

BOD phone conference meeting minutes 7_10_06

Meeting Called To Order by Stagg Newman, President, at 6:05 PM PST

I. Housekeeping:

In attendance: Stagg Newman, Nick Warhol, Patti Pizzo, Mike Jaffe, Jennifer Nice, Connie Caudill, Joyce Mocilan, Jan Stevens, Tom Dean, Gail Williams, Terry Woolley Howe, John H. Parke, Susan Kasemeyer, Joe Schoech, Roger Taylor, Jeff Trinkle, Barry Waitte, Teresa Cross, Jerry Fruth, Laura Hayes, Robert Ribley, Dinah Rojek, Veterinary Chair Melissa Ribley, and Kathleen Henkel.

Absent: Mike Maul, Susan Horne, Stan Eichelberger. Mike Tomlinson is on an airplane, motion is made for his excusal. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Approval of June meeting minutes. Nick to make a quick wording change for Patti P. Motion made to approve minutes as corrected: *Motion carries unanimously.* Minutes were modified and forwarded to the office.

II. Office Membership Report- Kathleen H

7/10/06

2006 Members **YTD** (7/10/06) **6352** (3181 singles & 1428 families totaling 3171 members)

2005 Members as of 7/12/05 6373 (3257 singles & 1407 families totaling 3116 members)

Sanction dollars collected **2006** to date (7/10/06): \$14,884.04

Sanction dollars collected 2005 as of 7/10/05: \$13,792.21

III. New Business:

1- National Championship Committee: Connie C, Robert R.

Motion from committee is presented for the 07 national championship ride. There was some general discussion on FEI aspects and sponsorship issues of the ride. The idea presented by Jerry F would be for the AERC to have veto options for potential sponsorships or financial supporters. Recommendation by John P amends the motion for the ride in 07- subject to AERC BOD approval of sponsors or funding of the ride for any amounts over \$1000. *Motion carries unanimously.*

The motion is made for the ride: Steph Teeter to host the national championship in 07 in Oreana, Id. *Motion carries unanimously.* (See actual Motion text attached: motion A)

2- Finance Committee: Patti P.

Budget status- Patti P has most of the budget requests from committee chairs and is preparing the budget final draft. There are a couple of committees left to submit requests for budget funds. It should be ready to send out in a final form in a few days. High level summary- it looks like a negative budget at this point. Operational costs don't look like they can be cut; reductions will have to come out of initial committee requests or additional revenues need to be generated to cover additional committee requests. Committee chairs need to start looking at potential cuts before the August budget meeting. Stagg does not want a negative operating budget.

3- Vet Committee: Melissa Ribley

a) First Motion for the update to procedures and processes for drug testing as per the memo written by Melissa. (see attachment B below) Motion from committee- *Motion carries unanimously.*

b) The second motion is to publish how we do drug testing procedures and processes on our web site. As per memo written by Melissa. (see attachment C below) Motion from committee, *motion carries unanimously.* **Deliverable:** Troy to update the web site as soon as possible.

4- AERC International Committee:

Scheduled for an update, no AERCI reps on call.

5- P&G Committee:

Status on P&G rules and procedures re-write. The committee is making great progress on protests rules and process rewrite. The initial draft has been sent to the BOD for review. Key elements are time frames for each step, financial issues, and resolution guidelines. The main discussion will take place at the midyear meeting in preparation for membership review.

Old Business:

1- Santa Fe ride Update: Barry W sent update to the BOD list to summarize the latest issues with the ride planning. Jennifer N has not received many additional comments from the BOD. The comment period will be extended for the next 10 days to July 20, when all comments and questions will be submitted to the ride management. Roger reported on an informal meeting at the Ft Stanton site for the ride management to learn about a ride site. He reports they had a good introductory meeting.

Executive Session:

Non BOD members dropped off the call. The BOD entered executive session to discuss two current items.

Motion for adjournment, *motion carries unanimously.* Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm PST

Motions:

A) National Championship ride 07

MOTION PROPOSAL

This Motion Proposal form is to be used in the development, presentation and approval process of submitting motions to the Board.

Motion Name

Approval of National Championship Ride in 2007 Aug. 23-26, 2007

Ride Manager - Steph Teeter

Location: Teeter Ranch -15401 Bates Creek Rd, Oreana ID 83650

Proposing Committee National Championship Committee

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) July 10, 2006

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

Approval of NC Ride for 2007 to be held as an FEI event in Oreana, ID,
Steph Teeter to be ride manager

Proposed Motion (use exact wording) Approve

Approve Steph Teeter to manage the 2007 NC Ride on her ranch in Oreana, ID, on Aug. 23-26, 2007
The 100 mile ride will be an FEI event.

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

Steph is a very experienced 50/100 mile ride manager, who has held several successful rides in the past. She has a local club of 50 endurance/trail riders that would help. The location has showers, water hydrants, some electric spots, 30 portable corrals, a big pole barn for shade at the vet checks. Daytime temps can be hot, (average high is 85 degrees and cool nights). The nearest airport is 60 miles away in Boise. There are several tourist attractions, rodeo, Snake River Rafting Trip, Ghost Towns, Owyhee Mountains and more... The trail follows and crosses portions of the Oregon Trail, you will see the wagon wheel ruts!

A Ham Radio club helps out on the rides, wireless Internet is available so that everyone would be informed vet check by vet check of the event as it unfolds. Quote from Steph Teeter, "We are trying to revive the ROC type of event - a hoopla, gala event, lots of awards and sponsors, a "big deal" ride. We feel our ride would be a good venue for the AERC NC Ride. Bev Gray will be the promotional person for the ride, she has helped Susan Gibson with the ROC promotion."

The trail would be a combine the **Owyhee High Country 55 mile ride loop** (5 yrs running, mountain trail, rocky, steep climbs, 3500 ft elevation gain) to be run in the morning and early afternoon and the **Arabian Nights trail** (45 miles) flat desert trail, to be run in the evening hours when the full moon is up and the temps have cooled down.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)

No change

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

Should be a great ride that all members could get excited about attending, should make great articles for all equine publications. Will be well covered on the net during the event so that the members who are not able to attend will be able to keep up with the event. Membership will also have an opportunity to enter the FEI division of the 100 NC Ride, which gives the ride greater international prestige and coverage.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget) No Change

Committees consulted and/or affected

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial)

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

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees)

B) AERC Drug Testing Policy and Procedure
Revised April 1, 2006

The entire Veterinary Committee shall participate in establishing procedures for the drug testing program. The executive director, upon notification by the lab of a detected substance, shall immediately file a protest and notify the chair of the Veterinary Committee and the chair of the Protest and Grievance Committee. A subcommittee consisting of the Chair of the Veterinary Committee, Chair of the Drug Testing Committee and two members of the veterinary committee shall handle all matters involving detected substances. This subcommittee shall submit its comments on the laboratory report and any other matters that bear on the protest to the Protest and Grievance Committee within 10 days. A subcommittee report will be sent to all members of the Veterinary Committee and the Executive Director within 30 days of notification of a detected substance. The veterinary committee shall not communicate with the accused or any member of AERC not on the Protest and Grievance Committee.

A minimum of three rides will be tested per region annually, excluding the west and pacific southwest regions where there is a state drug testing program in place in California. In these two regions, one to two rides annually will be tested in Nevada and/or Hawaii. There are 7 regions outside of the west and pacific southwest so this will result in a minimum of 21 rides. With the addition 1 or 2 ride tested for Nevada/Hawaii there will be a total of a minimum of 23 rides tested annually. AERC will test only in the USA and will employ the Canadian drug testing agency to test in Canada.

The AERC drug testing subcommittee will recruit, select and train testing veterinarians. There will be approximately four testing veterinarians per region outside of California. Only these veterinarians will perform drug testing for AERC. AERC will pay each testing veterinarian \$300.00 per ride tested. If the ride is to be greater than 75 miles in length, the testing veterinarian will be paid \$400.00. Travel to the ride site over 200 miles one way will be reimbursed at 20 cents/mile with a maximum travel allowance of \$100.00.

The testing veterinarians will be instructed in a letter how to select horses to be tested and how to properly handle the samples. The AERC veterinary committee shall hold a short course/clinic at the annual veterinary CE on proper sampling techniques.

The testing veterinarian will test the winning horse in the longest distance ride for the event and will randomly select three additional horses to be tested.

The testing will cost approximately \$675.00.00 per ride for a budget of \$15,525.00 for 23 rides tested annually.

The rides to be tested shall be selected by the chair of the drug testing subcommittee.

Testing kits will be mailed to the testing veterinarian as close to the ride time as possible.

The testing veterinarian will be instructed to keep control over the kit at all times and to mail the samples as soon as possible to the laboratory, no later than two days post ride.

The testing laboratory will be instructed to keep the split sample as a referee sample in all positive cases until instructed by AERC to destroy the sample. The testing laboratory will also be instructed to run DNA testing on all positive tests to confirm identity of the horse.

Drug testing results shall be printed monthly in Endurance News.

The AERC website shall be updated as needed to reflect changes in this policy.

Submitted by the AERC Veterinary Committee

C) AERC Drug Testing Program

The integrity of endurance competition requires that the equine is not influenced by any drug or medication. AERC has a drug testing program in place to deter the use of drugs and medications in endurance horses.

Objective:

The objective of the AERC drug testing program is to deter the use of drugs and medications in endurance horses. Penalties, including fines, loss of awards and suspension, provide a high level of deterrence to potential violators. Deterrence is also established through visibility of the program.

Funding:

A \$1.00 fee, per starting rider, funds the AERC drug testing program. The AERC does not drug test endurance rides in California where there is an established Equine

Medication Monitoring Program implemented by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Procedure:

Each year there will be approximately 100 horses drug tested at AERC rides. Blood samples are submitted to an independent lab. The first place horse in the longest distance ride of the event will be tested along with other randomly selected horses.