

MEETING VOTE DECISIONS
AERC BOD Conference Call 1/14/19

Business before the Board:

Approve Heather Reynolds as new chair of the Junior/Young Rider Committee - **PASSED**

Approve Connie Caudill as new sanction committee chair - **PASSED**

Sanction approval – new pioneer, Still Prineville Pioneer, 5/3 – 5/19 (25/50; 25/55/75; 25/50), Paul Latiolais has given his approval as NW Sanctioning Director – Connie Caudill Sanctioning Committee Chair - **PASSED**

Ratify the decision of the Executive Committee relative to the approval of AERC-International's list of candidates for the USEF Sport Committee (Names: Cheryl Newman; Lynn Kenelly, Carolyn Hock, Holly Corcoran, and Emmett Ross) - **PASSED**

Review Butler motion passed in June 2017 - **PASSED**

Financials – Mollie Krumlaw-Smith - Approval of 2019 budget. - **PASSED**

USEF motion regarding affiliation/disaffiliation

MOTION PROPOSAL - (Note: Amended during board call)

Motion Name Suspension of AERC/USEF Endurance Affiliate Agreement - PASSED (as amended during meeting; updated wording below)

Proposing Committee Executive Committee

Date of Motion January 14, 2019 (originally brought forth November 12, 2018)

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording)

AERC to terminate the AERC/USEF endurance affiliate agreement effective 12/1/19.

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

Reasons for the change:

1. The USEF bylaws do not recognize a suspension of an affiliation.
2. AERC has accepted funds for AERC-I memberships for 2019.
3. USEF does not allow for co-sanctioned endurance events with any organization other than the national affiliate
4. The ride managers and organizing committees for the 2019 co-sanctioned rides have already incurred financial obligations, including the AERC, USEF, and FEI sanctioning fees and have spent time and energy based on hosting co-sanctioned events.

5. This would allow for a transition period for our AERC-I members to develop a continuation plan for the 2020 competitive season.

The AERC Executive Committee sent a letter on 9/27/18 to Bill Moroney, CEO, 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 terminate 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 State 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: Finance; AERC International; Membership

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)