# Great Lakes Distance Riding Assn
# Hoof Beats Newsletter

**December 2014**

## Letter from the President

It's hard to believe that the 2014 ride season has come to an end. It's a time to reflect on your accomplishments and what you have done for our sport.

Did you reach your goal? Maybe it was to try one new ride, get to half the rides or try them all!! How about the award that you were striving toward? Great job! Did you and/or your equine friend achieve any milestones this year? Did you move up in distance for the first time from a Novice ride to a 25/30 miler, 25/30 to a 50 or a 50 to a 100? Congratulations! Was your goal "Finish Is To Win" or to get one person hooked on our sport?

Were you a HERO? Maybe you helped a ride manager out by being a timer, secretary, marked/cleared trail, handed out awards. Thank you! Were you part of a pit crew or volunteer that unselfishly assisted a horse and rider in and out of camp offering water, blankets, calcium, probiotics, electrolytes, food, smiles and laughter? Thank you! Were you someone's hero by catching their loose horse, waiting patiently on the trail for a fellow rider, lending a piece of equipment when forgotten, broke or just trying something different or jumped a dead battery? Thank you! Were you a hero by being a mentor to a Green Bean rider/horse? Thank you!

On behalf of Great Lakes Distance Riding Association, **THANK YOU** for your membership and to all the riders/volunteers who support our sport in Michigan.

Wishing all of you a safe holiday and looking forward to good times at the 2015 Convention in Claire. Everyone is welcome to join us in the festivities starting Friday evening, January 16 through Sunday afternoon, January 18. See you there!

**AHDRA/UMECRA/GLDRA 2015 Convention** **January 16, 17, 18** **Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan**

**Friday:**

4:00-7:00PM Registration South Entrance by ballroom,
If you have questions for vet forum (Sat AM) please leave them with registration if possible
Silent auction drop off, ballroom

7:00PM AHDRA Awards, in Ballroom
-Awards
-Entertainment: horsey bingo and commercials from various ride groups. Do not want to miss this one
-Sponsored by DRAW

**Saturday:**

7:00AM BOD meeting- Tralee Room
7:45-10:000 registration and silent auction drop off south entrance by ballroom
8:30-9:45 Speaker/VET panel with three vets and moderator, (if possible leave questions at registration booth prior to vet panel) - ballroom
9:45-11:45 Dr. Hal Schott discussing distance horse issues- ballroom
11:45-12:30-Lunch, on your own, great restaurant and bar on facility, and many restaurants adjacent to hotel
12:30-1:00 Explanation of new endurance vet card -Dr. Rae Birr- Ballroom
1:00-4:00 Annual UMECRA meeting- main ballroom
4:00-5:30- drop off of silent auction- ballroom
5:30-6:00 cocktails in ballroom
6:00 buffet dinner in ballroom
7:00-9:00 UMECRA awards ballroom
9:00-12:00 Entertainment- ballroom

**Sunday**:

7:00AM AHDRA annual meeting- MacGillicuddy Corner
8:30 GLDRA BOD meeting – banquet room at back of restaurant
10:00-11:30 Annual GLDRA meeting-banquet room at back of restaurant
11:30 GLDRA Brunch in banquet room at back of restaurant
12:30-2:00 awards GLDRA
Hopefully we are getting to less tentative on this... Changes still could occur though.

# GLDRA Breakfast and Awards 2015

## January 18th 2015
## Doherty Hotel, Clare, MI

Name(s) of attendees: _____

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Phone Number:_____

Email:_____

Breakfast Brunch Buffet

Adults #_____@ $18.00 =_____

Children (**age 12 and under**) # _____@ no charge

***GLDRA Schedule for January 18th 2015- All occurring in conference room at the back of restaurant***

- ***Board meeting 8:30AM***
- ***General (annual) meeting 10:00AM***
- ***Brunch 11:30***
- ***Awards 12:30-2:00PM***
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- Send completed form and check for brunch (made out to GLDRA convention) to:
  - ***Wayne Gastfield***
  - **723 N. Warner Ave**
  - **Fremont MI, 49412**
- **We must have meal count in by January 9th so PLEASE register now! No cancellation after that date.**

Hotel Registration

Hotel reservations can be made by calling:

Hotel Reservations 1-800-525-4115 or 989-386-3441 for the Doherty Hotel

604 N. McEwan Clare, MI

For the group discount say "**UMECRA/GLDRA Group**"

Rates are:

2 full beds 88.00

2 queen beds or 1 King $95.00

2 queen beds with fireplace. Frig and wet bar $110.00

Jacuzzi Suite with fireplace King bed $140.00

Reservations need to be made by January 2nd 2015 to get group rate.

NOTE: the UMECRA registration is a separate registration from the GLDRA banquet registration even though they are on the same weekend. Please make sure you also send in the UMECRA registration to attend Friday and Saturday Events.

# GREAT LAKES DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION
# June 11, 2014 Minutes

I. Call to order - President Barb Kurti - Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Roll call and reading of minutes - Secretary Kathy Macki - In attendance were Barb, Lisa, Kathy, Bruce, Cathy Cook, Linda H., Wayne, Karen B., Amy Scharmen, and joining late was Jeanne Aslakson. Bruce moved that we table the reading of the minutes until the next meeting. Wayne seconded. The minutes will be read at the November meeting.

Ill. Treasurer's report - Treasurer Bruce Birr - Basically the only report I have now is basically stating what we have for funds. We are relatively flush. The total of our checking, savings and certificates of deposition right now in the bank are $8,303.14. Wayne moved to accept the treasurer's report. Cathy C seconded.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Executive - No report

B. Veterinarian - No report

C. Michigan Horse Council, Trails - Barb gave a short report on the May meeting. Her and Andy were both there. Her and Andy were going to see about having something at the stallion expo (this was trails committee). The board committee had a congressman from the area that was explaining the governor's viewpoint on trails in Michigan. She felt it was very good to have two representatives from Great Lakes.

D. Finance - No report

E. Rider Reps - No report

F. Points and Mileage - No report

G. Newsletter - No report

H. Grievance - No report

I. Awards - No report account Carl "decided to drill a hole in my thumb" and had to go to the ER.

J. Membership - Bruce stated that membership is up and we have 127 current members. Barb mentioned that if anyone on the call or knows of anyone that might be interested in helping Bruce out with membership he will welcome the help.

K. Promotions - Kathy read e-mail from Diane. She has been sending letters and stickers to new members and that she wants to remind ride managers to have new members stand up or be recognized in some way so other members know who the new riders/members are.

L. Web page - Amy stated that she thinks the web page is going good. She wondered if there was a committee for the web page. Kathy read the pertinent info from the March executive board meeting. This will be addressed in "old business."

V. Old Business

A. Web page/Bylaws - Proposal one was regarding a new standing committee for website. The reason was that since the last revision in 2007, this function has grown in importance and is a communication for members and non-members alike and the complexity of the website management warrant one or more person's involvement and coordination. Therefore, I propose creating a committee naming Amy Scharmen as the acting chairperson. The function of the committee will be to maintain and update in a timely manner the website's incorporation, the content will contain but not be limited to ride schedule, ride flyers, mileage & points, newsletters and contact listings for board and committee members.

Bylaws - Proposal two was to establish an ad hoc committee for 2014 to review and revise the bylaws. In 2014 there was a minor change. Other than that, it has been seven years since the bylaws have been revised and need to update and organize them to better reflect the function of corporation. Barb would like to chair the committee and changes proposed and reviewed in time to vote for the 2014 general membership meeting. Proposal one passed. We heard from eight folks and on proposal two we heard from seven. Bruce asked if it was unanimous for each of those. Barb said, no, it was unanimous for those that voted/responded. Bruce clarified that that is what he meant. Barb then said yes, it was unanimous as to those who responded.

Bruce stated that it sounded like we needed to put these two committees together. He wondered if the committee for the website was something going into the bylaws or something we were just putting together to……Barb stated that that is actually going to have to go into the bylaws. We need to come up with some draft wording for that that the board would then approve for publication. Barb stated that is something the ad hoc committee could work on too. Barb stated that the bylaws were on the website. Bruce asked if Barb was looking for volunteers for the bylaw ad hoc committee. She stated that one person that was going to be on the committee was Kristine Dipple. More discussion followed. Bruce stated that until the official wording is passed, probably the executive committee can make a decision on how to handle the website committee in the interim period. He stated that the board needs to do work on three things. An ad hoc committee to look at the wording for the website bylaw addition (adding a committee to the bylaws for that) and a committee that is going to temporarily "oversee" the website until the bylaw thing is put in place and then you have the bylaws committee itself who will be looking at the bylaws and any changes that they think might need to be addressed in those. Kathy stated that we needed to have a committee for the website since that is already up and running. The rest could move forward towards the February meeting.

Bruce volunteered for the bylaws committee. Kathy said she would be the executive on the temporary committee for the website. Cathy Cook will also be on the website committee. So we have Amy, Kathy & Cathy as the temporary website committee. Bruce made a motion to make us the ad hoc website committee. Wayne seconded.

Kathy proposed that Barb chair the bylaws committee, Bruce and Kris Dipple will also be on the committee to oversee the bylaws review. Cathy Cook seconded.

VI. New Business

A. Future of rides - Barb. In order to move forward and plan for the future, for our organization, Barb thought it would be a good topic of discussion to find out the future of our rides. i.e. if you're only planning on managing a ride for the next two years, etc. Some discussion followed. Basically, she would like GLDRA ride managers to communicate with the board if at any time they will not be having their rides so we can work towards keeping these ride dates. Kathy suggested putting something in the newsletter addressing this. Barb will put together something. She also stated that she did e-mail all ride managers. Most of our rides look like they will be around a while!

B. Membership - looking for volunteers - Barb (see committee reports under membership).

VII. Next meeting - November 12 at 7:00 p.m. via Conference Call (this has since been changed to November 1, 2014 at the Sugarbowl in Gaylord beginning at 11:00 a.m.)

Wayne motioned to adjourn meeting, Linda H. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Macki

# GLDRA Board Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

# 11/1/14 at Sugarbowl Restaurant in Gaylord

Meeting called to order at 11:33 a.m. by President Barb Kurti

Those in attendance were Barb Kurti, Lisa Germann, Kathy Macki, Bruce Birr, Rae Birr, Cathy Cook, Carl Dosmann, Linda Hamrick, Amy Scharmen, Ken Wright, Andy Redman, Jeanne Aslakson, Wayne Gastfield, Diane Meinders, Becke Grams and guest Donnie Hamrick.

The minutes were read from the January 31, 2014 meeting and the June 11, 2014 meetings (sent out to board prior to meeting for their review). Becke moved to accept, Lisa seconded. Minutes approved as read.

Bruce gave a short verbal treasurer's report. Our account balance is up this year and we have $9,099.77 (total of all accounts).

Barb gave a short verbal executive report. She would like to see us all work together to help build our membership.

Rae touched on the usage of a body score for being able to participate in a ride. This is something new from AERC. Some discussion followed. It was also noted that there was a new rule in place for the 2015 season. We now have only 30 minutes (used to be 60) to reach pulse criteria at the end of a 50.

Andy reported on MHC. She said that we almost lost the expo because of conflict between the "old guard" and "new guard." The expo will continue and they are moving the Trails Room out to the main floor. Ken Wright also had some input on the interaction between the DNR & parks & trails people. Diane said she thought there was a way to get money if you "volunteered" a certain amount of hours through MCH. Amy stated that these funds were only available as grants.

There were no reports from finance, rider reps, points and mileage, newsletter or grievance.

Carl had no report on awards. Kathy proposed adding a reserve grand champion to the awards given for LD. Rae proposed that the board make a recommendation at the annual meeting to add a reserve grand champion award to the LD category and members could vote on this. It was the unanimous consensus of the board that this be presented at the annual meeting.

There was no membership report.

Diane gave a verbal report on promotions. She would like to send letters to the "special price" ($10.00) members from last year and offer a second year at the discounted price. She stated that most of them joined at the Expo but never attended a ride. She's hoping offering a second year would entice them to come to a ride. She would like to do the $10.00 promotional price again this year. It was suggested that we offer the $10.00 discounted price at all promotional events (Expo, Novi, etc.). Rae made a motion to do so, Becke seconded. This passed.

She also stated that if we wanted to do Novi in 2015, we would need to decide at the annual meeting in order to pull together something for November event.

Horsefest is December 7 & 8 in Grand Rapids. A two-day booth would be $100.00 or $60.00 depending on the size. She would like to do the $60.00 size. Barb stated that we could get funds from UMECRA for this type of promotion. Carl made a motion to do the $60.00 booth, Andy seconded. Passed.

Also discussed was getting our ride calendar out to different organizations. Amy will connect with MTRA to get our schedule in their newsletter. Rae motioned that we spend up to $45.00 to get us listed in MTRA literature/website. Carl seconded. Passed.

No real report on the webpage. All is going well. Amy stated she would put documents on in a PDF format rather than word as PDFs seem to be more easily opened. It was also mentioned that the mentors list needs to be updated.

Shelley Dake will handle the insurance for the 2015 ride season. Thanks Shelley!

Budget: Bruce moved that we approve "sight unseen" the budget for 2014 using the 2013 budget amounts). Wayne seconded. Passed.

Bruce asked that we consider donating to ELCRA (Equestrian Land Conservation Resource) again this year. Rae moved that we make a $100.00 donation again, Becke seconded. Passed.

The proposed 2015 ride schedule was reviewed and appropriate changes were made.

We will be having our annual meeting/awards on Sunday January 18, 2015 this year. The board will meet at 8:30 a.m., the general/annual meeting will start at 10:00, Brunch will be 11:30 and awards will be from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m. The cost for the meal for GLDRA will be $19.71 for adults and $8.76 for 12 and under. We will be having the Doherty's full brunch menu. Kathy moved to accept this pricing, Cathy C seconded. Passed.

Rae moved to charge members $18.00 for adults and 12 and under free. Becke seconded. This passed.

Wayne will take the reservations again. We need to get a new reservation form made up with the fees, schedule of events, hotel information, etc. Kurt Meinders will help with this. Wayne would like to have the forms returned to him by January 9, 2015.

UMECRA banquet schedule of events was discussed. Diane and Wayne are in charge of this. Friday, January 16, 2015 registration will be in the lobby (the one at the bottom of the stairs) from 4-7. Diane is in need of some volunteers to help with this. The AHDRA awards will start at 7:00 p.m. with entertainment to follow.

The UMECRA board meeting will be at 7:00 a.m., with registration from 7:45 to 9:00 a.m. in the lobby again. There will be a vet forum from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 with Dr. Hal Schott speaking from 9:30 until 11:45. Lunch will follow with the annual meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 4:00. Cocktails will be from 5:30 to 6:00, meal at 6:00, awards from 7-9 after which we will just visit and have fun! We will also be having a silent auction Saturday evening.

There was more discussion of the UMECRA banquet. Linda H will work on swag bags (we would like to make up 120 or so). There will also be a small amount of room for vendors. Anyone with ideas for the bags, please talk to Linda. The silent auction will be held in conjunction with UMECRAs. The bid sheets will be color coded so as to distinguish between organizations. Rachael M and Carl will be in charge of the auction. The idea of a 50/50 raffle was brought up and Barb was going to check with UMECRA at their board meeting the following Saturday (11/8/14) if they had any objection to our doing one.

Bruce asked that we table the 2015 budget until the January meeting. Becke motioned to do so, Wayne seconded. Passed. Also proposed was GLDRA paying for lunch for those attending the meeting. Kathy moved and Rae seconded. Passed.

The proposed bylaw changes were discussed and appropriate changes made. The proposed changes will be published in the December newsletter and voted on at the general meeting.

Our next meeting will be January 18, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the meeting room behind the restaurant at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan.

Rae moved to adjourn, Wayne seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Macki
Secretary

# Proposed GLDRA Bylaw Changes to be considered January 2015

Summary: There are some significant proposed changes to the bylaws of GLDRA, too numerous to singly list each one. They consist of "substantive" changes (changes in how we do business), and "non-substantive" changes (those merely correcting wording, punctuation, etc., but not making a significant change to how we do business), and the two types of changes are explained below. A "mark-up" copy of the bylaws (current with proposed changes) is included with this newsletter, and separate copies of both current and proposed bylaws will be available at the meeting. It is suggested that you look through and peruse the attached bylaws and these proposed changes ahead of time so that you are prepared to discuss and vote on these at the annual meeting!

Substantive Changes:

- Article IV, Section 3 (Rights and Privileges for members): Refines rights and privileges and defines the age at which a member can hold office and/or be a member of a committee
- Article V, Section 5: Add sub-sections G and H stating additional 'functions & responsibilities" of the Board of Directors
- Article VI (Officers), Sections C and D: Adds and re-orders sub-sections to add a duty to the list of duties for both the Treasurer and Secretary.
- Article VII: Adds a new Section 1 (and re-orders remaining sections) stating the comprisal of an Executive Committee, and the limited powers and duties of that committee. Also adds a new section (or moves a current section) establishing/clarifying the working of an "Audit Committee".
- Article XIII, Section 4: Deletion of this Section as it specifically pertains to a 501(c)(3) organization, which we are not currently

Non-Substantive Changes:

- Article IV, Section 1 (Classes of Membership): Sub-sections regarding Ride Site Management Representative (RSMR) and Dues changed and/or moved to Article V (Board of Directors)
- Article V (Board of Directors), Section 1 (C): Clarifies term of immediate past President, and Section F: clarifies limitations of Member-at-Large pool of candidates

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## GREAT LAKES DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION BYLAWS (2014) (last chg = 01Feb 2014)

*Note: The GLDRA Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Michigan Department of Commerce on April 1, 1980, under Corporation Number 877-082. Employer Identification Number 38-309801 was assigned on March 18, 1993. GLDRA is a non-profit corporation. See last page of the State of Michigan Articles of Incorporation papers*.

### ARTICLE I
### The Name of the Corporation

The name of this Corporation shall be Great Lakes Distance Riding Association (GLDRA).

### ARTICLE II
### Purpose

**Section 1. Description**. GLDRA is organized as a non-stock, membership-basis, non-profit corporation. It's objectives are to foster, encourage, and unify equestrian Competitive and Endurance trail rides in Michigan and to engage any other horse related activities not prohibited by law.

### ARTICLE III
### Registered Agent

**Section 1. Registered Agent**. If there is a change in the Registered Agent of this Corporation, the Board of Directors, hereinafter called the Board, shall notify the Michigan Secretary of State of the new Registered Agents' name and address.

### ARTICLE IV

### Membership

**Section 1. Classes of Membership**

A. Individual (Age 16 and over)

B. Family - One or more adults living in the same household and their related children under 16 years of age.

C. Junior - Under age 16 as of January 1of the current year. A junior must have written permission from a parent or guardian to compete in GLDRA rides.

D. Lifetime Individual - upon payment of appropriate dues fee, the individual has membership for life, pursuant to remaining bylaws.

~~B. **Ride Site Management Representatives.** Individual or Family members of GLDRA who sponsor rides recognized by the GLDRA Board are considered Ride Site Management Representatives. See Section 1(G) of Article V.~~ moved (already defined in Section 1, sub-section G of the next Article)

~~C. **Dues.** GLDRA membership shall consist of those who are current in their annual dues.~~ Moved to following section.

**Section 2. Dues**

A. The annual dues shall be established by the Board.

B. The membership year shall be January 1 to December 31. Dues are payable in advance.

C. Dues must be paid for the current year in order to be eligible for the rights and privileges of membership. ~~vote or to be nominated or hold office.~~

~~**Dues.** GLDRA membership shall consist of those who are current in their annual dues.~~

**Section 3. Rights and Privileges**. The rights and privileges of the general membership shall be:

A. To receive the official mailings of GLDRA

B. If sixteen (16) years of age or older, to have voice and vote at any meetings of the members and voice at board meetings.

C. If sixteen (16) years of age or older, be nominated and/or hold office on the Board of Directors and committees.

D. To receive GLDRA awards and recognitions pursuant to program guidelines.

## ARTICLE V
## Board of Directors

**Section 1. Composition of the Board of Directors**. The Board is comprised as follows:

A. A **President** and a **Vice-President** who shall be elected by the general membership pursuant to Section 3 of this Article and who shall serve a two-year term.

(1) Both the President and Vice-President are eligible for re-election to their respective offices for one consecutive additional term.

(2) After completing their term(s) of office, neither the President nor the Vice-President may be re-elected to the office they previously held until after a period of two (2) years has elapsed.

(3) If the President is a rider representative or a member-at-large, and is not re-elected to such position, s/he is entitled to complete his/her term of office as President.

B. A **Treasurer** and a **Secretary** who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors as outlined in Section 5, Paragraph A of this article..

C. The immediate **Past President** of GLDRA. Term of 1 year.

D. A **Veterinary Representative** elected annually by the general membership.

E. Two (2) **Rider Representatives** who are active in distance riding, who are not affiliated with ride site management of any ride, and who shall be elected annually by the general membership at the annual meeting. The terms are to be staggered 2 year terms.

F. One (1) **Member-at-Large** who shall be elected annually by the general membership of the association at the annual meeting. The Member-at-Large may not be ~~affiliated with a specific ride~~ a Ride Site Management Representative.

G. One **Ride Site Management Representative** (RSMR) for each ride site management that is recognized for the current year by the Board. The RSMR is defined as the person whose name is on the AERC and/or UMECRA sanctioning forms and/or the person recognized by the Board as the ride manager. A ride site management is defined as a specific GLDRA recognized event occurring on any one day or consecutive days where competition and judging takes place.

**Section 2. Board member term**

A. A board member's term is defined as starting at the end of the current annual membership meeting to the end of the next annual membership meeting.

**Section 3. Nomination and Election of the President & Vice-President**.

A. The President and Vice-President shall be elected from ~~among~~ the members of the Board by the general membership immediately following the Board elections at the annual meeting.

B. Eligibility: A member must be in good standing with GLDRA and have been a member of the Board for the past year to be eligible for nomination as President or Vice President.

C. Nomination Procedure: Nominations for President and Vice-President may be made by any GLDRA member at the annual meeting. Voting shall be by secret ballot. The current President shall appoint tellers from among the general membership present at the annual meeting.

**Section 4. Voting & Proxies at Board of Directors Meetings**.

A. **Voting.**

(1) Not contrary to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) below, all members of the Board of Directors, with the exception of the President, have voice and vote at all Board of Directors meetings.

(2) The President has voice and may cast a vote to break any ties that result during voting at Board meetings.

(3) If the President is a ride site(s) manager, he/she will be entitled to a vote for each ride site he/she represents.

B. **Proxy.**

(1) Board members must be present at the meeting to vote. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.

**Section 5. Functions & Responsibilities**. The Board of Directors will:

A. Appoint a Treasurer and Secretary for a one- (1) year term from within the membership of GLDRA

(1) Upon appointment, both of these officers become full voting members of the GLDRA Board.

(2) Both the Treasurer & Secretary are eligible for re-appointment.

B. Establish policy for the operation of GLDRA

C. Annually review and recognize the proposed GLDRA ride schedule.

(1) Determine the appropriateness of ride dates, locations and other coordinating factors for ride recognition. The Board will establish the policy for this determination.

(2) If a proposed ride and/or date of the ride is not recognized by the Board, points earned at that ride by riders and horses will not be counted or used in determining GLDRA awards.

D. Resolve problems arising within GLDRA.
E. Prepare an agenda for the annual membership meeting.
F. Conduct the business affairs of GLDRA.

G. In the event of a resignation of any officer, the Board shall select someone to fill the remainder of the resignee's term, or until the next annual membership meeting, after which a successor will be chosen in the normal manner.

H. Annually approve a budget for the organization.

**Section 6. Meetings of the Board of Directors**.
A. A Board of Directors meeting can be called by:
(1) The President or Vice-President, or,
(2) The Secretary, who must issue a call for a meeting within fifteen days after receiving a written request for a meeting signed by one-third (1/3) of the Board members.
B. Thirty (30) days notice must be given to the Directors regarding the time and place of all meetings unless 75% of the Board members agree to waive such notice.
C. The Board of Directors will meet a minimum of three times a year.

**Section 7. Quorum**. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be met if at least one-third (1/3) of the directors are present and if at least four (4) different ride site managements' are represented.

**Section 8. Board Actions**. The action of a majority of the directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum, shall be the action of the Board.

**Section 9. Assuming Office**. All Board members will assume their offices at the close of the annual membership meeting. (The term for Board members is from the close of the annual membership meeting until the close of the next annual membership meeting.)

**Section 10. Approval of Board Actions**. After the Fact (Waiver): Any action required or permitted to be taken by authorization of the Board may be taken without a quorum of Board members if, before or after the action, 75% of the Directors consent to the action in writing. Written consents shall be filed with the minutes of the Board's proceeding.

## ARTICLE VI
## Officers

**Section 1. Rights and Duties**. The rights and duties of the officers are:
A. **President.** The President shall:
(1) preside at all Board meetings and at the annual meeting.
(2) enforce the Constitution and Bylaws of GLDRA.
(3) be an ex-officio member of all committees. Ex-officio is defined as the right to attend all committee meetings with the right to voice but without vote at those meetings.
(4) perform such other duties as directed by the Board and as customarily pertain to the office of President
(5) not concurrently hold the office of Vice-President or Treasurer, or be a family member of anyone who holds the office of Vice-President or Treasurer.

B. **Vice-President** . The Vice-President shall:
(1) in the absence or disability of the President, or in the event of a vacancy in the office of President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President.
(2) insure that an audit of the treasurer's records be performed annually by the finance committee or an outside auditing firm.
(3) perform such other duties as directed by the Board.
(4) not concurrently hold the office of President or Treasurer, or be a family member of anyone who holds the office of President or Treasurer.

C. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall:
(1) keep financial records and pay bills within a Board-approved budget
(2) not expend funds for non-budgeted items in amounts exceeding $ 100.00 without Board approval. In an emergency, the Treasurer may exceed the $100.00 limit upon verbal approval of at least 51% of the Board members.

(3) with input from and in conjunction with the Finance Committee, annually present a proposed budget to the Board at the November meeting.
(4) perform the duties of the President or Vice-President in their absence.
(5) not concurrently hold the office of President or Vice-President, or be a family member of anyone who holds the office of President or Vice-President.
D. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall:
(1) record the minutes at all meetings. In the absence or disability of the Secretary, the President shall appoint a Board member to perform these duties
(2) send all notices required by these bylaws or as directed by the Board.
(3) be custodian of the records of the association.

(4) Be responsible for providing copies of the current Constitution and By-Laws at meetings.

**Section 2. Removal from Office**.
A. Any Board member or Officer may be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board members present and voting (quorum required).
B. Notice of such a proposed vote shall be mailed to all Board members in a letter postmarked at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

**Section 3. Vacancies**.
A. The Board may appoint a Board member to fill the office of President or Vice-President if such office becomes vacant.
B. Persons appointed to fill vacancies will serve until the expiration of the original term.

**ARTICLE VII**
**Committees**

**Executive Committee**

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be made up of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, as well as the Newsletter Editor. The functions of the Executive Committee will be limited to conducting business as necessary between board meetings.

**Section 1. Chairpersons**. The President shall nominate committee chairpersons. Such nominees shall be subject to confirmation by the Board.

**Section 2. Standing Committees**. The following Standing Committees shall be established:

A. A **Finance Committee**, which shall be composed of five (5) members:

1. Members
   (a) Annually at the annual meeting, the general membership shall elect one of two members, for a staggered two-year term. Yearly, the Board shall appoint two (2) members for a one-year term at its first Board meeting after the annual election.
   (b) The Treasurer shall serve as the fifth member of the Finance Committee.
2. Duties: The Finance Committee shall guide and direct the organization's financial planning and expenditures, and insure fiscal soundness. The Board shall establish policies for the Finance Committee
3. Meetings of the Finance Committee, other than at the annual meeting, may be called by any two (2) members of the committee with three weeks' notice. During the ride season, meetings will normally be convened at a trail ride location.
4. A quorum will be construed to be at least three (3) voting members of the committee.

B. **Membership Committee** shall be responsible for maintaining the membership records of the organization.

C. **Awards Committee**. The Board shall establish the duties and responsibilities for this

D. **Points and Mileage Committee** shall be responsible for maintaining the records and producing reports of year- end points and horse and rider mileage for all recognized Michigan rides and other eligible rides.

E. **Trails Committee/Michigan Horse Council** (MHC). The Board shall establish the duties and responsibilities for this committee

F. **Newsletter Committee** shall publish and distribute a newsletter to the full membership four times a year, or at such other intervals as directed by the Board.

G. **Audit Committee**. Under the direction of the Vice-President, will annually perform an "internal peer review oft the financial records of GLDRA and present a report to the Board at the last meeting prior to the annual membership meeting.

H. **Grievance Committee** has the VP as chair, and the two rider reps and the member-at-large as members.

I. **Promotion Committee**. The Board shall establish the duties and responsibilities for this committee

J. **Website Committee.** The Board shall establish the duties and responsibilities for this committee

**Section 3. Ad Hoc**. The Board may appoint ad hoc committees as deemed necessary.

**ARTICLE VIII**
**Awards**

**Section 1. Policy**. GLDRA shall provide recognition to members and their horses.

**Section 2. Awards**. The method of arriving at year-end awards shall be established and published by the Board prior to the beginning of each Michigan ride season.

**Section 3. Non-Recognized Rides**. Only rides which have received Board recognition shall receive credit for a ride towards GLDRA awards.

**ARTICLE IX**
**Membership Meetings**

**Section 1. Annual Membership Meeting**. The Corporation shall hold an annual membership meeting and other meetings as deemed necessary.

**Section 2. Voice & Vote**. All GLDRA Family or Individual members who are 16 years of age and older will have voice and vote at general meetings.

**Section 3. Presiding Officer**. The annual and all other meetings of the Corporation shall be conducted by the President. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall conduct the meeting. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, the Treasurer shall conduct the meeting. A minimum of ten (10) copies of the current Constitution and By-Laws shall be made available for review by the general membership at the meeting.

**Section 4. Proxy**. Members must be present at the annual meeting to vote. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.

**Section 5. Agenda**

A. An agenda for the meeting, prepared by the Board, will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.
B. After all agenda items have been considered, the presiding officer shall allow other items to be brought to the attention of the membership by any and all members.

**Section 6. Elections**. At the annual meeting, the general membership shall nominate and elect the following as members of the Board of Directors:

A. Two (2) Rider Representatives. Annually the membership shall elect one (1) rider representative for a staggered 2- year term. A Rider Representative may not serve more than two consecutive two-year terms.
B. One (1) Member at Large who may not be affiliated with any specific ride shall be elected to serve a one-year term.
C. A Veterinarian Representative for a one-year term.

**Section 7. Election of President & Vice-President**. The membership shall elect a President and Vice-President.

**Section 8. Quorum.** At any meeting of the membership, a minimum of twenty (20) members or one third (1/3) of the organization membership, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 9. Date, Time, and Place of Annual Meeting**.

A. The Board shall hold the annual membership meeting within the first three (3) months of the calendar year. Other meetings will be held as deemed appropriate by the Board.
B. The date, time and place of the next annual meeting will be recommended by the officers of GLDRA and approved by the general membership at the annual meeting.

**Section 10. Notification of General Meetings**. The general membership shall be notified of the annual and other meetings at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the meeting date.

## ARTICLE X
## Veterinary Control

**Section 1. Policy**. All rides promoted and encouraged by GLDRA shall have a licensed veterinarian as Chair of the judging team.
**Section 2. Ride Definition**. For the purposes of this Article, rides are defined as Competitive and Endurance as UMECRA and AERC define these terms.

## ARTICLE XI
## Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules of order the association may adopt.

## ARTICLE XII
## Amendments to Bylaws

**Section 1. Policy**. These bylaws may be amended at the general meeting in which there is a quorum present by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership present and voting.
**Section 2. Submission**. Proposed bylaw changes must be presented in writing to the Board of Directors at or before the November Board meeting. The Board may, as a whole, or by an appointed committee, review the proposed amendment and forward it to the Newsletter Editor for publication.
**Section 3. Publication**. Proposed bylaw changes, pursuit to preceding Section 2, must be mailed (postmarked) to members at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting where the amendment will be voted upon.
**Section 4. Effective Date**. These bylaws, and any amendments thereto, shall take effect immediately following their passage at the annual meeting at which they were approved by the general membership, unless another date is so specified in the specific bylaws approved at that meeting.

## ARTICLE XIII
## Liability and Indemnification

**Section 1. Limits**. The corporation hereby expressly limits and eliminates the personal liability of a volunteer director to the corporation and its members from monetary damages for a breach of the Director's fiduciary duty except for any of the following:

A. A breach of the Director's duty of loyalty to the organization or its members;
B. Acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
C. A transaction from which the Director derived an improper personal benefit;
D. An act or omission that is grossly negligent.

**Section 2. Volunteers**. The Corporation further specifically limits and eliminates the personal liability of a volunteer who performs services for the Corporation who does not receive compensation or any other type of consideration for the services other than the reimbursement of expenses actually incurred if:

A. The volunteer was acting or reasonably believed he or she was acting within the scope of his or her authority;
B. The volunteer was acting in good faith;
C. The volunteer's conduct did not amount to gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct;
D. The volunteer's conduct was not an intentional tort.

**Section 3. Indemnification**. The Corporation is authorized to provide broad indemnification to a volunteer who is a party to an existing or threatened suit or proceeding of any type, including civil, criminal, administrative and investigational matters, regardless of whether the suit is formal or informal, so long as:

A. The volunteer has acted in good faith and in a manner the volunteer reasonably believes to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation; and
B. With respect to any criminal action or proceeding, the volunteer has no reasonable cause to believe that the conduct is unlawful.

~~**Section 4. Applicability of MCL 450.251**. This Article is consistent with and incorporates the provisions contained within MCL 450.251.~~ We are not a 501(c) (3) so this may not pertain to us.

## ARTICLE XIV
## Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of GLDRA, all assets shall be donated to a 501(c) (3) equine-oriented tax-exempt non-profit organization as determined by the Board of Directors in office at that time.

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*Notes on last changes to Bylaws: Article IX, Section 10 changed from 45 days to 25 days at the annual meeting held on Feb. 1, 2014.*

# Ride Results

**Ride Date:** 9/27/2014

## Pine Marten Run

Saturday, September 27,

### *Competitive*

**Distance** 25

#### Junior

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Whitney** | **Meinders** | MS Dasani | Arabian | Completion | 346 | 11.0 | | 1 | | |

#### Lightweight

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Laura** | **Husser** | CDWD Margarita | Half Arabian | Completion | 378 | 11.0 | | 1 | | |
| **Leslie** | **Bennett** | Catchu Latr WLA | Arabian | Completion | 352 | 10.0 | | 2 | | |

**Distance** 50

#### Heavyweight

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jeannen** | **Aslaksof** | Cinbob Go Chief | Arabian | Pulled | | 0.0 | | dn | | |

#### Lightweight

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sarah** | **Rudstrom** | LA Wings | Arabian | Completion | 328 | 22.0 | | 1 | | |

### *Endurance*

**Distance** 50

#### Heavyweight

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jon** | **Wagner** | Mi Victory Dance | Arabian | Completion | 599 | 22.0 | | 1 | 5:33 | |
| **Bonnie** | **Mielke** | Ola Loki | Half Arabian | Completion | | 20.0 | | 2 | 7:21 | |

#### Lightweight

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Linda** | **Hamrick** | RTM First In Line | Half Arabian | Completion | 611 | 22.0 | | 1 | 5:16 | |
| **Linda** | **Jacobson** | Major Ridge Scarlet Debut | Other | Completion | | 20.0 | | 2 | 5:33 | |
| **Bettina** | **Koehn** | JBK Nadja | Arabian | Completion | 701 | 18.0 | | 3 | 5:50 | |
| **Karen** | **Bahrman** | Prada SF | Arabian | Completion | 674 | 16.0 | | 4 | 5:53 | |
| **Rachael** | **Meinders** | Mattingley KC Heart | Arabian | Completion | | 14.0 | | 5 | 6:23 | |
| **Diane** | **Meinders** | Lacey's Game | Grade | Completion | | 12.0 | | 6 | 6:23 | |



**Ride Date:** 9/27/2014

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pam** | **Cotton** | Cherokee Diamond Bunny | Other | Completion | | 10.0 | | C | 7:43 | |
| **Laurie** | **Henschel** | Ebony's Bravo Moon | Other | Completion | | 10.0 | | C | 7:25 | |
| **Kathy** | **Macki** | Wadiamond Jubilee | Arabian | Completion | | 10.0 | | C | 7:43 | |

### *Limited Endurance*

**Distance** 25

#### Junior

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ainsley** | **Suskey** | MI Lucky Charm | Half Arabian | Completion | | 11.0 | | 1 | 4:03 |

## Senior

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Carol** | **Kolinsky** | National Idol | Arabian | Completion | 689 | 11.0 | | 1 | 2:41 |
| **Alishaon** | **Johanss** | Magic | Other | Completion | 686 | 10.0 | | 2 | 2:43 |
| **Cathy** | **Cook** | Red Cloud | Mustang | Completion | 635 | 9.0 | | 3 | 3:10 |
| **Angel** | **Chmurynski** | Sonny | Arabian | Completion | | 8.0 | | 4 | 3:43 |
| **Debbie** | **Taylor-Leansky** | Cruise | Grade | Completion | 667 | 7.0 | | 5 | 4:02 |
| **Carol** | **Wagner** | Tripl Blackburn King | Quarter Horse | Completion | | 6.0 | | 6 | 4:02 |
| **Maxine** | **Bernsdorf** | CH Shamm Bashire | Arabian | Completion | | 5.0 | | C | 4:03 |
| **Crystal** | **Payment** | KS Sterling Psylver | Arabian | Completion | 557 | 5.0 | | C | 4:49 |
| **Julia** | **Newton** | Lucca | Other | Pulled | | 0.0 | | dnf | |

# Pine Marten Run

Sunday, September 28, 2014

## *Competitive*

**Distance** 25

## Junior

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Whitney** | **Meinders** | Honey | Grade | Completion | 366 | 11.0 | | 1 | |
| **Rachael** | **Meinders** | MS Dasani | Arabian | Completion | 363 | 10.0 | | 2 | |

## Lightweight

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Laura** | **Husser** | CDWD Margarita | Half Arabian | Completion | 382 | 11.0 | | 1 | |
| **Diane** | **Meinders** | Lacey's Game | Grade | Completion | 378 | 10.0 | | 2 | |
| **Linda** | **Jacobson** | Chub Lake Jack Daniel | Morgan | Completion | 363 | 9.0 | | 3 | |

## *Limited Endurance*

**Distance** 25



**Ride Date:** 9/28/2014

## Junior

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ainsley** | **Suskey** | MI Lucky Charm | Half Arabian | Completion | 645 | 11.0 | | 1 | 3:50 |

## Senior

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Angel** | **Chmurynski** | Yankee Zarr | Arabian | Completion | | 11.0 | | 1 | 2:44 |
| **Leslie** | **Bennett** | Lis's Love | Thoroughbred | Completion | 715 | 10.0 | | 2 | 2:45 |
| **Carolyn** | **Taylor** | Quebec | Thoroughbred | Completion | 655 | 9.0 | | 3 | 3:19 |
| **Sherry** | **Klein** | Bollo | Quarter Horse | Completion | 686 | 8.0 | | 4 | 3:33 |
| **Cathy** | **Cook** | Red Cloud | Mustang | Completion | 609 | 7.0 | | 5 | 3:35 |
| **Carol** | **Wagner** | Tripl Blackburn King | Quarter Horse | Completion | | 6.0 | | 6 | 3:50 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Julia** | **Newton** | Lucca | Other | Pulled | | 0.0 | dnf |

# Ride Results

**Ride Date:** 10/11/2014

## Oak Leaf Run

Saturday, October 11, 2014

### *Competitive*

**Distance** 30

#### Heavyweight

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jeannen** | **Aslakson** | Cinbob Go Chief | Arabian | Completion | 390 | 13.2 | | 1 | |
| **Sarah** | **Apol** | Lucky's Got Gait | Other | Completion | 379 | 12.0 | | 2 | |
| **Ken** | **Wright** | Samaha Gameela | Arabian | Completion | 378 | 10.8 | | 3 | |
| **Shannon** | **Weston** | Samaha Spirit Dancer | Half Arabian | Completion | 375 | 9.6 | | 4 | |
| **Heather** | **Grace** | Idunn | Other | Completion | 373 | 8.4 | | 5 | |
| **Sandra** | **Wright** | LW Raajsrflection | Arabian | Completion | 354 | 7.2 | | 6 | |

#### Lightweight

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Leslie** | **Bennett** | Catchu Latr WLA | Arabian | Completion | 383 | 13.2 | | 1 | |
| **Luann** | **Hulzinga** | Smoky | Other | Completion | 358 | 12.0 | | 2 | |

### *Endurance*

**Distance** 50

#### Heavyweight

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Carl** | **Dosmann** | Paper Icon | Thoroughbred | Completion | 780 | 22.0 | | 1 | | 5:57 |
| **Debby** | **Searle** | WOA Ravens Premier | Half Arabian | Completion | | 20.0 | | 2 | | 8:25 |

#### Lightweight

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Linda** | **Hamrick** | RTM First In Line | Half Arabian | Completion | 694 | 22.0 | | 1 | | 6:44 |
| **Amy** | **Scharmen-Burgd** | Coosa Valley Indiana Jones | Morgan | Completion | 695 | 20.0 | | 2 | | 7:01 |
| **Rachael** | **Meinders** | Mattingley KC Heart | Arabian | Completion | 688 | 18.0 | | 3 | | 7:01 |
| **Roberta** | **Harms** | Lady Jane | Half Arabian | Completion | | 16.0 | | 4 | | 7:10 |
| **Diane** | **Meinders** | Lacey's Game | Grade | Pulled | | 0.0 | | dnf | | |

### *Limited Endurance*

**Distance** 30

Saturday, October 25, 2014

**Ride Date:** 10/11/2014

#### Senior

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Leah** | **Palestrant** | KW Farih Magnum | Other | Completion | 770 | 13.2 | | 1 | | 3:26 |
| **Becke** | **Grams** | Bear's Northern Light | Half Arabian | Completion | 725 | 12.0 | | 2 | | 3:52 |
| **Lisa** | **Germann** | Over Brooks Image+/ | Half Arabian | Completion | 724 | 10.8 | | 3 | | 3:53 |
| **Edie** | **Keesee-Henry** | Joe Joe Sylvester | Thoroughbred | Completion | 706 | 9.6 | | 4 | | 4:06 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Diana** | **Anderson** | HJH McCoys Magic | Arabian | Completion | 714 | 8.4 | 5 | 4:06 |

# Oak Leaf Run

Sunday, October 12, 2014

## *Competitive*

**Distance** 30

### Junior

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rachael** | **Meinders** | Brittany Rolsthedice | Half Arabian | Completion | 375 | 13.2 | | 1 | |

### Lightweight

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lisa** | **Germann** | Backstreetstrutter GSA | Half Arabian | Completion | 382 | 13.2 | | 1 | |
| **Diane** | **Meinders** | Lacey's Game | Grade | Pulled | | 0.0 | | dnf | |

## *Limited Endurance*

**Distance** 30

### Senior

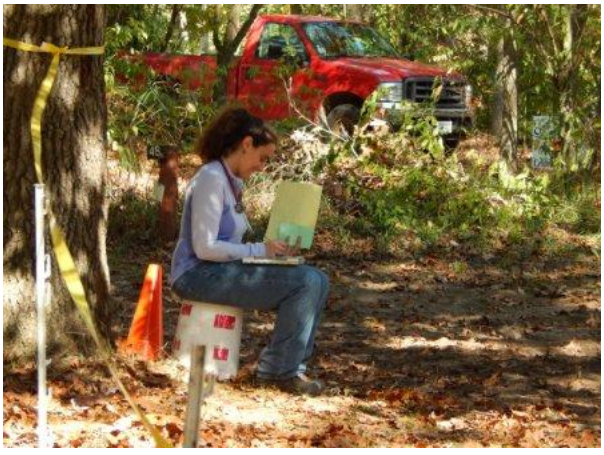
| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Leslie** | **Bennett** | Lis's Love | Thorougbred | Completion | 790 | 13.2 | | 1 | 3:17 |
| **Becke** | **Grams** | Bear's Northern Light | Half Arabian | Completion | 748 | 12.0 | | 2 | 3:19 |
| **Nicole** | **King** | Tryllerika | Arabian | Completion | 711 | 10.8 | | 3 | 3:28 |
| **Lisa** | **Moorhouse** | Moulins Sal-Las WPA | Arabian | Pulled | | 0.0 | | dnf | |

## *Novice*

**Distance** 15

### Novice

| | | Horse | | | Score | Points | BC | Place | Ride |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Thomas** | **Kollig** | Roxy | Other | Completion | | 0.0 | | | |
| **Beverly** | **London** | Stryker Grani | Other | Completion | | 0.0 | | | |
| **Sandra** | **Wright** | LW Raajs Chip | Arabian | Completion | | 0.0 | | | |



**PERSONAL MILEAGE PROGRAM**

**200 MILE CERTIFICATES**

SHANNON WESTON

**500 MILE PATCHES**

SHANNON WESTON

**1,000 BELT BUCKLE**

SHANNON WESTON

**2,000 PICTURE ALBUM**

DEBORAH DWAN

**3,000 MILE AWARD**

ANGEL CHMURYNSKI

**4,000 MILE AWARD**

CATHY COOK

**5,000 MILE AWARD**

KATHY MACKI

RACHAEL MEINDERS

**6,000 MILE AWARD**

JEANNE ASLAKSON

BARB KURTI

ANDREA REDMAN

**10,000 MILE AWARD**

BECKE GRAMS

**11,000 MILE AWARD**

DIANE MEINDERS

**13,000 MILE AWARD**

LINDA HAMRICK

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# *2014 DISTANCE AWARDS*

## *HORSE MILEAGE PROGRAM*

**200 MILE CERTIFICATES**

**P**RADA SF

SAMAHA SPIRIT DANCER

**500 MILE PATCHES**

SAMAHA GAMEELA

PAPER ICON

BACKSTREETSTRUTTER GSA

**1,000 MILE PICTURE FRAMES**

LIS'S LOVE

**2,000 MILE AWARD**

BEAR'S NORTHERN LIGHT

**3,000 MILE AWARD**

RTM FIRST IN LINE

**4,000 MILE AWARD**

RED CLOUD

**6,000 MILE AWARD**

LACEY'S GAME

**8,000 MILE AWARD**

HONEY

**Lacey's Game**

**I am sad to say, but I had to put my horse that has been with me all of his 15 years of life, down due to deteriorating health issues.**

**I have lots of memories with him from the over 6000 lifetime carrier miles, to the various awards he has earned.**

**He went from a unruly youngster to a great trainer of distance riding to my two daughters and their young horses. He took us through years of miles together that Rachael, Whitney, and I will share forever.**

**I have had the chance over the 12 years of riding with him to ride with many wonderful friends. Thanks friends!**

**Game you will be missed. Thanks for all you have endured my friend, God bless.**

**Diane Meinders**

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**Hall of Fame Nomination**

**Shatto's Sir Lancelot**

He is known by all as "Ditto" although he is anything but an "also ran". Foaled May 31st, 1994, while he was pastured with a horse bearing a similar name, he was christened simply "Ditto". Soon to celebrate his 21st birthday, he is still ready to run down the trail carrying any rider with a need for speed.

In 2004 Becke Grams was casually looking for a taller horse for her 13 year old junior, Sarah Remelts. She saw a chesnut Morab and a quick test ride decided that she would co-own Ditto. He was "a whole lot of horse" with a lot of potential.

Ditto's first 650 miles and trip to Nationals were in 2005 with Sarah. Becke finally competed with Ditto in 2007 when he earned 2 firsts, 4 seconds and 2 best conditions. In 2008, Ditto carried Becke for 605 endurance and 135 limited distance miles. That year he was a top three majority horse and made his second trip to Nationals. Ditto made his third trip to Nationals in 2010. He was running in the top ten when his rider missed a turn dropping him to 35th place.

Ditto has earned multiple best condition awards while usually placing in the top five finishers. He has carried Sarah, Becke, Angel Okker, Racheal Meinders, Whitney Meinders, Alexis Hermann, Marsha Weilbach, and Diane Maxey during distance competitions. He takes care of his rider whether a junior or adult. Ditto has completed 1870 endurance and 810 limited distance miles to date. He has a goal of reaching a total of 3000 lifetime miles.

Ditto is willing to carry almost any rider to achieve his distance goals. If you are able to help Ditto reach the distance be aware that he has just two rules. First, be ready to leave as soon as the trail is open. Second, be ready to start and stay in front of the pack. Ditto will remind you if you are not paying attention.

Please nominate Ditto for Hall of Fame!

Thank you,

Diane Maxey

# Michigan Horse Council News

www. michiganhorsecouncil.com

MICHIGAN HORSE COUNCIL NEWS

Well, things are hopefully settling down with the MHC. There will be an Expo next March, things are progressing with that! The Trails Committee is working on the possibility of having a seminar on Trail Building and bringing in a speaker to educate anyone interested in the proper and ecologically sound methods of creating new trails. They are also keeping open communication and good relations with the DNR to promote horse trail use in our state.

For anyone interested, the MHC has 3 $1000 scholarships available to qualifying students who are members of member groups of MHC. The forms are on the MHC website. They need to be submitted and postmarked by January 3, 2015. Advice from the scholarship chairperson is to make sure to fill out all forms completely and be sure to include the name of your MHC membership group.

That's really about all to report, most of the meetings since September were basically battles that are at least quieting down now. And the budget for 2015 was approved, and that took FOREVER to get through! The Trails Committee does give money through grants for trail improvement, so if GLDRA ever felt the need to work on, say, part of the Shore to Shore or other formal trail we use, we can apply for a grant to help cover costs of trail improvements.

I hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas and New year! See you at the Banquet and Brunch!

Andy Redman

Next is our Spring Newsletter, look for it in your mailbox by March. 30th.

In the Spring Issue, the highlights will be 2015 Ride Season Schedule, and highlights from the Awards Banquet.

We are always looking for articles and news of interest, please have your information submitted no later than Thursday, March 12th to Cathy Cook, cookdc@avci.net
or 1249 Maple Grove, Carsonville, MI 48419

Diane Meinders is looking for members that may have any contacts that might be able to donate 120 trinkets, any, not just horse related, discount coupons, etc. for the convention bags. Please contact her at 616-837-1534 or dmeinders@glcomp.com . Thank you!

**Great Lakes Distance Riding Association**
**2015 Membership Application**
**Membership includes quarterly newsletters, eligibility for year end points and awards programs, horse & personal mileage tracking, and yearly GLDRA ride schedule book.**

___ Individual $20 ___ Family $30 ___ Junior (not 16 on January 1) $10 ___ Lifetime Individual $200

Check box to left of any item you do NOT want listed in our membership directory - otherwise it will be listed:

☐ Name(s): _____

☐ Address: _____

☐ City, State, Zip: _____

☐ Phone: _____ ☐ Cell: _____

☐ Email: _____

**Please mail completed application with payment (payable to GLDRA) to:**

**Bruce Birr, 1633N West Kendall Road, Manistique, MI 49854**

Newsletters are posted on our website (www.gldrami.org), and are distributed electronically in PDF format.

If you need a paper copy of our newsletter mailed to you, please check this box: ☐

(Electronic versions will considerably reduce club expenses)

**Application for Personal and Horse Distance AWARDS Program**

**(Send to: Kathy Macki, P.O. Box 48, Rapid River, MI 49878)**

Name of ***Person*** nominated for Personal Mileage Program: _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

**FEE: $30 _____**

Name of ***Horse*** nominated for Distance Program: _____

Owner of Horse-Name: _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Breed of Horse: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Registration #: _____ AERC #: _____

Please make check/money order payable to GLDRA **FEE: $30 _____**

**TOTAL : _____**

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