DRAFT AGENDA
AERC BOD Conference Call 6/21/21, 5 p.m. PT

Call to order and roll call

Housekeeping:

Acceptance of agenda

Excusals – Mollie Krumlaw-Smith – out of cell range

Acceptance of May 10, 2021 board meeting minutes - %%% below

Statistical report 6/21/21 – Kathleen (to be provided before the meeting)

Business before the Board:

Motion from the sanctioning committee re modification of the Covid-19 plan - ### below
Motion from the rules committee re update of committee member policy - @@@ below
Motion from the trails committee re the Caja del Rio request for gates - $$$ below

Strategic Plan updates from each group

%%% May 10, 2021 AERC board conference call minutes

President Nick Kohut DVM called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm EDT.

Board members present were Olin Balch DVM, Michael Campbell, Connie Caudill, Monica Chapman, Jessica Cobbley, Dawn Hilliard, Susan Kasemeyer, Nick Kohut DVM, Bob Marshall DVM, Mike Maul, Angie Mikkelson, John Parke, Maribel Paulson, Naomi Preston, Tami Rougeau, Lisa Schneider, Christoph Schork, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Kelly Williams-Stehman, Jan Stevens, Vance Stine, Laurie Underwood, Tim Worden.
Also present were Executive Director Kathleen Henkel and Kyra DeMartini and joining later-
Legal Committee member Barbara Baris.

A motion was made to accept the agenda by Michael Campbell, seconded by Vance Stine. Motion passed.

Olin Balch DVM made a motion to excuse – Chalice Coward, Susan Garlinghouse DVM who were inflight, Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss employment conflict. Seconded by Connie Caudill. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Christoph Schork and seconded by Susan Kasemeyer to approve the April 13 board meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Kathleen Henkel presented the Statistical report-

Membership on 5/10/19 4189
Membership on 6/15/20  3808
Membership on 5/10/21  4128

Sanction fees as of 5/10/2020 $11,790
Sanction fees as of 5/10/2021  9,955

Rider fees as of 5/10/20  $ 9,057
Rider fees as of 5/10/21  $13,017

New members as of 5/10/19  341
New members as of 6/15/20  268
New members as of 5/10/21  433

Connie Caudill discussed a motion from the Sanctioning Committee for approval of a first-year pioneer ride, the Lily Plain Pioneer, July 2-4, 2021, in the MW region, Tracy Vollman is the ride manager, and the ride takes place in Saskatchewan. It was mistakenly omitted from the last agenda. Ride will be a 25/50, 30/55, and a 25/50 with a 75 and 100 also on the last day. Head control judge is Art King. The Motion passed.

Jan Stevens presented a motion from the AERC International Committee to support the AERC Young Rider Championship with Entry Fee Assistance.

The AERC International Committee will donate $500 to the 2021 AERC Young Rider Championship to be used to help defray the cost of entry for the Young Riders participating.

Budget effect/impact - $500 from the AERC International Committee Funds.

This will help to offset entry fees for the Young Riders participating in the inaugural AERC Young Rider Championship. Payment will be made to the organizer, who will then reduce the entry fee depending on entry numbers. Motion passed with two abstentions.

The second motion from the AERC-I Committee was put forth by Connie Caudill. AERC-I will support United States and Canadian Teams at 2021 World Endurance Championships (Seniors and Young Riders).

Proposed Motion-The AERC International Committee, in keeping with past tradition and in compliance with the committee’s mission statement, agrees to provide financial support in the amount of $300 per rider, for maintenance of horses for the 2021 Senior World Endurance Championship and the 2021 Young Rider World Endurance Championship. The funds are to be used for daily horse care related expenses. This reimbursement of said expenses is available to those senior riders who have been AERC International members since 2019 (this requirement is waived for young riders) who are representing the United States or Canada and whose horses are not sold while at the WEC events. The payments will be disbursed to the riders as reimbursements after the events.

Budget effect- $300 per qualified rider per the motion, which will come from the AERC International Funds with a maximum of five riders per team.
A thorough discussion was held on the motion. A fact that was brought to the Board’s attention by the AERC Treasurer, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, was that the funds would be coming directly from the AERC-I account and all funds in that account were either donated specifically for AERC international or were raised by the AERC-I Committee. The Board is not required to approve budget requests from the Committee, but it was mentioned that the Board should defer spending to the committee. The Committee was specific in the motion that the funds would not be distributed unless the horse returned home and was not sold at the competition. There is currently one rider who qualifies for the funding in the senior division and possibly five to six in the young rider division.

Olin Balch DVM felt that AERC disaffiliated from USEF for a reason so did not think this was consistent with what we support. Olin Balch DVM made a motion for a roll call vote. There was no second so the Motion failed.

The Motion from the AERC-I Committee passed with one no vote and one abstention.

Jan Stevens presented a Motion from the National Championship Committee requesting the addition of a Ride & Tie competition to the NC 2021 rides.

The 2021 AERC National Championship hosts, Bill and Jan Stevens, have been asked to add a Ride and Tie competition to the event. The Ride and Tie would be held on Monday, June 14, 2021, which is the day after the AERC 100 Mile National Championship, and the day before the AERC Young Rider Championship.

The Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Campbell brought from the Rules Committee a discussion regarding a helmet policy for all riders under age 18. Michael Campbell asked the Board members if all riders under the age of 18 should wear a helmet or just junior riders? During the discussion, the majority of the Board felt all riders under the age of 18 should be required to wear helmets. Nick Kohut DVM asked that Michael Campbell and the Rules Committee work on a rule making helmets mandatory for riders under age 18.

Nick Kohut made a motion to have the Board go into Executive Session at 8:55 to discuss legal issues, seconded by Vance Stine.
Motion by Susan Kasemeyer to come out of executive session at 9:57pm, seconded by Mollie Krumlaw-Smith. The Motion passed.

Nick Kohut DVM stated that the Board will be getting back on track with our strategic plan. He will be sending out the reassigned groups and also assign the new Board members into a group. He will also send the most recent Strategic Plan to the Board. He has asked that each group meet before the June meeting and that the group leaders be prepared to present their current status and how they will prioritize their goals.

Susan Kasemeyer made a motion to adjourn at 10:11 pm seconded by Vance Stine. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Caudill
### Motion from sanctioning committee re Covid-19 plan modification:

**AERC Board of Directors**

**MOTION PROPOSAL**

**Motion Name** - Discontinue the Covid jotform for the AERC Ride Manager

**Proposing Committee** - Sanctioning

**Date of Motion** (Date to be presented to BOD) 6/21/21

**Classification of Motion Request** (new, change, add, delete, by-law, rule, policy) change policy

**Proposed Motion** (use exact wording) Remove the requirement that Ride Managers apply for approval from the Sanctioning Committee in order to have their ride sanctioned. Ride Managers will be responsible to follow all state, county and local requirements in order to be in good standing for insurance purposes.

**Background, analysis and benefit** (describe the problem this motion is solving) Most areas are open to recreational events but ride manager will be responsible to make sure they are in compliance with all regulations.

**Budget effect/impact** (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate) N/A

**Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization** - The ride managers just want to manage rides. The Sanctioning Committee has not had any issues in the past couple of months with any of the rides trying to obtain approval.

**Implementation** - Immediately

### Motion from rules committee re update to policy re committee members

**AERC Board of Directors**

**MOTION PROPOSAL**

**Motion Name**
Update to AERC’s Policy on Committee Members requirement to be current AERC Members

**Proposing Committee**
Rules Committee

**Date of Motion** (Date to be presented to BOD)
June 2021 Board meeting

**Classification of Motion Request** (new, change, add, delete, by-law, rule, policy)
Change
Proposed Motion (use exact wording)
Members of all AERC Committees are required to be current members in good standing in AERC. Current committee members are required to renew their membership within 30 days of the start of the AERC ride year which is on the first day of December. New members are required to renew their membership or become members of AERC within 30 days of joining the Committee. Members may not take part in Committee discussions or voting until after their AERC membership is approved.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving)
Updated to give specific requirements on timeline to be current AERC members and define Committee participation prior to approval of AERC membership.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate): None

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization
Promotes commitment to AERC of all Committee members. Committees advise the AERC Board of Directors in regard to their specific Committee charters.

Impact on AERC Office (Workload, budget)
Requires time to confirm Committee members status as members of good standing in AERC.

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial)
Effective immediately; office time is the only cost involved.

Supporting materials (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets): N/A

Committee and Office Feedback (Include feedback from the office and the following committees: Pending

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees)

$$$ Motion from trails committee re Caja del Rio trails grant
AERC Board of Directors
MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name
Caja Del Rio Trail Grant request for gates

Proposing Committee: Trails and Land Management

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD): June 21, 2021

Classification of Motion Request (new, change, add, delete, by-law, rule, policy): New

Proposed Motion (use exact wording): The Trails and Land Management Committee moves that AERC, using designated Trails Grants, fund the installation of 15 metal livestock gates in USFS and
BLM portions of the Caja del Rio, a portion of the Santa Fe National Forest (Santa Fe, NM). Funds requested: Up to $3,500.

**Background, analysis and benefit** (describe the problem this motion is solving): These gates would replace wire range gates that are commonly wired shut and that present safety issues to riders. These gates are on trails used by the Caja del Rio endurance ride (2004-2018, to return in 2022). The gates would also build good will with the local Caja del Rio La Majada grazing association and would aid in grazing management.

**Budget effect/impact** (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate): Funds from dedicated Trails Grant fund.

**Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization:** Metal gates will improve the safety for riders and equines during the AERC event held there. AERC contributions to the Caja keeps endurance riders (and recreational riding needs) in the forefront with our local land managers. Signage will be provided on each gate stating that the gates have been provided through an AERC grant. AERC Members use these trails to condition on.

**Impact on AERC Office** (Work load, budget): Minimal staff time.

**Implementation plan** (Schedule, resources, financial): Work to begin summer of 2021.

**Supporting materials** (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets)

**Committee and Office Feedback** (Include feedback from the office and the following committees, Competitions, Education, Finance, International, Junior/Young Rider, Membership, Research, Ride Managers, Rules & Bylaws, Technical, Trails, Veterinary, and Welfare of the Horse.)

**Supporting approvals** (proposing committee, participating committees): Trails and Land Management Committee