

AERC BOD Phone Meeting Minutes 8_7_06

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM PST by Stagg Newman, President

I. General Housekeeping

A) Kathleen- Roll Call and excusals. In attendance:

Stagg Newman, Mike Maul, Nick Warhol, Patti Pizzo, Mike Jaffe, Connie Caudill, Jan Stevens, Tom Dean, Gail Williams, Terry Woolley Howe, John H. Parke, Joe Schoech, Roger Taylor, Jeff Trinkle, Barry Waitte, Jerry Fruth, Laura Hayes, Robert Ribley, C. Mike Tomlinson, Kathleen A. Henkel, and AERC International Committee Chair Kathy Brunjes.

A motion made to excuse in advance: Dinah Rojek, Joe Long, and Jennifer Nice. Motion passes unanimously.

Not in attendance: Joyce Mocilan, Stan Eichelberger, Susan Kasemeyer, and Teresa Cross.

B) Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 10 conference call. Note- these are the adjusted minutes Stagg forwarded, not the ones included in the initial email from the office. Motion made to approve, motion passes unanimously.

II. Committee Reports : see attached reports below the attached motions:

- 1. Education Committee**
- 2. AERC International Committee**
- 3. Technical Committee**
- 4. Welfare of the Horse Committee**

III. Membership Update: Kathleen H. 2006: 6425 as of 8/7/06 and 2005 as of 8/1/05: 6430.

IV. Agenda Items:

1. Financial Committee – Patti Pizzo

A) The 2007 Budget Proposal (adjusted) has been sent out separately to all BOD members. The only changes from the original budget - trail master expense is reduced by \$2K, and the finance request for an audit/accounting review in 2007 is removed. (Expense to be pulled forward to 2006) Jennifer Nice could possibly remove expenses for advertising in some magazines- this would reduce by half to make budget positive. The budget would still be \$7K for advertising. There was discussion on if the cut should be made. A suggestion is made to increase the sponsorship revenue to make up the difference. The sponsorship group will commit to making this revenue bump to keep the extra \$2K expense in the budget. A verbal motion was made from committee to pass the 2007 budget in a proposed format. (A working budget) The proposed budget will be published in the September Endurance news, and be put on the Web site. Motion passes unanimously. (see Attachment I)

B) Patti presents a motion for an Audit (financial review) in 2006 rather than waiting until 2007. Would cost \$7,000. Patti has sent the motion proposal out directly to the BOD for review. A Motion is made from committee to fund this audit out of 2006 funds. Motion passes unanimously. (see attachment 1A)

2. Limited Distance Committee – Terry Wolley Howe

Limited Distance Time Reporting Motion from committee. The motion was sent to the BOD for review, and was printed in EN for membership review and comment on July 8th. Neither the office or the LD committee received any comments, either positive or negative, from the membership. Some discussion was held on the aspects of the issue, potentially involving some ride managers to cancel their LD rides as a result. Terry calls the question and asks for a vote, since this issue has been ongoing for several months. Stagg asks for any new discussion or points of view. Hearing none, a roll call vote was asked for by Terry.
Motion carries 15 yes 2 no. (See attachment II)

Roll Call vote regarding the Limited Distance motion:

Mike Maul:	YES
Nick Warhol:	YES
Patti Pizzo:	YES
Mike Jaffe:	YES
Connie Caudill:	NO
Jan Stevens:	YES
Tom Dean:	YES
Gail Wailliams:	YES
Terry Woolley Howe:	YES
John H. Parke:	YES
Joe Schoech:	YES
Roger Taylor:	YES
Jeff Trinkle:	YES
Barry Waitte:	YES
Jerry Fruth:	YES
Laura Hayes - no vote - dropped from call	
Robert Ribley:	NO
Mike Tomlinson:	YES

15 YES

2 NO

3. Sanctioning Committee – Susan Kasemeyer (Nick Warhol)

Mileage Change for Redwood Ride Trails Motion. Nick W requests a post ride sanctioning change for the Redwood I ride (West Region) to increase the mileage from 25/50 to 30/55. There was a mistake on the distances on a new loop that the management missed due to faulty information from the Park Service. Both 25 and 50 mile trails were actually 5 miles longer than advertised. (see written motion attachment III) motion is made from committee, passes unanimously with one abstention.

4. Trails Grants Committee – Greg Jones (Roger Taylor)

Motion is made to make a donation from the Trails Grant budget for 'Equestrian Trail Crew' Trailers. Roger T describes the project. It is part of a shared group of clubs/organizations to acquire the first trailer (pilot program) for shared use. The amount is for a \$3000 donation to the association. The trailer will include signage to show we have donated towards it. It was not clear

that the proposal was for a pilot program for the first trailer, so Roger will modify the motion to clarify. Motion passes unanimously with one abstention. (see attachment IV)

Other Old Business

1. Update on status of Santa Fe Trail Ride – Barry W coordinated a meeting with the ride management and BOD members in person and on the phone. It was a very positive meeting. Barry sent out a summary of the topics discussed that will improve the ride. John P described the actual meeting, saying it was very positive and had great BOD participation. The sanctioning request has not been submitted yet. Barry has no further comments. (See Attachment V for a summary)

New Business

Stagg defers ideas on new membership until a new membership committee head is appointed.

Barry W- Provided an update on sponsorship activity:

- 1) The Adequan sponsorship deal has been signed!
- 2) Belesemo Arabians has signed a contract to now sponsor the Pioneer awards for five years. Three blankets and a cash donation to the AERC worth about \$2,500 a year.
- 3) Barry is almost done with a complete re-write of the sponsorship committee policies and procedures.

There will be no BOD meeting on labor day- next meeting will be in two months on Oct 2nd to plan the midyear on Oct 21st.

Executive Session

The BOD went into Executive session to discuss two ongoing matters. Kathy B was asked to leave the call.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm PST.

Attachment I- Proposed “working” FY07 budget

Preliminary 2007 Budget As of 8/3/2006

5000 · Membership Dues	
5000-1 · Current Dues	303,000
Total 5000 · Membership Dues	303,000
5010 · International Dues	4,180
5020 · Horse Registration	9,000
5040 · Ride Fees	
5040-1 · Rider Fee	112,750
5040-2 · Day-member Fee	25,000
5040-3 · Sanction Fee	15,000

5040-4 · Late Fee	300
5040-5 · Protest Fee	100
5040-6 · Miscalculated Fee	-
Total 5040 · Ride Fees	153,150
5050 · Drug Testing Program	18,000
5060 · Convention Income	
5060-1 · Seminar	28,000
5060-2 · Vendor	35,000
5060-3 · Banquet	9,500
5060-5 · Raffle	6,000
5060-6 · Entertainment	2,000
5060-7 · Vet CEU	1,500
Total 5060 · Convention Income	82,000
5070 · Convention Income-Sales	
5070-1 · General Products	1,200
5070-2 · International Products	2,170
5070-3 · Tack Swap	800
Total 5070 · Convention Income-Sales	4,170
5080 · Endurance News	
5080-1 · Advertising	120,000
5080-2 · Subscriptions	1,800
Total 5080 · Endurance News	121,800
5090 · Yearbook Advertising Income	1,000
5095 · Directory Advertising Income	1,000
5100 · Sponsorship Program	
5100-2 · Cash	8,500
Total 5100 · Sponsorship Program	8,500
5110 · Product Sales	
5110-1 · General	1,200
5110-2 · International	1,000
5110-3 · Calendars	
Total 5110 · Product Sales	2,200
5120 · Trails Contribution Income	12,000
5140 · Credit Card Royalties	2,500
5150 · Interest Income	
5150-1 · General	2,700
5150-2 · International	750
5150-3 · Trails	375
5151 · Wachovia Account	5,000
Total 5150 · Interest Income	8,825
5160 · Nomination Fee	50
Miscellaneous	
5152 · Dividends - Wachovia Money Mkt	700
5153 · Dividends - Wachovia Brkge Acct	2,000
5180 · Unrealized (Gain)Loss on Invest	
Total Income	734,075
6000 · Endurance News Expense	
6000-1 · Printing & Reproduction	88,000

6000-2 · Postage & Delivery	25,000
6000-3 · Contributing Author	800
Total 6000 · Endurance News Expense	113,800
6010 · Yearbook Expense	
6010-1 · Printing & Reproduction	12,500
6010-3 · Postage & Delivery	5,000
Total 6010 · Yearbook Expense	17,500
6020 · Postage & Delivery	22,000
6030 · Printing and Reproduction	23,000
6040 · Adv'tising, Promotion, PR	1,000
6050 · Travel & Meals	
6050-1 · Staff	2,000
6050-2 · BOD Meals	4,500
6050-3 · BOD Per Diem	13,000
6050-5 · Board Travel/Lodging	
Total 6050 · Travel & Meals	19,500
6060 · Office Supplies	3,600
6070 · Computer Supplies	1,500
6075 · Web Site Maintenance	1,500
6080 · Dues and Subscriptions	500
6090 · Convention Expense	
6090-01 · Banquet	17,000
6090-02 · Trade Show	12,000
6090-03 · Security	3,300
6090-04 · Honorarium	2,500
6090-05 · Lodging	2,500
6090-06 · Printing/Signage/Supplies	2,500
6090-07 · Audio/Visual	7,000
6090-08 · Photography	200
6090-09 · Travel	1,000
6090-1 · Meals	2,400
6090-2 · Fees/Permits/Taxes	500
6090-3 · Entertainment	3,000
6090-4 · Vet CEU	2,000
6090-5 · Postage & Delivery	1,000
6090-7 · Member Promotions	1,200
Total 6090 · Convention Expense	58,100
6100 · Awards	
6100-1 · Mileage Plateaus	2,500
6100-2 · Year-End	25,000
6100-3 · High Mileage Horses	2,500
6100-4 · National Championship	2,500
6100-5 · Postage & Delivery	3,000
Total 6100 · Awards	35,500
6110 · Cost of Products Sold	
6110-1 · General	2,000
6110-2 · International	2,500
6110-3 · Julie Suhr's Book	800
Total 6110 · Cost of Products Sold	5,300
6120 · Drug Testing Program Expense	

6120-1 · Lab Testing	2,900
6120-2 · Lab Equip. & Shipping	1,000
6120-3 · Vet Charges	8,000
6120-5 · Vet Shipping	350
Total 6120 · Drug Testing Program Expense	12,250
6123 · AERC NC Ride Expense	7,500
6130 · Payroll Expense	
6130-1 · Hourly Wages	102,000
6130-2 · Salaries	76,000
6130-4 · Payroll Taxes	16,100
6130-5 · Employee Benefits	15,500
6130-6 · Bonus	3,500
6130-8 · Matching 401k	10,800
Total 6130 · Payroll Expense	223,900
6140 · Repairs & Maintenance	
6140-1 · Computer	2,100
6140-2 · Equipment	500
Total 6140 · Repairs & Maintenance	2,600
6150 · Equipment Rental	7,000
6170 · Insurance	
6170-1 · Directors & Officers Insurance	2,100
6170-2 · Liability Insurance	3,500
6170-3 · Worker's Comp Insurance	3,000
6170-4 · Ride Insurance	32,700
Total 6170 · Insurance	41,300
6180 · Professional Fees	
6180-01 · 501H Fees	200
6180-1 · Accounting Fees	5,000
6180-2 · Legal Fees	1,000
6180-4 · QB Payroll Service	1,200
6180-5 · Ballot Counting	1,000
Total 6180 · Professional Fees	8,400
6190 · Rent & Storage Expense	12,400
6200 · Telephone Expense	4,500
6201 · Board Conference Call	5,500
6210 · Utilities Expense	2,000
6240 · Taxes & Licenses	500
6250 · Bad Debt Expense	500
6260 · Bank & Service Charges	250
6270 · Credit Card Fees	9,750
6300 · Committee Expense	
6300-01 · Education/Safety	5,000
6300-02 · Executive	200
6300-03 · Finance	-
6300-04 · Junior	850
6300-05 · International	8,100
6300-07 · Protest & Grievence	1,000
6300-08 · Ride Managers	300
6300-09 · Technical	8,200
6300-10 · Trails	4,850

6300-11 · Trails-501H	6,300
6300-12 · Veterinarian	3,850
6300-13 · Elections	
6300-14 · National Championship	
6300-15 · Past Presidents Committee	
6300-16 · Horse Welfare Committee	-
6300-17 · Limited Distance	
6300-20 · Trails Grants	-
6300-25 · Insurance	250
MarComm	10,698
Brand Marketing	-
Membership Marketing (MMC)	6,000
Ride Marketing	-
Endurance Rides	300
Total 6300 · Committee Expense	55,898
6380 · Trail Master Courses	25,000
Total Expense	722,048.00
Operating Income	12,027
Depreciation	12,000
Research Grants	-
Trails Grants	
Total Other Expense	12,000
Net Income	27

Attachment 1A

AERC Board of Directors MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name: Request for Funds for 2005 Financial Review work

Proposing Committee: Patti Pizzo, Treasurer

Date of Motion: 8/7/06

Classification of Motion Request : new

Proposed Motion: I am requesting \$7,000.00 for a financial review of the AERC bookkeeping for the 2005 tax year. This would be charged to the 2006 tax year.

Background, analysis and benefit : This is not solving any perceived problem . I am requesting this as just a good procedure to follow every few years.

Budget effect/impact: This would come out of 2006 monies and would not affect the 2007 budget. The finance committee currently is projecting positive income for 2006.

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization Peace of mind.

Impact on AERC Office: Working with the accountant to supply him with the records. Workload- minimal .

Committees consulted and/or affected Finance committee members consulted, Liz Bryson AERC Accounting Manager consulted.

Implementation plan: To start shortly after the tax returns are finalized for 2005

Supporting materials : None

Supporting approvals: Finance committee, Patti P

ATTACHMENT II

MOTION PROPOSAL
Limited Distance and Endurance Times

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

Limited Distance and Endurance Times

Proposing Committee

Limited Distance Committee

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BoD)

August 7, 2006

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

Change

Proposed Motion (use exact wording)

Change the AERC Rules 8.5.4 and L8.3. to read as follows

Proposed Rule 8.5.4

Ride results must list all completing riders in order of finish along with their division. Ride results must state the riding time for each completing rider as determined under Rule 5.3. Ride results must also list all starting riders who did not complete.

Proposed Rule L8.3

Ride results must list all completing riders in order of finish. Ride results must state the riding time for each completing rider as determined under Rule L5.3. Ride results must also list all starting riders who did not complete.”

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

See prior minutes as this has been discussed extensively in prior BoD meetings.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)

None.

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

Provides accurate records for members.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget)

De minimus.

Committees consulted and/or affected

Rules Committee, Ride Managers Committee, Sanctioning Committee.

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial)

As soon as feasible for office including notification in EN and on Web.

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

none

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees)

Limited Distance and Rules Committees.

ATTACHMENT III.

MOTION PROPOSAL

Redwood Ride Mileage Change

Motion Name : Post Ride sanctioning request for additional miles for the Redwood ride

Proposing Committee: Sanctioning

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BoD): Aug 7, 2006

Classification of Motion Request: House keeping approval for a ride re-sanction

Proposed Motion: This motion is to approve the post ride sanctioning of the Redwood Ride, West Region, held on July 22, 2006 to increase the distances from 25/50 to 30/55.

Background, analysis and benefit:

I have a request from long time rider and ride manager Ted Ruprecht regarding the recently held Redwood ride up in the very northern part of California. Its an old ride, (and quite wonderful) and has always been a 25/50. This year the park let them use two new trails that have not been available for many years. They put the trails in the ride and used the map provided by the park for the mileage readings. No one single person marked the entire trail. It became obvious during the ride that the distances were a little too long, as many riders came in late, but not overly so. 27 started the 25, only 7 finished on time, 10th place time was 5:30 ride time. On the 50, 31 started with 19 finishing on time, 10th place was 9:16 ride time. As the ride progressed the manager knew something was wrong, but could not change the trail, since it was a loop. The park confirmed with a better map that the ride had an extra 6 miles in it. Had the rides been sanctioned as a 30/55, the LD would have had 17 finish on time, and the 50 would have had all 23 (8 pulls) finish. The ride managers are requesting a post ride change in the sanctioning to make the ride a 30/55. I support this change, because I know the ride, I know the managers, and I believe they made an honest mistake that the park could have handled better.

The second part of the request is to re-sanction the upcoming Redwood ride II on August 5th to be a 30/55 as well, as they are planning on using the same trail. The riders all thought the new trail was spectacular; I wish I could have made the ride.

I recommend adjusting the miles on the ride, and changing the sanctioning on the upcoming ride to a 30/55. Please let me know your thoughts. If I can get approval from the committee I will bring it up for a vote at the next BOD meeting on the 7th.

Rules effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate): There is no rules impact of this motion.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate): There is no budget impact of this motion.

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization: Fourteen riders will receive completions as a result of this request.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget): There is no impact of this proposal to the AERC office. Committees consulted and/or affected: None

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial): There is no implementation plan.

Supporting materials (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets): None.

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees): Approval of the sanctioning committee.

ATTACHMENT IV.

**AERC Board of Directors
MOTION PROPOSAL**

Motion Name *TRAILS GRANT DONATION FOR 'EQUESTRIAN TRAIL CREW' TRAILERS*

Proposing Committee *TRAILS GRANTS COMMITTEE*

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) *AUGUST 7, 2006*

Classification of Motion Request (new, change, add, delete, by-law, rule, policy)
This is a new trails grant.

Proposed Motion (use exact wording)

The Trails Grants Committee moves that a trails grant in the amount of \$3,000 be approved as a donation for Equestrian Trail Crew trailers to the Daniel Boone Distance Riders Association.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving)
This first trailer is a pilot program. If this works as anticipated we plan to have trail equipment/tool trailers in each state (or areas where trails are being worked.)

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)
The \$3000 is from the 2006 funding received for trails preservation from members at renewal. The income received to date is \$9,999.42, listed as line 5120 of the most recent P& L Statement (6/30/06).

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

The benefit of these trailers is that specialized tools for trails building and repairing will be available to volunteers to use throughout a region.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget) *NONE*

Committees consulted and/or affected *TRAILS GRANTS*

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial) *Office will pay invoice when submitted*

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

Grant request from Greg Jones, President, DBDR, is attached.

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees)

AERC TRAILS GRANT REQUEST

EQUINE TRAIL CREW TRAILERS

The Daniel Boone Distance Riders (DBDR, an AHA affiliated club dedicated to Endurance & Competitive Trail Riding), in partnership with the Kentucky Horse Council (KHC), Indiana Horse Council (IHC), Indiana Trail Ride Association (ITRA) and the Indiana Horse Council Foundation proposes to buy four trailers and equip them with a variety of tools for use on trail projects (construction, repair, maintenance, etc.). Several members of these groups have recently taken the AERC sponsored Trail Master course and similar Mike Ritter courses sponsored by ITRA & KHC. One result has been that we have learned that it is easier to build better trails with the right tools.

Having proper tools will make the work easier and safer and will present an image that will make it easier to attract volunteers for projects. Projects will be limited to non-motorized trails that are open to horse riding, but we should make the tools available to responsible non-horse groups.

The estimated cost is \$6,000/trailer. The Trailers themselves will be painted to recognize the sponsors. We also will label the trailers "Equestrian Trail Crew" to generate goodwill toward riders. We plan to base one trailer each with DBDR, KHC, IHC and ITRA.

The trailers are to be financed through a combination of donations and grants, including donations from the four organizations involved. Most of the corporate programs we are planning to approach for financing require matching funds so we anticipate needing to raise as much as half of the cost from the equestrian community. All donations are to be received by the Indiana Horse Council Foundation, which will then disburse money as it is spent. This will allow donations to be tax deductible and provide a built in auditing step to assure that funds are spent appropriately.

The program has been delayed some months while we research liability issues. We are considering having the trailers owned by the clubs verses forming an LLC that might provide protection for the sponsoring clubs. We hope this issue will be resolved soon so that we may proceed with seeking corporate sponsorship.

Ultimately, this project could provide a template to obtain similar trailers full of tools for every state in the country.

The Daniel Boone Distance Riders request that \$3000.00 be awarded by AERC to support this project.

Greg Jones

President, DBDR

TOOLS PER TRAILER

Digital Level	2
Rock Bar	1
Wheel Barrow	1
2-Way Radios	6
Pointed Shovels ⁴	
Flat Shovels	4
Pulaskis	10
McCleods	10
Loppers	4
Hard Hats	12
Clinometers	4
Gas Leaf Blowers	2
Chaps	2
5 Gal Water Jug ¹	
Tick Spray	1 Case
Bee Foam	4 Cans
Gloves	12 Dozen
Large 1 st Aid Kit	1
Small 1 st Aid Kit	4
Latex Gloves	4 Boxes
Tylenol	1 Box

FANNY PACKS:

Fanny Packs	100
Ear Plugs	200
Goggles	120
Sunscreen	
Insect Repellent	
Tylenol	

T-SHIRTS: Sponsors
NO Power Tools except Leaf Blowers

ATTACHMENT V
Santa Fe Trail Ride Update

This past Monday a meeting was held in Lawrence, Kansas with the Santa Fe organizing committee at the house of the ride director. Attending from the AERC was me, Jennifer, Stagg, Roger and Susan with John Park on the telephone from California. This was a very productive and positive meeting. The ride specifics were reviewed in detail and overall I think I can represent that all the AERC members present were impressed with the plans. The ride details continue to change and most of it is based on the input from our process and our membership. Overall they are now planning a 13 day event with 10 days of riding, with the mileage between 50 and 55 miles each day. Most days will require a trailer ride from the finish to the ride camp, but the ride organizers will make that accommodation for all the participants. There will be a minimum of three rest days spread in the middle of the ride. We were impressed at the planning

and awareness the management group has to the complexity and details of the ride logistics. At the end we specifically requested that more trail work was needed on four of the ten days of riding. There were also a number of other inputs and requests to the group on other aspects of the ride, so they still have a lot of work to do before we see a sanctioning request. The Santa Fe group is proceeding with their planning, and is attempting to get a sanctioning request in within 30-45 days. **Barry Waitte**

Committee Reports:

Education Committee Report August 2006

- We have Mentor Liaisons for each region
 - We have published Newbie Briefing online
 - A press releases going to ride camp and ride forum and into EN
 - It will be in every ride manager packet from now on
- The Beyond the Basics clinic is under review by the committee.
 - Planning is underway to train Mentor Liaisons in how to work with their mentors on giving clinics, proposal forthcoming.
- Mentor Liaisons are taking more responsibilities answering rider questions received through the website.
- New articles have been posted on the website

**AERC-I Committee
Board Report
August 7, 2006**

Conference Call meeting July 31, 2006, 9:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Attendance: Kathy Brunjes, Chair
Mark Dial, Vice-Chair
Art Priesz, USEF High Performance
Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee
Sue Phillips - Central
Betty Baker, Treasurer, Julie Bullock – East
Linda Strelnik, Holly Ulyate - Mountain
Michele Roush – PacNorth
Teresa Cross, Tinker Hart – PacSouth
Jan Stevens, Junior Committee

Absent: Jamie Saults, USEF Endurance Director
Val Kanavy, Nat'l Chef d'Equipe
Amanda Taylor, Recording Secretary
Jennifer Nice, Electronic Newsletter Editor
Grace Ramsay - Central
Carol Giles – PacNorth
Susan Kasemeyer, AERC Liaison and Educ.Comm

1. The minutes of June 26, 2006 were approved as presented.
2. Betty gave the financial report: \$39,898.29 currently in the treasury. Betty has requested \$2,000 be sent to USEF as our 2006 (budgeted) WEG donation. Net income is \$5,183, including \$800.00 of merchandise sold since May.

Due to time constraints, Betty has not been able to investigate lower conference call fees from other companies; Betty will report on her findings at the September AERC-I meeting.

3. Art Priesz presented the USEF update.
 - The WEG team is in the process of departing for Aachen, Germany (August 3). Art thanked Jamie Saults for her efforts in coordinating the itineraries for both riders and horses.
 - The location of the 2008 World Endurance Championships, originally scheduled for Malaysia, has yet to be finalized; Art reported that we won't know until after the 2006 WEG if Malaysia is still on the schedule. The 2006 World Endurance Forum, moved to a November date, is still considered a "soft" date; dependant upon Malaysia and location of 2008 WEC. More information will be forthcoming following the 2006 WEG.
 - The USEF Technical Committee met last week (July 25) and approved the FEI schedule for 2007 rides: six rides have requested sanctioning, including the proposed 2007 ZTEC. The USEF Technical Committee also approved the ZTEC concept and ride date of September 29, 2007 at the Ft. Howes site. The next Technical Committee meeting will be held in September.
 - Discussions around selection criteria for the proposed 2007 Zone Team Championship event/USEF Team Challenge (ZTEC) have been postponed until after the WEG. There has been lively debate about the Team vs. Individual rider

concept as well as selection criteria for teams. USEF will sponsor this ride as a Team event, and as an FEI three-star (CEI ***) event.

- The 2007 PanAms endurance event will be held in conjunction with the PanAm Equestrian events and date will coincide with the PanAm games in Brazil.

4. Linda Strelnik, National Selection Committee Chair, reported on the final selection of the U.S. Traveling Team (riders and horses) for the WEG. In alphabetical order:

Kathy Downs and Pygmalion
Joe Mattingley and SA Laribou
Steve Rojek and Finch
Christoph Schork and Taj Rai Hasan
Meg Sleeper and Shyrocco Troilus

6th horse: Cheyenne XII with Jennifer Niehaus

Linda stated that the Selection Committee had a strong group of horses and riders to choose from. Linda explained the status of Jennifer Niehaus: if any of the 5 team horses is unable to compete on August 21, then Cheyenne will be substituted and Jennifer will be able to ride her own horse. Both Mike T. and Jamie explained that in other disciplines, riders usually have more than one horse to choose from when at the WEG, whereas in Endurance we have just one horse per rider, necessitating substitutions/alternates at the last minute.

The remaining riders and horses from the final selection trials (the six riders/horses not selected for Germany) will now be part of the U.S. Endurance (National) Team, and eligible for selection to off-continent championship events (such as the PanAms and UAE President's Cup) in 2007.

5. Jan Stevens reported on her subcommittee's progress re: junior/young riders' poll. She has collated 113 responses received by the AERC office, and is working on developing a spreadsheet with pertinent information about each rider (for example, 72 riders have 500 mile OR LESS, 14 riders have competed in an FEI sanctioned event already, and 42 riders have done a 100-mile ride). Jan plans on having a meeting in September with her subcommittee to go over plans on how to proceed with this information.
6. Articles for upcoming *Endurance News* issues will provide biographies and photos of the WEG team, a report of the WEG and updated information on the proposed ZTEC and selection criteria.

Open Discussion

Kathy opened discussion by informing the committee that she had been contacted by a reporter from Germany, asking for information on the U.S individual riders and possible ride strategies, etc. Jamie responded that she had also been contacted and had referred this reporter to the USEF Public Relations department.

Holly asked for the 2007 FEI ride schedule, for posting to the AERC-I website; Jamie will email the schedule to Holly after the WEG (the schedule needs to be posted to the FEI calendar before it is official).

Jamie reported that she will be in Germany from August 3 – August 6 (just long enough to make sure the horses arrived safely and were stabled appropriately, and to make sure riders and

grooms arriving early had their lodging/accommodations as asked for) then returning to Germany on August 17 and staying through August 25.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Technical Committee Report August 2006

There are three projects underway by the Technical Committee.

1. Add the capability to TomCat to enter additional Post Ride Statistical Report parameters requested by the Vet Committee so that data analysis can be done using statistical analysis. In progress.
2. Ride Manager input of ride results to a web interface for increased office efficiency and timeliness of input for ride managers. Work in progress with the Ride Managers committee.
3. Member input of Volunteer Hours worked on trails using the member's page for generating reports used with the various government services. First phase done and ready to use by members.

AERC Veterinary Committee Report
August, 2006

- The Veterinary Guidelines for Judging AERC Competitions has been revised/updated. Copies can be obtained through the AERC office by mid-August.
 - The first quarterly issue of the AERC Endurance Veterinarian Newsletter will be mailed out the first part of August to all AERC veterinarians and AERC directors.
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Welfare of the Horse Committee Report

In the first half of the 2006 season, the welfare committee has fielded several informal complaints, and have been busy talking, writing and mentoring riders who may be putting their equine partners at risk.

Finishing up the 2005 death reports has become priority one, with three reports by three different members yet to be completed.

In a recent telephone conference, the committee agreed to replace Jim Mitchell with Gary Hall of California. A original member of the committee, Jim has gotten busy with family and work, and asked to be relieved. We will miss Jim and thank him for his participation. Gary is on the Tevis board and the husband of AERC office employee, Judy Hall. We look forward to working with him.

The committee is discussing recommendations to the BoD concerning the health and welfare of the horses in our sport. Those recommendations will be presented in written form in the next few months.

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