded.

Other bylaws on paper were passed but not put into place. Proposal to separate secretary and treasurer into two different positions, would not be too overwhelming would increase size of board to avoid split votes on big decisions. Motion offered to divide secretary and treasurer positions to avoid having a locked board, seconded by Max. Motion carried.

Decided to go through individual by law changes in case they weren't approved. Family membership- one or more related or coupled as sig other and children of such adults under 18 years of age in the same household. Grandparents will be

allowed to use grandkids at a different address. Dues are already done for the calendar year, no need to make a change here. Motion by Bill, seconded by Boots. Motion carried.

Proposed change: treasurer must receive the membership form and the fees within two weeks of the ride-taking place (in case handed into the ride manager). Strike membership form must be signed by a dues paying member – this doesn't happen. Use the postmark on the envelope for those that arrive in the mail, to determine when ride membership starts. Amount of time one can join is the proposal to change. Motion by Max to change from one to two weeks, seconded by Jon. Motion carried.

Proposed change: any member writing a NSF check to DRAW will need to pay the NSF charge and amount of check within 60 days to reinstate membership. Impacts not only ride fees, but camping fees. Motion by Mike, seconded by Nicole. Motion carried.

Proposed change: officers do not have the authority to change the bylaws. DRAW has no constitution. Motion to approve by Kathy, seconded by Max. Motion carried.

Proposed change: members will be notified of changes 30 days prior to the meeting. Motion Katie, seconded by Max. Carried.

Proposed change: if a tie exists for year end awards, both members receive the placing and the next placing is eliminated. This is an addition in language to the awards descriptions that isn't currently in place. Bill motions that we revisit the language and bring it back, seconded by Kathy. Tabled.

Proposed change: bylaws may be changed at a meeting (either meeting) by a majority vote. Motion by Sherry, second by Jos. Motion carried.

Proposed change: bylaw changes must be shared with members at least 30 before meeting. Motion by Katie and Jos.

Changes go into effect immediately – there is no language in the by-laws to address when changes go into effect. Discussion about whether year should be defined for membership, points, fiscal, etc. Defining a year is not important when it comes by by-laws, only quorum is important. Could define fiscal year at a future meeting.

During lunch, Mike talked about two issues for consideration:

- 1) Having information available on the website about etiquette at rides. Example given of crews who could be expected to refill water tanks when out on the trails and inform the ride managers.

2) Other issue, require all riders to wear helmets and have a dog on leash rule. Discussion about having neck braces or other safety articles on hand at rides. Got very lucky this year with Linda's femur break and she wasn't found for several hours. Talk about posting ride manager cell phone numbers at rides. At many rides, cell phone coverage is very spotty, better than a two-way radio. UMECRA also discussing safety measures given the trailer fire this fall (defibrillator – sorry for the spelling folks). Mike willing to teach ride managers and interested parties how to use this type of equipment, would also be willing to write something up for the website. Treat every injury as potential shock, get the person laying flat and not move for 5-10 minutes. Should find a way to reward people who stop for others who are injured on the trail (this is possible in comp but not in LD/endurance).

Drawarama – two horses had to be treated at the ride. Wrote mgr name/number and campsite to have posted at the ride secretary desk. Talked about posting a sign stating “ride manager” at their camp site. Nothing fancy, just a step in sign. Katie going to craft something up that will have metal posts.

Ride updates:

Kettles and Bits – Jill and Katie ride managers. Tentative novice leader in place, will do a little clinic. Head vet will be Tracy, working on second vet. May 3-4. Stallion rule revisited at UmeCra because a stallion was put in a pen with neighbors. Jill going to put no stallions at her ride because she doesn't want to deal with the neighbor issue. AERC and UmeCra both allow stallions to be put in a neighbor pen, since tying not allowed at the Northern Kettles. This decision can be made by ride managers, but has to be posted on flyer prior to sanctioning.

Northern Highland – Bill cannot manage two rides, the distance is too far from us. TJ more than willing to help on marking trail. Not sure if Jessie is willing to co-manage again next year. Jon willing take it as manager on the condition that he can change the trail and get the same property for camping. Could do sanctioning for MNDRA to increase entries. Half of the riders this year were from Minnesota. August 23 -24.

Colorama – Desire to change it to three days, lot of work to mark the entire trail and only use it on Saturday. Pam and Bill will manage, Bettina undecided but willing to help. Head vet is Tracy, Marnie on 100, third vet is undetermined. Novice will be moved to Saturday afternoon to avoid commotion on Sunday and hopefully will have members willing to lead it (this is continually an issue with 20 people coming for the ride). Motion by Jon, second by Max to change Colorama from 2-3 days. Dates are Sept 13-15.

Drawarama – Dates Oct 2-5. Still four days, will reserve group campsite again. Talk about hosting a FEI * ride, Roxy willing to put the extras in place if we host it. Would increase 10-12 riders in the 50, approximately. No longer a requirement that FEI riders be segregated. Roxy would do paperwork and cover fees. Can offer FEI and

open divisions. Concern about not having enough help for FEI stewards/volunteers. Also a concern for Roxy not paying her bills, what is DRAW's liability on this? Could do this without Roxy's support. Motion to eliminate discussion of FEI * ride for next year, seconded by Max. Jon thinks we should consider this in the spring, or have someone from FEI talk to us about this. Jos stated that FEI/International has a lot of bad vibes going on with it right now, does DRAW want to have its name associated with this? Jill willing to work with Bill to put some ideas on paper for next year. Tabled until the spring. Managers for Drawarama – should split the commitment into Thurs/Fri and Sat/Sun so it's not too overwhelming for anyone. Boots, Jos, Jon and Kathy Schauer will manage.

Awards – Discussion that we don't do HP or BC if less than 3 riders – no requirement to have to give these awards.

Pricing for rides – Should be standard. \$55 for LD and comp, \$75 for 50, \$110 for 100. Umecra discussed giving a free child entry with one adult paid sponsor entry. Could do a reduced fee for juniors with an adult paid entry – like \$10 to cover the fees to AERC and Umecra. Might attract more kids. Jill motions for 2014 that we do \$10 junior entries for all rides with a paid sponsor to see if it attracts more riders, seconded by Jos.

Completions – do we have each ride do their completions? Will take an inventory of what we have left over from last year.

Updates from Umecra board: stallion rule, boots issue – gaiters will not count as a boot (sole protection). General membership needs to approve the boot change. Protest at Louise Reidel about what to do when a rule is broken – completion only, ride mile only, or DQ and up to the ride manager. Proposed to move junior age to 16 but voted to leave it as is. Also proposed to change featherweight to be in line with AERC. Ride season starts the first Monday in November through October, wanted to move it to December. Not changed. Convention not changed either. Money available for necropsy through AERC. International competition funds discussed – scholarships available for ride managers to do FEI rides, also riders can get \$500 towards 3 or 4 star FEI Rides, as well as Junior riders. No fun rides in Umecra due to insurance liability – must follow novice rules. Trail grants given. Self-nominating form to nominate for an office, won't start this year. Dr. Olivia organizing a vet committee.

Insurance questions:

Additional coverage: Umecra still offering insurance. Recommended that ride managers get covered additionally (as long as a part of organization, do not need to be covered individually). Our insurance said that our membership is covered under DRAW. Wade House and McFarlands added on as additional insured. DRAW would cover additional insured fees, could be an extra \$80 per ride. Tabled for further discussion.

Proof of insurance to DNR 30 days prior to event: they want proof 30 days advance of ride.

Other issues: require helmets, dogs on leashes? Should DRAW require helmets for all rides. Will probably lose the support of one rider. Jon motions a rule to require helmets at all rides, Katie seconded. Another proposed rule is dogs on leashes. Jos motions that ride flyers state that no unrestrained dogs are allowed at rides for 2014 under penalty of being disqualified. Seconded by Katie. Motion carried.

Donations to Northern and Southern Kettles, normally do \$250 each organization. Treasury is low this year, do we adjust the amount we give? Not sure what projects are going on this year. Katie will bring back in the spring meeting.

Wisconsin Horse Council - \$100 to have someone attend meetings and vote. Katie would still be willing to go for DRAW. Kathy makes motion we stay members of this organization at voting level, Jon seconded. Motion carried.

Info on the website for members only: membership list, dates that they joined. In general involves setting up a secure database and access, such as a password. Most hosting packages don't include this capability, would have to pay more and be moderated by someone. Could we make a PDF file that managers would have access to? Could we just send out on request? Problem would be keeping it up to date online. Main issue is people wanting to know who they are competing against. People can request through the secretary.

Social media, advertising for our rides: going to start putting info out there. Trail conditions, vet checks, what are the loops, closest town, water in camp, shoes required. Jos going to put out a questionnaire that will help address these questions with a focus of promoting rides. Might help encourage some people doing a ride.

Convention update:

Must register for dinner. Bill doing entertainment – hosted karaoke by a guy out of Madison. Looking at providing free beer before karaoke to help with the cause. Tony offered to volunteer \$50 towards beer. Registration form/info is on Umecria's website. Speaker is Sabrina Brontz (spelling?). Jessie doing the silent auction, assume she will need help. Kathy is on working on vendors. Talked about who will come on Friday night to help. AHDRA going to sponsor appetizers on Friday, Bill working on free beer. If this goes well, we need a conference sponsor in 2016, DRAW could consider sponsoring. Kathy looking at things for a goodie bag for registration materials. Jos motions that we take convention for 2016. Second by Kathy. Motion carried.

Proxies for convention:

Kettles and Bits – Jill and Katie

Northern Highlands – Bill and Jessie

Colorama – Pam and Bettina

Drawarama – Jon, Barb, Kathy and Sherry all there.

Positions open for voting at convention: WI Regional Director. Rider Reps. Four positions open, six people running. Two from outside of Wisconsin and four from Wisconsin. WI Regional must be nominated by someone from Wisconsin, need someone to nominate Jon at the meeting (Sherry volunteered). President is also up for vote.

Spring Clinic – UmeCra gives out free memberships for attending these. Barb will pick a couple dates and send them out, get feedback, brrrr going to be in March. Jill suggested looking at disc that Peggy Pasillas made with newbie information.

Banquet – folks in favor of coming back to Bublitz's. February 16th will be the date for next meeting and awards, 11am.

Election of officers –

President: Jos nominated Barb, seconded by Jon. Approved.

VP: Katie nominated by Pam, seconded by Barb. Approved.

Secretary: Pam nominated by Bill, seconded by Jon. Kathy nominated by Katie, seconded by Jon. Someone tried to nominate Boots and she declined. Pam approved.

Treasurer: Jill nominated by Bill, seconded by Kathy. Approved.

Pointskeeper: Bill nominated by Bettina, seconded by Pam. Approved.

One last thing from Max – Could we have a vet forum at the convention? Also, vets are not members of UmeCra and DRAW, don't know what's going on in the organizations. Could we do an associate membership for the vets so they get information and have a voice in the organization? Would be for the vets that we hire in Wisconsin. Examples are Katie, Marnie, those who don't ride horses and wouldn't join on their own. Great courtesy to include them in our meetings, whether they are members or not. Pay their meals at the banquet? Will invite them to the meeting to be our guest at the February banquet.

Motion by Jill to adjourn, seconded by Bill. Motion carried.