

AERC BOD Phone Meeting Minutes Summary 12_4_06

In attendance: Stagg Newman, Mike Maul, Patti Pizzo, Nick Warhol, Jennifer Nice, Connie Caudill, Joyce Mocilan, Jan Stevens, Stan Eichelberger, Tom Dean, Terry Woolley Howe, Mike Jaffe, John H. Parke, Susan Kasemeyer, Robert Ribley, Joe Schoech, Roger Taylor, Jeff Trinkle, Barry Waitte, Gail Williams, Kim Fuess, Jerry Fruth, Laura Hayes, Melissa Ribley (Head of Vet Committee)

Absent: Joe Long, Dinah Rojek, C. Mike Tomlinson

I. Housekeeping

1. Motion made for excusal from Nov 4th meeting – Kathleen Henkel
 - a. Joyce Mocilan – death in family
 - b. Jeff Trinkle – business emergency
 - c. Gail Williams – parent care; Motion carries unanimously.
2. Minutes from the Midyear meeting were accidentally not sent out to the BOD for review, they will be forwarded and raised for approval on the Jan conf call.
3. Membership Statistics – Kathleen Henkel Present date 2006, 6579 members compared to 6572 in 05. Kathleen reports that lots of 07 renewals coming in daily, maybe almost 3000 so far to date.
4. Mike Maul presents some membership statistics about AERC rider entries year to year from 05 to 06, and LD VS endurance entries. Total AERC rider days are down about 5% overall, but there are interesting results by region. The NE region is up, some are relatively flat, and some are down. Several directors have asked about the Endurance VS LD percentages for their regions. Mike will follow up with a detailed summary of the results that he will forward to the BOD.

II. Committee Reports

Stagg reminds the group that BoD Members should have read all written committee reports prior to the call. The following committees have brief oral reports and/or Motions to Present:

1. *Finances Committee* — Patti Pizzo reports on the 2006 financials to date. The assets total is \$639,788 up from \$585,000 in FY05. \$54,000 net income is projected for FY06, \$10K comes from excess drug testing fees, \$5K for trails contributions, leaving about \$40K remaining to figure out where to apply across the committees. The BOD should begin a dialog on their ideas and submit suggestions for the next meeting.
2. *Sanctioning Committee* – Susan Kasemeyer reports on four rides in 07 that require special sanctioning.
 - Californios Tejon Fandango, PS region, Sept 22,23,24, first time pioneer
 - Black hills ride, MT region, May 25,26,27 first time pioneer
 - Strawberry fields Forever, MT region, June 22,23,24, second time pioneer
 - Endless Valley, MW region, date change Aug 3,4,5.

Motion from committee: Motions all pass unanimously with one abstention on the PS ride.

3. *Trails Advocacy Committee* – Jerry Fruth gives an update on the changes to the language on the national five year MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the BLM. The work is almost complete and will be passed to the BOD for review when finished.
4. *Trails Grants Committee* – Roger Taylor reports on the motion to contribute funds to the West Virginia Dept of Transportation for tools and equipment for the permanent trails center. See attachment #1 below. Motion from committee: Motion passes unanimously.
5. *Education Committee*- Dinah Rojek was to report on the research she has done on how the AERC originally decided on the minimum age of horses for competition, but was not on the call. Melissa R. reports that the vet committee has discussed how the AERC figured out the initial minimum age requirements. The original age of five years came from the WSTF, and AERC adopted it. The WSTF has since changed the age to six years old. The vet committee recommends the BOD increase the minimum ages from 4 and 5 years for LD and endurance to 5 and 6 years of age. Dinah will give her report on the next conf call. This idea will need to be presented to the membership for feedback, including an article in EN.

III. Other Old Business: none reported

IV. Other New Business: none reported

V. Executive Session: The BOD went into executive session to discuss two subjects. .

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05pm pst