

DRAFT AGENDA
AERC BOD Conference Call 12/10/18, 6 p.m. PT

Call to order and roll call

Housekeeping:

Approval of board conference call meeting minutes - ### below

Excusals –None as of

Statistical report – Kathleen

[Membership report December 2018](#)

Membership 12/5/17 1946

Membership 12/5/18 1790

The number of renewals for the 2019 season rises by the hour.

Sanction fees as of 12/05/17 \$ 21,757

Sanction fees as of 12/05/18 \$ 14,925

Rider fees as of 12/05/17 \$ 85,384

Rider fees as of 12/0518 \$ 74,088

The office is waiting payment on \$1,025 in rider fees for recently entered rides plus there are 5 additional rides currently in the input stage.

New members as of 12/5/17 63

New members as of 12/5/18 43

Business before the Board:

2019 Budget discussion – Mollie Krumlaw-Smith

Sanction approval for new date regarding the National Championship ride 10/31 & 11/2/19 – Connie Caudill

Sanction approval for the new 2019 Autumn Sun Pioneer ride, NW region, Jessica Huber ride manager, 10/11/19 through 10/13/19, a 25/50; 30/55; & 25/50. Paul Latiolais, NW Sanctioning Director has approved the ride.

Approval of AERC-I proposed members to the Sport Committee

Vet Committee report in response to the USEF affiliation issue with respect to drug testing - \$\$\$ below

Membership report in response to the USEF affiliation issue - @@@ below

Financial report in response to the USEF affiliation issue - \$\$\$ below

USEF Endurance Sport Committee Report (tentative) – Joe Mattingley

Motions before the board: Suspension of AERC/USEF endurance affiliate Agreement - %%% below

AERC Conference Call meeting minutes

AERC BOARD minutes conference call 11/12/18

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Latiolais at 9:03 pm

Present were- Paul Latiolais, Monica Chapman, Connie Caudill, Michael Campbell, Angie Mikkelson, Jan Stevens, Tonya Stroud-Oaks, Mary Howell, Nick Kohut DVM, Stephanie Teeter, John Parke, Lisa Schneider, Susan Kasemeyer, Vance Stine, Troy Eckard, Marcia Hefker-Miles, Shawn Bowling, Andrew Gerhard, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Olin Balch DVM, Terry Woolley Howe, Heather Reynolds, Mike Maul, Paul Sidio, Robert Marshall DVM, Christoph Schork and Executive Director, Kathleen Henkel.

Paul Latiolais stated that a brief announcement would be added to the agenda concerning the International Equine Excellence Award.

Christoph Schork made a motion to accept the agenda, second was made by Vance Stine. Motion passed
Kathleen Henkel updated the AERC Board with the statistical report

Membership report November 2018

Membership as of 11/15/17 5052

Membership as of 11/12/18 4913

Sanction fees as of 11/12/17 \$ 16,157

Sanction fees as of 11/12/18 \$ 14,925

Rider fees as of 11/12/17 \$ 75,813

Rider fees as of 11/12/18 \$ 64,797

New members as of 11/15/17 617

New members as of 11/12/18 612

Michael Campbell explained that there wasn't much of a response for the newly created International Equine Excellence Award and felt the timing was not good. He made a motion to return the fees to the people that nominated horses and send a note thanking them and stating that the award was being postponed indefinitely. Mike Maul second the motion. Motion Passed

Andrew Gerhard presented a motion from the Sanctioning Committee to approve the Torrey Creek Pioneer ride in the West Region on May 24 – 26. Erin Riley Kelley as ride manager. Motion passed

Connie Caudill presented a motion from the National Championship Committee for the 2019 NC ride site. Ride Managers Robert Ribley and Brian Reeves with the help of the Valley Riders are requesting to host the 2019 AERC National Championship Ride at the Twenty Mule Team ride site at the Ridgecrest, California fairgrounds on the weekend of November 23, 2019. The National Championship Committee has approved the ride.

This is a long-established ride in the PS region (over 35 years). Base camp is at approximately 2500 feet in the Mohave Desert. The footing is mostly packed sand with some areas of deeper sand and several miles or rocky footing. The course has moderate climbs.

There were concerns from some board members about the time of the year and traveling with horses and also with the daylight hours being so short. Some were hoping the ride managers could change the date to Oct. This will be discussed with them and the sanctioning director. Changing the date is a possibility but they would need to bring it back to the Board for another vote. Motion Passed 15 yes, 9 no and 1 abstention.

Susan Kasemeyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2019 Board meeting, Christoph Schork 2nd. Motion Passed

Steph Teeter presented the Limited Distance rule modification motion from the Rules Committee. She explained how the motion will revise completion time on the LD rule by allowing the horse 30 minutes to reach pulse criterion when the horse has completed the course by the maximum time allowed by the rules. The revision also allows an hour after completing the course to receive the final “fit to finish” completion exam.

Revised rules;

L3.2 Course completion time, which is the maximum time competitors are allowed to complete the specified course from start to finish, will be according to the Limited Distance chart in Appendix A.

L3.4 At the finish, ride time of the competitor continues until pre-set judging criteria of 60 heartbeats per minute or less is met. (Finishing time is recorded as the time in which the rider ask for and subsequently meets this preset criteria.)

Change the Limited Distance chart in Appendix A to read:

Limited Distance Maximum Course Time Hours: Minutes

(time rider must be off the marked course, including all Holds and Checks)

L4. Completion requires meeting all of the criteria used for endurance rides with the exception of maximum pulse criteria upon completion of the course (see L4.1.2)

L4.1 All equines must stand a mandatory post-ride evaluation within one hour of crossing the marked finish line. Riders may present their equines for the final examination at a time of their choosing during the one-hour period. An equine that does not meet the established criteria within one hour of arrival time shall be disqualified. Once a completed equine has passed the post-ride examination, it may not be removed from completion for veterinary reasons.

L4.1.2 The equine must meet a reasonable pulse recovery based on ambient conditions within 30 minutes of arrival at all control points. Maximum pulse criteria upon completion of the course is 60 beats per minute, and must be met within 30 minutes of arrival at the finish line. Respiration should be evaluated on its own merit. Ambient temperature and humidity effects need to be recognized and their effects considered.

Mike Maul commented that the software would need some modification to accommodate the change but didn't believe it would be an issue to adjust. Implementation will be on December 1, 2018. Steph Teeter will write an article for the Endurance News. Immediate notification will be sent to all members via email.

Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Latiolais presented the motion from the Research Committee - Request Funding for AERC Research at the 2019 Tevis Ride.

This is a request to reinstate funding that was approved for the 2018 Tevis Dehydration Study, which did not occur because of illness of one of the Principal Investigators. The funds requested herein are in the same amount as those requested for the 2018 Research. AERC to provide funds in the amount of \$4,000 from the AERC Research Fund to continue studies on dehydration of endurance horses traveling to the 2019 Tevis Ride and during the Ride. *Jerry Gillespie attached a budget request in which he propose the AERC and the Tevis Foundation share in the cost of the proposed 2019 Tevis study; \$4,000 funded by AERC and \$2,450 funded by Tevis Foundation; TOTAL \$6,450.*

The proposed Tevis Research will be an extension of the AERC Research at the 2016 Cooley Ranch Ride and the 2017 Virginia City Ride. The results of these studies were report at the 2017 and 2018 AERC Conventions.

The 2019 Tevis Study will focus on a very important ailment in endurance horses, dehydration. The studies have shown that horses dehydrate (lose body water) during transport to rides if the journey requires more than 2 hours. The horses do not usually have time to rehydrate before the start of the rides and will continue to dehydrate during the ride in both 50 mile and 100-mile rides. It will be important to investigate the extent of dehydration in the Tevis horses during a 100-mile ride with ambient temperature around 100 degrees F. They expect to collect home-stable body weights and ride-arrival weights to assess the extent of dehydration do to transport to the Tevis venue. Motion passed unanimously

Paul Latiolais introduced Bill Moroney, CEO of USEF. In Mr. Moroney's opening statement he noted that there have been speculations about the future of endurance and much will depend on the recommendations from the newly appointed FEI Temporary Endurance Committee, of which Dr. Meg Sleeper is a member. Key discussions for the committee are -will Endurance remain an FEI discipline and if so, does the format of the sport stay as is or will emphasis be taken away from racing and more toward other measures of success like AERC? Clearly there is a fundamental difference in the two types of endurance. If the Temporary Committee thinks option of having two different FEI divisions of endurance; one being flat track the other being traditional endurance they could present this option to FEI. He feels the future of endurance depends on the outcome of this temporary committee and their recommendations. People who have ideas on the future of endurance should push them forward to Meg Sleeper so that she can get them in front of that committee. Actual solutions need to go forward with rational, reasonable recommendations. He feels that the recommendations of the temporary committee will drive the future of endurance. The timeline for changes to take place is the issue facing AERC.

Questions had been sent to Mr. Moroney prior to the meeting. He said there were some questions he couldn't answer since he doesn't come from an endurance background and the best place to get answers would be the Endurance Sports Committee. The following is a summary of the question/answer discussion.

The first sets of questions discussed were on the affiliate status. There were 8 items sent to the AERC Board that enumerates what is in place in order to have affiliate status. These 8 requirements must be accepted by AERC if they want to continue to be an affiliate. If the AERC Board determines they unable to abide by any of the requirements, USEF would take the steps to decertify AERC as the affiliate organization.

- Comply with and be bound by all applicable USEF Bylaws, USEF Board of Directors' actions and USEF Rules;
- Agree not to become affiliated with or recognize or support any other organization or association or group seeking recognition as the NGB, as long as it remains an Affiliate as herein provided;
- Recognize and reciprocate all USEF Hearing Committee decisions regarding the suspension, or other disciplinary action taken against a USEF or Recognized Affiliate member;
- Reciprocate all penalties issued by the U.S. Center for Safe Sport regardless of sport designation of the individual found in violation;
- Recommend members to the appropriate USEF Committees and Councils, when applicable;
- Adhere to USEF's Non-Discrimination Policy;
- Maintain good standing with USEF; and pay the \$200 fee

Mr. Moroney said that USEF has not identified another organization to take the place of AERC as the endurance affiliate. If AERC terminates the agreement, USEF has determined that the Endurance Sports Committee would act in the role of the affiliate. If the affiliate process opens up later, AERC and other organizations would be eligible to apply but would have to agree to the 8 affiliate status requirements.

Concerning drug testing, Mr. Moroney stated that USEF is in the process of investigating a relationship with the University of Kentucky for drug testing. At this time USEF will not be able to test non affiliate organizations until they have completed this process with the University of Kentucky since this may lead to a different situation with the laboratory and may lead to a different testing process.

In answering some questions during the discussion, Mr. Moroney stated the following fall would fall under the Endurance Sports Committee (ESC) role.

1. ESC could to discuss the idea of having a USEF award to honor longevity of endurance horses.
2. ESC could discuss the defunding of teams competing overseas.
3. ESC could discuss withholding funding for the Young Riders Championship since it will be on a flat track course. USEF doesn't make the rules or have control of the format or the site of these FEI events but USEF can advocate for a format change through the ESC.
4. Funding the International team events should be discussed between the ESC and the affiliate.
5. It would be the decision of the ESC to support and take the [Change.org](https://www.change.org) Global Horse Welfare Petition to FEI
6. ESC would need to look at the selection process to see if it were successful or flawed and then report back on it.
7. ESC is charged with plans going forward for selection process and funding. The ESC needs better communication with AERC.
8. AERC can ask the ESC- what are they doing to support young riders?

USEF is only permitted by the Center of Safe Sport to train USEF members in Safe Sport. Safe Sport Training is provided for a \$20 fee from the Center of Safe Sport.

USEF provides access to international competitions, access to selection process, safe sports training, drug testing, magazine, promotion of endurance, etc. USEF spends roughly \$300,000 a year on endurance programs and staff services, the revenue is just \$41,000. USEF promotes Equestrian sports as a whole but they are not a marketing program for each discipline. There is one type of endurance USEF is involved with and promotes and that is under FEI rules.

Any FEI competition held in the US must be licensed by USEF as well as FEI and if not FEI could consider those events to be unsanctioned events and could impose restrictions on USEF members and officials. AERC can hold events outside USEF license but those events will not count towards any qualifying or selection process to compete in any FEI championships.

Mr. Moroney explained that USEF received a clean audit. Donations that are sent with restrictions can only be allocated in accordance to those restrictions. Some AERC members felt that a donated fund could be spent better to promote the sport. Mr. Moroney said that perhaps the communication between the Endurance Sports Committee and AERC should be better as they determine how funds are spent. He also felt that there was some miscommunication from a USEF staff member concerning the funds.

USEF communicates all their concerns of horse welfare to FEI leadership and staff and the Endurance Committee of FEI. The new FEI Temporary Committee is charged to review the future of the sport of endurance and make recommendations for change. Mr. Moroney hopes to see steps from the committee that will deal with the deaths and the situation in Group 7. He hopes they will come up with comprehensive solutions for sanctions and changes in the format.

Mr. Moroney did not have answers concerning which rules would be applicable to AERC /FEI co sanctioned rides since he is not familiar with endurance. He will have that reviewed by the Competition and the Endurance department and get back with an answer.

Mr. Moroney would have liked to had some town hall meetings to discuss USEF/FEI/AERC issues with the endurance members in November but now feels the meetings should be after FEI decides how they will move forward. He is open to having ad hoc committees meet to discuss the future of endurance.

Mr. Moroney felt if AERC terminates their affiliation that co sanctioned events will be not be allowed by USEF but he will check with the competitions department about that particular roll and get back to the Board with an accurate answer.

He stated that USEF sanctioned events are required to follow the FEI rules but the national events will fall under the affiliate rules. An example asked was the wearing of helmets and he said that if the national organization didn't require "hats" that was up to them in the national rides but the national AERC rides would not count toward qualification or recognition of awards from USEF. Riders in an USEF event would have to abide by the FEI rules. Jan Stevens will seek clarification on this statement as she believes only the riders in the FEI division would fall under the FEI rules.

In closing Mr. Moroney stated that the AERC Board needs to do what's best for their organization but if they decided leaving was best for them at this time it wouldn't preclude that AERC wouldn't be welcomed back and eligible to reapply.

Paul Latiolais thanked Bill Moroney for attending the meeting and answering the questions. After he left the meeting Board member was asked for comments.

Eight Board members stated their disappointment in Mr. Moroney's answers. One person said it was what he expected. Some felt that he deflected the questions and put many of them on to the Endurance Sports Committee and believe he should have had answers from the Committee. Two of the members were very concerned about the future of drug testing while others felt we couldn't be held hostage on just drug testing so must look for other means of testing. Some were concerned about losing members if we disaffiliate and another organization replacing AERC. Two people wanted to get definite answers concerning the allowance of co sanctioned rides- Jan Stevens will investigate the rules and report back. There were some concerns about the current FEI/AERC rides that are already sanctioned on the calendar and felt we may want work out a compromise with USEF to be fair to those ride managers who have already paid their fees. Some felt the USEF problems weren't addressed. One person was interested to see if FEI will have the nerve to address things that went wrong at the WEG.

Some Board members stated they want to vote on the affiliate termination at the December meeting while others felt the vote should be taken at the AERC convention in a face to face meeting. Some wanted to see what happens in the FEI General Assembly this week before making a decision. One member has mixed feelings and thinks we should move slowly and think through the consequences because we are all endurance riders and there is value in International riding. A few are still undecided. Some felt we should stay to have a voice in making changes within FEI and to be a voice for horse welfare.

It was felt that USEF leadership didn't seem to be pushing for changes but waiting for FEI to handle it with the newly formed committee advising. Felt there was lack of direction from Mr. Moroney and there was confusion within FEL

Paul Latiolais stated that the Board needs to focus on AERC.

Connie Caudill asked Paul Latiolais the date of the appeal on a protest. Paul Latiolais will send an email to Lisanne Dorion and plans to schedule it for Monday, December 17.

Susan Kasemeyer made a motion to adjourn, Terry Woolley-Howe second the motion. Motion passed

MOTIONS:

%%% AERC Board of Directors

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name Suspension of AERC/USEF endurance affiliate Agreement

Proposing Committee Executive Committee

Date of Motion November 12, 2018

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording)

AERC to suspend the AERC/USEF endurance affiliate agreement effective 12/1/18.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving)

The AERC Executive Committee sent a letter on 9/27/18 to Bill Moroney, CEO of USEF, with specific requests that we believe were within the scope of authority and capabilities of USEF. The first request was USEF would immediately withdraw all their funding from FEI endurance outside of the US and concentrate only on US endurance. It was our hope that if USEF agreed to this request that FEI would recognize the seriousness of the situation without greatly impacting our AERC members whom aspire to participate in the international level of endurance riding within the US. The second request was that USEF would take our concerns, petition, and suggestion of a separation from extreme flat track endurance racing to FEI. An e-mail was received in a timely manner from Bill Moroney stating that he had read the letter but was out of the town on business and would respond once he returned. Mr. Murray Kessler, USEF President, and Mr. Moroney have been in phone contact with AERC President, Paul Latiolais over the past week. Mr. Moroney said he was going to wait for the report from the WEG investigation to see what action FEI is going to take before making any decisions. He would then like to have some "town hall" meetings to discuss endurance and how to move forward within USEF. While the Executive Committee appreciates his willingness to discuss the situation farther we agreed that the response was

inadequate in that the issues were not going to be addressed in the timely fashion as we have requested. It is the committee's decision to make this motion to the board to suspend the affiliate agreement between AERC and USEF until USEF is willing to support AERC's core values with action.

We are asking that AERC and USEF keep communication open between the two organizations in hopes that an agreeable reconciliation may be accomplished.

It is also in the best interest of AERC to request that USEF continue working with AERC in our drug testing program and to continue to help with the implementation and training with the Safe Sport Act.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)

Possible lack of riders to some largely attended FEI/AERC rides could result in less rider fees.

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization

AERC International Competitors may not have an outlet in the United States for International Competition Qualification rides until USEF establishes another National Endurance Affiliate or other allowances for qualifications. A new National Endurance Affiliate could impact the AERC Ride Schedule in a negative way by being a competing organization for endurance riders.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget): None

Committees consulted and/or affected: None

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial)

Notify USEF and AERC-I. Work with USEF towards an agreeable separation where we can communicate our horse welfare concerns and still work together on issues such as the AERC Drug Testing program and the implantation of the Safe Sport Act. Suspend affiliation on 12/1/18. Write an article for Endurance News explaining the suspension and what it means to AERC members.

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

\$\$\$\$ Veterinary Committee response re USEF Affiliation

AERC, USEF and Drug Testing

Drug testing of either humans or equines, is a process separated into two parts – the collection of the sample and the analysis of said sample. Both parts of the process must be conducted in a manner that provides results which are of the highest integrity and security, and which can be used in any potential disciplinary or legal action.

USEF is the only organization in the US that provides for the “collection” of drug testing samples for equine organizations that hold competitive events. Also, USEF has a certified laboratory to provide analysis of the collected samples. Recently, USEF decided to separate these two entities and, in the future, provide only the collection portion of drug testing, while outsourcing the sample analysis to the University of Kentucky. USEF decided this was a better way to provide another layer of integrity in their drug testing process and remove the conflict of interest of collecting and analyzing their own samples. The agreement between USEF and the University of Kentucky is still being worked out. It is not known yet whether USEF will provide drug testing for non-affiliated organizations after the collection and testing separation occurs.

If AERC chooses to separate from USEF, we will lose the drug testing program we have spent nearly 10 years building. We will also forfeit the invaluable assistance and cooperation of USEF, and specifically Dr. Stephen Schumacher, the USEF drug testing director. The loss of this program will be tragic for AERC and will immediately result in AERC having no, absolutely no, drug testing. We will be thrown back into the dark ages of our conflicted drug testing program before we opted to outsource both our collection and sample analysis to USEF in 2009.

The entire problem rests in the collection of our samples. There are many drug analysis labs in the country, with good credentials and certification, that can process our AERC samples. However, it is unlikely we would have the same number of substances tested as USEF provides us – well over 300 substances - for a fee we could afford. Sample analysis by other labs will run from \$150-\$400 per sample depending on what volume and level of analysis we choose. Basically, to have samples analyzed at the same depth that USEF has been doing for us, AERC will spend approximately \$250-\$300 per sample, for just the analysis portion of the drug test. For the upcoming 2019 ride season we are contracted to pay USEF \$340 per sample for the entire process – both collection and analysis. At approximately 12 samples per ride day this is a budget of \$4080 each ride day that is tested. This cost accounts for the drug testing veterinarian, his/her technicians, the chain-of-custody security, the packaging and mailing of the samples to the lab, and the analysis and reported results of those samples. If one does the math, it is easy to see where we have been getting a premium service from USEF at a very reasonable fee. The cost for sample analysis ONLY for 12 horses at a level comparable to USEF’s analysis would cost us \$3600. This would leave us only \$480 dollars for acquiring the testing kits, paying the drug tester/technicians for 8-10 hours of sampling time and then mailing the collected samples to the lab. This scenario is not realistic to say the least.

Without USEF to collect our samples, we will have only two options available to us to acquire drug testing samples: 1) collect our own samples using our own ride veterinarians, or 2) hire outside, private veterinarians near a drug tested ride to collect our blood samples. Both options run from bad to worse. We are either compromised in our sample collection integrity by collecting and policing ourselves, or we use local private veterinarians at a cost that is likely to raise our drug testing fees to a level we cannot afford. A BIG assumption is IF we can even find local veterinarians willing to do the drug testing at a selected ride.

This raises the other huge issue of who is going to select the rides to be tested. Who will contract with the veterinarians to do the testing? Who will ensure that all the drug testing kits are mailed out in a timely fashion and then mailed back to the lab? What about insurance issues? Many AERC veterinarians are not in traditional equine practice and are unlikely to carry enough, if any, practice liability insurance in the event of an equine or human injury during sample collection. Most equine practitioners carry at least one million in liability insurance. These questions and predicaments illustrate that without our USEF partnered and administered program, we have NO infrastructure within AERC to take on the task of immediately administering our own drug testing program. We are a completely volunteer run organization, and the time and effort it will require to set up a new AERC administered drug testing program will be enormous! This is a task that is more than any one volunteer or a handful of volunteers

should be asked to take on. The US Polo Association took on this onerous task, well over a year ago, after they had a previous USEF administered program and they have many more paid employees working on this issue, not to mention far deeper financial pockets than AERC. They are still working on getting their new program set up, and by all accounts it's been a nightmare.

Our two choices of using our own vets or hiring private vets, leaves us severely compromised in the integrity of the collection of our samples. Test integrity can be questioned if we use veterinarians from within our sport, that "know" everyone. Using private veterinarians can easily cost an average of \$2000 per day, give or take, to acquire the same widespread sampling of first to last finishers that we currently achieve with USEF. We are in a "damned if we do, and damned if we don't" situation.

When AERC administered its own drug testing program and had its own veterinarians collect drug testing samples from 2002-2008 we only collected 471 samples in six years, and in that time only found two positives. In 2006 Tevis had a positive, but that was out of the California testing program. In the years 2009-2017 when USEF collected our drug samples we tested 976 samples, and found 13 positives, although not all were able to be acted upon for various reasons. After crunching the numbers, the USEF drug testing program is three times more likely to find positives than when AERC tests itself.

It is deeply appreciated and well understood that the BOD is under tremendous pressure concerning the USEF affiliation; however, the BOD needs to be advised that losing the AERC/USEF partnered drug testing program will be catastrophic for AERC. AERC separation from USEF will result in the immediate loss of all drug testing within AERC, outside of California. How long it will take to rewrite the drug rule and policy and then develop our own in-house program is likely to be measured in months to a year or more. We are looking at much higher costs, as the sample analysis fees alone will command the lion share of our drug testing budget, leaving little for adequate collection procedures. Please do not think losing the USEF drug testing program is any easy obstacle to overcome with readymade back up options waiting for us. Creating from scratch an entire new drug testing program - from ride selection, to establishing sampling procedures, to sample collection, and to lab analysis - will likely never achieve the same proficiency of results we had with USEF and will most certainly cost us more financially.

@@@ Membership Committee Report

Communicating with each of the Membership Committee members (except Terry - left her a voicemail though), I am now convinced that not only membership but other AERC revenue will suffer more if we disaffiliate than if we remain with USEF.

\$\$\$ Financial Committee Report

- 1.) Membership Fees - There will be an impact, my crystal ball is a little fuzzy on this.
- 2.) Sanctioning Fees - Will we lose sanctioning fees related to 100 mile rides as well as current FEI rides. There are several events in the SE Region and possibly others, that exist solely as fundraisers.
- 3.) Rider fees, as considered in item 2.
- 4.) Drug testing fees. As both the Treasurer and a ride manager, I have a huge issue with increasing our drug testing fees until we have identified the cost of the next/new drug testing program. Increasing fees without a viable program in place certainly can't be justified.
- 5.) AERC-I membership fees. These fees are currently collected by AERC as membership renews for the next season. What will these fees be used for if we no longer are promoting international riding? How will they be disbursed?

6.) We have cash assets on our balance sheet that were donated for the specific purpose of being used for international events. If we no longer are going to hold, promote, support international riding these funds must be donated to an organization or event that does.

7.) We have cash assets on our balance sheet that were raised by donations from AERC members to be used for international events. These too will have to be disbursed to a similar cause.