

AERC BOD phone meeting minutes 4_2_07

Meeting Called to order at 6:02 PM, PST, by Mike Maul, President.

Housekeeping

***In Attendance:* Stagg Newman, Mike Maul, Nick Warhol, Patti Pizzo, Mike Jaffe, Jennifer Nice, Connie Caudill, Joyce Mocilan, Joe Long, Jan Stevens, Tom Dean, Gail Williams, Terry Woolley Howe, John H. Parke, Susan Kasemeyer, Joe Schoech, Roger Taylor, Kim Fuess, Laura Hayes, Robert Ribley, Mike Tomlinson, Barry Waitte, Stan Eichelberger, John Crandell, Heidi Smith, Kathleen A. Henkel**

***Also in attendance:* Sarah Engsberg, Chair, Trails committee**

***Excusals in advance from tonight's meeting :* Randy Eiland, Jeff Trinkle**

Approval of minutes:

- **Midyear meeting minutes: Feb 22, 24, and 25. The minutes were sent to the BOD in mid march, but were not included in the agenda for this meeting. For this reason they will be attached to the agenda for the next meeting for an official approval. Nick to check that one modification by Stagg has been included.**

Committee Reports: BOD Members should have read all written committee reports prior to the call.

- **Trails Committee (see attached below)**
- **Veterinary committee (see attached below)**

Motion to accept committee reports- motion carries unanimously.

Old business:

- **Drug rule re-write of rule13. John P sent the updated document to the BOD. John feels this draft is most likely good to go without any major changes. The goal is to have the re-write published in the next EN, giving people time to comment. The goal will be to vote on the change at Midyear, with the go live date of December 1, 2007. John requests to wait until it is published in EN before releasing to the Internet lists.**
- **New Canadian organization- Mike T reports that all groups involved in Canada are backing the new Endurance Canada group. The issue of the data technology interface between AERC and EC has been turned over to the tech comm. Mike reports they must be able to provide a good interface. The main issue is member reciprocity, so there are no differences in costs and points awarded for Americans riding in Canada and Canadian riders riding in the USA. This is a longer term project so it will be done right**
- **Insurance committee- Roger T reports Kathleen has the draft letter regarding additional insured certificates and the timing of the ride year. Equisure needs a commitment for renewal of the insurance for next year in order to provide certificates for the early rides in '08 that are in the planning stages now. Kathleen read it to the BOD. Roger is looking for an opinion that this is acceptable. No one**

on the BOD objects, Mike submits a quick motion, passes unanimously. Mike asks Roger to send the letter.

- Roger reports on the Santa Fe ride. Insurance coverage for all aspects of the ride continues to be an issue of discussion. There is still conversation going on between Equisure and the ride mgmt. Santa Fe ride managers are seeking insurance coverage outside Equisure for some aspects of the ride. Roger and Kathleen are continuing to work to resolve the issue.
- Roger visited some of the actual vet checks planned for the ride. He reports issues with the distances involved between checks, and some conditions that would be a problem in bad weather. Vet and emergency access for vehicles are a concern. Roger brought up the concerns to the ride mgmt; they are actively working on these issues. Roger reports he drove some of the trail and found it all county roads. Tom Parker DVM will also evaluate some of the issues and issue a report. Laura H plans to visit the Dodge City Shootout, the pilot ride for the Santa Fe ride. Mike M will coordinate with Rob and Courtney on some of the key issues.

New Business:

- Sarah Engsberg- request for a Fort Stanton trails grant. (See attached motion form) Involves a \$1,500 request for an RV dump station match. Funded from the trails contribution fund. Motion from Committee- Motion passes unanimously, with Roger T abstaining.
- Committee restructuring initiative- Mike M gives a summary of the proposed changes, proposed reorganization went out to the BOD for feedback (see attached). The reorganization includes suggested committee chairs. Mike reads the proposed chairs. Discussion on the committees: John P asks about the Finance group being included with the Office Committee and Mike reports the proposal has it being a separate committee. The office committee might seem a little large. Kathleen reports that she believes it will work. John P also suggests that the ad hoc procedural committee should be part of the rules committee. The recommendation is valid, they can be combined. The current document on the website is complete except for the ad hoc recommendation above. Mike reads the final list, and raises a motion for approval. Connie Caudill moved and Susan Kasemeyer seconded the motion to approve the committee restructuring. Motion passes unanimously. Motion to approve the nominees for chair put forth by Mike Maul as President, second by Stagg, motion passes unanimously.
- John Parke requests that all supporting documents be attached to the agenda for the upcoming meetings, Mike M agrees we will do this going forward.

Motion for Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 7:45pm PST

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trails Committee

Sarah Engsberg, Chair

3/20/07

We have our May Endurance news article highlighting the Equipment class phase of the Trail Master program, in final proofreading and a group cued up for the June EN which will deal with Grants past and current as well as outline a system for people to follow when sending in a grant request.

Trail Master and State Trail Advocate relations : We are identifying State Trail Advocates for states without, eliminating those who no longer want to participate and recruiting new members. We should have a complete list soon. We will submit the list to the board as soon as we have it.

We are formulating a questionnaire to use when contacting our Trail Master graduates to determine what they have accomplished since taking the course. We will be looking for feedback to find what parts of the course worked well for them and review comments for improvement or changes.

Grants : We are excited to present the Fort Stanton Grant request. We have two other grants we are reviewing and plan to have them ready to be presented to the board for the May conference call.

We are formulating a standardized form for people to fill out to help facilitate the grants process.

Veterinary Committee Report

Submitted by Duane Barnett DVM

Drug Testing Subcommittee Chair

3/13/07

In the next couple of months the drug testing for the 2007 season will underway. I have a few rides lined up to be tested in April and May with more to come. Look for some of the "high profile" rides to be on the list.

We will be trying to test 3-4 rides per region excluding the West and Pacific South.

The drug rule revision is coming along well. AERC will owe a huge thanks to Melissa and John for heading up this project. In working on this revision it has come to light that the current lab we are using is not the one we want to use in the future. (technology, among other things, is a concern) We will be looking into other labs and at some point bring a recommendation to the board to change labs. We feel that it may not be wise to change labs until we have the new rule finished but stay tuned for updates (other labs may charge more (or less) than we are currently used to so this could be an issue as well.)

We will also continue to pursue possibly turning the testing over to USEF. This may eliminate liability with the testers and chain of custody issues. Remember however that it is still be our rule therefore we would still have the problem of interpreting it and enforcing it. Money may become an issue here as well.

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name: Fort Stanton V Trails Grant

Proposing Committee: Trails Committee

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD): April 2, 2007

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording): The Trails committee moves that a trails grant of \$1,500 be approved as the AERC match for an RV dump station at Fort Stanton. The funds to come from the Trails contribution account.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving): This is part of AERC continued participation in the joint AERC/BLM multipurpose recreation site at Fort Stanton.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate); No impact to the general fund. This will be funded from Trails contributions.

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization: A site for endurance rides. But more important our continued good BLM relations.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget): minimal, paying invoices

Committees consulted and/or affected: Trails

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial): Tank is on site and project should be completed by the end of April.

Supporting materials (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets): Attached project description.

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees): trails committee approval.

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name: Revised Committee Structure

Proposing Committee: From M. Maul and Connie Caudill

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD): April 2, 2007

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording) To adopt a revised smaller committee structure developed with BoD input by a task group headed by C. Caudill

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving): At 36 committees – the structure is too large and not efficient. A smaller number of committees is easier to manage and more efficient.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate); Possible impact may be that a smaller amount of committee funds will be spent in FY 2007

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization: A more efficient use of volunteer resources and more objectives satisfied with the increased focus.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget): Increase in productivity

Committees consulted and/or affected: All

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial): To be voted on for approval in the April 2 Conf call

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

http://aerc.org/2007_Committee_Chairs.pdf as amended per John Parkes changes for the ad hoc committee

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees): Sub group committee for revised committee structure headed by C. Caudill.

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name: Approval of new committee chairs

Proposing Committee: From M. Maul

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD): April 2, 2007

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording) To approve the new committee chairs proposed by AERC president M. Maul for the 2007 season

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving): The new president proposes a list of new committee chairs for the BoD to approve. With the new chairs – work can start in the new committees.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate); Possible impact may be that a smaller amount of committee funds will be spend in FY 2007

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization: Goals of AERC are accomplished through our committees.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget):Increase in productivity

Committees consulted and/or affected: All

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial): To be voted on for approval in the April 2 Conf call

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

http://aerc.org/2007_Committee_Chairs.pdf as amended per John Parke's changes for the ad hoc committee

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees): Sub group committee for revised committee structure headed by C. Caudill.