DRAFT AGENDA
AERC BOD Conference Call 7/12/21, 5 p.m. PT

Call to order and roll call

Housekeeping:
  Acceptance of agenda
  Excusals – none as of July 2, 2021
  Acceptance of June 21, 2021 board meeting minutes - %%% below
  Statistical report – To be updated at midyear since provided two weeks ago

Business before the Board:
  Approval of Trace the Trails Pioneer Ride
  Motion from the legal committee re addition of paralegal to the committee - ### below
  Motion from the National Championship Committee re ride site for the 2022 season - @@@ below
  Strategic Plan update from the Finance Group - Mollie

Executive Session

%%% June 21, 2021 AERC board conference call minutes:

AERC President Nick Kohut DVM called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm EDT

Board members present were Olin Balch DVM, Michael Campbell, Connie Caudill, Monica Chapman, Susan Kasemeyer, Jessica Cobbley, Chalice Coward, Dawn Hilliard, Susan Garlinghouse DVM, Nick Kohut DVM, Bob Marshall DVM, Mike Maul, Angie Mikkelson, Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss, John Parke, Maribel Paulson, Naomi Preston, Tami Rougeau, Lisa Schneider, Christoph Schork, Kelly Williams-Stehman, Jan Stevens, Vance Stine, Laurie Underwood, and Tim Worden. Also present were Executive Director Kathleen Henkel and Kyra DeMartini.

Connie Caudill made a motion to accept the agenda seconded by Christoph Schork. Motion passed.

Lisa Schneider made a motion which was seconded by Olin Balch DVM to excuse Mollie Krumlaw-Smith who is at her ride camp and out of cell range. Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the May 10, 2021, board meeting minutes by Lisa Schneider, seconded by Michael Campbell. Motion passed with one abstention.

Kathleen Henkel reviewed the Statistical report:

  Membership on 6/19/19  4377
  Membership on 6/25/20  3853
  Membership on 6/21/21  4329
Sanction fees as of 6/21/2020  $11,880
Sanction fees as of 6/21/2021  $10,240

Rider fees as of 6/21/20  $ 9,447
Rider fees as of 6/21/21  $ 23,842

New members as of 6/19/19  413
New members as of 6/25/20  279
New members of 6/21/21  492

Kathleen Henkel made the announcement that the recent bylaws revision vote passed with 78% approval. She will put an announcement on the website.

Connie Caudill presented a motion from the Sanctioning Committee:
Proposed Motion-
Remove the requirement that Ride Managers apply for approval from the Sanctioning Committee 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. Most areas are open to recreational events, but ride managers will be responsible for making sure they are in compliance with all regulations. Effective immediately. Motion from the committee passed unanimously.

Michael Campbell presented a motion from the Rules Committee:
Proposed Motion-
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 season 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.

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. Effective immediately; office time is the only cost involved. Motion from committee passed unanimously.

A motion from the Trails and Land Management Committee was presented by Dawn Hilliard:
Motion Name- Caja Del Rio Trail Grant request for gates
Proposed Motion-
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 Río, a portion of the Santa Fe National Forest (Santa Fe, NM). Funds requested: Up to $3,500.
Background, analysis, and benefit: 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 goodwill with the local Caja del Rio La Majada grazing association and would aid in grazing management. Funds will come 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. Motion from committee passed unanimously.

Nick Kohut DVM, asked for an update on the Strategic Plan from each group. Mollie Krumlaw-Smith will present the Finance Groups implementation plan at the July meeting. Kathleen Henkel reviewed the Membership group initiatives and noted the numbers have been revised to be more realistic. Monica Chapman updated the Board on the Trails implementation plan. Kyra DeMartini reviewed the Education group implementation plan. Laurie Underwood discussed the Welfare Group plan, which resulted in a good discussion. Lisa Schneider requested adding to next month’s agenda a discussion on post-ride metabolic checks like the Tevis metabolic safety check. Input will be needed from the Veterinary and Ride Managers committees. Nick Kohut DVM stated that the Strategic planning groups will give updates on their work at the Midyear Board meeting.

June 2021 action items:

1. Michael Campbell and the Rules Committee will work on a rule making helmets mandatory for riders under age 18. Status - Will present at the midyear meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn by John Parke, seconded by Susan Kasemeyer. Motion passed. Respectfully submitted by Connie Caudill

### Motion from the Legal Committee

AERC Board of Directors  
MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name- Addition of Paralegal to assist the Legal Committee  
Proposing Committee- Legal  
Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) 7/12/2021  
Classification of Motion Request (new, change, add, delete, by-law, rule, policy) Policy  
Proposed Motion (use exact wording) The Legal Committee would like to be able to add Paralegal to the committee to help with research and to add to the discussions.  

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving) The Committee would like more feed back and people who are readily available to research information as needed.  
Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization - More efficient Legal Committee  
Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial) Immediately  
Supporting materials (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets)  
Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees) Legal Committee
Motion from national championship committee re ride site for 2022
AERC Board of Directors
MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name- Old Dominion location for the 2022 AERC National Championship
Proposing Committee – National Championship
Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) 7/12/2021
Classification of Motion Request (new, change, add, delete, by-law, rule, policy)
Proposed Motion (use exact wording) The National Championship Committee would like to put forth the Old Dominion ride with Diane Connolly, ride manager for the 2022 NC Ride. The Committee felt that this iconic ride will be a great site for the 2022 NC Ride. Ride dates - Thursday June 12th and Saturday June 14th with the open ride on the 13th.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving) The committee has been delighted with the momentum and rider enthusiasm that has been generated from the previous two NC rides and felt that by having the ride hosted by the iconic Old Dominion ride that the excitement may continue. The OD Committee is committed to putting on a first-class ride, they are an organization that is 150 members strong. They hosted the NC ride in 2015. That ride had 27 entries with 18 completing in the 100 with winning time of 12 hours and 14 minutes. The 50 mile had 42 entries with 33 completing in a winning time of 5 hours and 12 minutes. Diane has been the ride manager for 5 years. The trail is one continuous loop, all checks out of camp.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate) $5,000 to ride management to offset ride expenses. Completion awards for all entered in the NC ride. ($100 for belt buckles in the 100 and $25.00 for the buckles in the 50). AERC also provides other awards to be given at the convention.

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization - The 2019 ride was held in the West, (CA), the 2021 ride was held in the Mountain region (MT) and this ride would be held in the east (VA). This gives all members an opportunity to ride in the NC by moving it across the country. West-Central- East.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget) Advertise and help the ride manager write articles. Purchase awards.

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) - AERC National Championship Committee