

AERC Board Conference Call Minutes

May 7, 2007

President Mike Maul called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Also on the line for the call: Vice President Connie Caudill, Treasurer Patti Pizzo, Jennifer Nice, Joyce Mocilan, Jan Stevens, Stan Eichelberger, Tom Dean, Gail Williams, Terry Woolley Howe, Susan Kasemeyer, Joe Schoech, Roger Taylor, Jeff Trinkle, Barry Waitte, John Crandell III, Randy Eiland, Laura Hayes, Stagg Newman, Robert Ribley, Heidi Smith, C. Mike Tomlinson, International Chair Carol Giles, Finance Committee member Sue Taylor, and Executive Director Kathleen Henkel.

Roger Taylor moved and Mike Tomlinson seconded to excuse John Parke and Mike Jaffe (employment conflicts), and Nick Warhol (medical issue) from this evening's meeting. Motion passed.

Stan Eichelberger moved and Joe Schoech seconded to approve the minutes of the February 22 and 25, 2007 convention meetings and the April 2, 2007 conference call as written. Motion passed.

Susan Kasemeyer moved and Jan Stevens seconded to approve the International Committee report. Motion passed.

President Maul reported on the progress with the new Canadian endurance organization. He explained the best way to handle things is to lease them a copy of Tomcat, AERC's computer program currently used for tracking the mileage of riders and horses, for approximately \$2,000 per year. No decisions regarding this issue will be made without going through the board for approval.

Roger Taylor reported on the Great Santa Fe ride, advising he recently took the proposed head veterinarian, Tom Parker, along some of the ride route. Dr. Parker is planning a meeting with ride personnel to discuss his findings and concerns.

A discussion ensued regarding insurance required for the Great Santa Fe ride. Some of the information on the insurance certificates received for the Great Santa Fe ride require correction and Roger Taylor and Kathleen will work with Rob Phillips to accomplish the necessary corrections, and further will check on the required insurance for the various venues pertaining to ride.

President Maul gave a brief summary of the Dodge City Shootout ride held May 5, 2007, as a qualifier for the Great Santa Fe ride. President Maul advised things were run well and ride management handled the issue regarding poor weather that required stopping of the ride very well.

A motion from the AERC International Committee recommending Fred Clusky as the USEF presidential appointment to the USEF Endurance Technical Committee was presented. Motion passed.

Terry Woolley Howe moved that the three remaining motions from the AERC International Committee be approved, seconded by John Crandell III. Motion passed with Jan Stevens abstaining. The three additional motions are set forth below:

A motion from the AERC International Committee recommends that Michele Roush DVM, Mike Foss DVM, and Jan Stevens fill the three recently opened positions on the USEF Endurance Technical Committee.

A motion from the AERC International Committee to have Martha McMurry appointed as zone representative for the Mountain Zone and Hal Hall to be appointed as zone representative for the Pacific North Zone.

A motion from the AERC International Committee to have Mark Dial re-appointed as vice chair of AERC International.

Treasurer Patti Pizzo advised the finance committee felt that a discussion on general finance issues was necessary in order for the committee to get a better feel for how the BOD views AERC's finances. The feeling from the BOD was that they definitely do want to see Sue Taylor's long-range projections again for the future. They will continue to receive the P&L and Balance sheet every month. It was requested, and the BOD will receive 3-year comparisons of both the P&L and the Balance sheet for the first 6 months of 2005, 2006, & 2007.

Our 2007 approved working budget was + \$27.00. So far we have approved about \$11,600.00 in additional expenses for 2007 (accounting review and Trail Master class). We are looking at roughly a working budget of negative \$11,627.00 at this time. The BOD seemed comfortable with a negative budget in lieu of increased membership and a successful convention. Hopefully the membership income will not level off. Starting rider fees and sanctioning fees for 2007 are about the same as the fees collected during the 2006 season in this same time frame. Additional unexpected expenses were discussed. The insurance committee is researching our current coverage limits and may recommend increasing them at additional cost.

Very roughly AERC has \$210,000 in the restricted reserve (rainy day)

\$160,000 in earmarked funds

\$330,000 in unrestricted funds (can be spent)

Currently there is \$10,000.00 earmarked for education and \$10,000.00 for research . There has been no provision for any additional funding. We used to supplement research with a percent of our income but that was discontinued in 2006. It was recommended that the new Grants Committee decide and then recommend to the BOD how they would like to fund grants that they receive in the future.

The other earmarked funds, Trails, International and Drug Testing are directly funded by donations or Drug testing fees

Omar was in the office to do the accounting review. Once he is done we will have a conference call with Omar, Mike, Kathleen. Liz, the Executive Committee, and Sue Taylor. There then will be a report to the BOD. Omar has not finished his review at this time.

The finance Committee is not recommending a dues increase at this time.

Membership stats presented by Kathleen as follows:

2007 – 5/7/07 Membership total: 6275

2006 – 5/8/06 Membership total: 6010

Starting rider fees:	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	\$ 20,943	\$ 21,105	\$ 16,543

Sanction fees:	\$ 14,241.29	\$13,504.60	\$13,304.61
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President Maul reminded the committee chairs their goals and projections for their committees during this season are due as soon as possible.

Terry Woolley Howe moved to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. and Laura Hayes seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Henkel, Executive Director

In absence of Secretary Nick Warhol

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**AERC-I Committee
Board Report
March 2007 AERC-I Meeting**

Conference call meeting March 26, 2007, 9:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Attendance: Kathy Brunjes, Chair
Mark Dial, Vice-Chair
Betty Baker, Treasurer
Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance Director
Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee
Joe Mattingley, Grace Ramsey - Central
Carol Giles - PacNorth
Carolyn Hock, Teresa Cross - PacSouth
Jan Stevens, Youth Committee
Guest: Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Rep

Absent: Art Priesz, USEF High Performance Committee
Samantha Lewis—Recording Secretary
Julie Bullock, Cia Reis - East
Holly Ulyate – Mountain
Michele Roush – PacNorth (excused)
Sue Phillips, Advisor
Susan Kasemeyer, AERC Liaison/Education Committee

1. Review of minutes, January 29, 2007

The January 29, 2007 report submitted to the AERC Board was approved in lieu of minutes after the actual minutes were lost on the computer. The minutes of the February 23, 2007 AERC-I meeting were tabled as some committee members had not had time to review, or had not received, those minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report

Profit for December 2006 – March 2007 period is \$6,256. Expenses year-to-date are \$2,914, but not all Convention expenses have been recorded. Outstanding expenses include Robin Groves airfare and billing for new merchandise. Merchandise ordered for sale at Convention: \$4,216.30. Convention sales: \$1,985. Four ride managers took merchandise from Convention to sell at their upcoming rides. The checking account balance is \$41,305.48. It was discussed whether a certain portion of AERC-I funds should be placed into either an interest bearing money market account or into a six month DC. Betty will investigate.

3. USEF Update

The Technical Committee is currently reviewing courses for next year; there will be a Stewart's course at the Biltmore in May. Kathy will forward information on this course for posting to the AERC international members via a mass emailing.

Four people resigned from the Technical Committee. One is an Active Athlete position, one a USEF Presidential appointment and two were AERC-I recommendations to the Board. It was voted to recommend to the AERC Board that: (a) the Active Athletes position be filled by Michele Roush, DVM (PacNorth Zone Rep), (b) Fred Cluskey be recommended as the USEF Presidential Appointee, and (c) the remaining positions be filled by Jan Stevens and Mike Foss, DVM.

The Technical Committee is looking at the 2008 FEI ride season, and a Lexington pre-ride for the 2010 WEG.

4. Vonita Bowers: Endurance Director

The 2007 PanAm selection procedures have been approved by the High Performance Working Group and Executive Committee. The PanAm will be July 20, near Sao Paulo, Brazil. This area will present a challenging course.

The ERRL procedures are in the process of being approved by USEF the legal department.

The first two ranking trials have taken place (20 Mule Team and Fun in the Sun). The process seems to be going well. The May issue of *Endurance News* will have the rider rankings (as of April 1) and an article on the ERRL.

Kathy Brunjes, Joe Mattingley and Barry Waitte have been appointed to the Endurance IHP Committee.

The Search Committee (for Chef) met Tuesday, March 20. Members of this committee: Vonita Bowers, Valerie Kanavy, Kathy Brunjes, Tony Benedetti, Mark Phillips, Jim Wolf, Julie Bullock. The committee will be divided into two working groups: one to list required attributes/qualities and one to work on listing job duties. Using the information generated by the search committee, and after receiving input from the Active Athletes, the IHP will then draft a job description. The search committee is also tasked with recommending budget changes to accommodate finding a qualified candidate.

Vonita, Tony, Grace and Art will attend the Paris Endurance Forum (March 30-April 2). Steph Teeter will also attend as a member of the Press. Emmett Ross is attending as an interested party. AERC-I was provided with a copy of the written presentation that will be given by the USA & Canadian Delegation. Issues to be discussed include distance for championships, Grand Prix finish concept, qualifying of Nations, medication control, fair play, the future of endurance.

5. Zone Reps

Linda Strelnik has resigned as Zone Rep (Mountain). AERC-I voted to recommend to the Board that Martha McMurry be appointed to fill the vacant position.

6. Young Rider/Junior update

The FITS ride had three Young Riders entered; all three rode at weight (all three are nominating riders). An FEI Junior is 14-18; a Young Rider is 16-21. If riders are under 16 years of age, they will have to ride as unsponsored seniors (adults) with a letter (from AERC stating that they have 500 life-time miles.

Young riders will have a discounted fee for ZTEC.

Open Discussion

To facilitate more timely communication with the AERC Board, AERC-I voted to hold its meetings on the first Tuesday of every month.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned...

**AERC-I Committee
Board Report
April 2007 AERC-I Meeting**

Conference call meeting April 3, 2007, 9:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Attendance: Carol Giles, Chair
Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance Director
Samantha Lewis—Recording Secretary
Joe Mattingley, Grace Ramsey - Central
Carolyn Hock, Teresa Cross - PacSouth
Jan Stevens, Youth Committee
Holly Ulyate – Mountain
Michele Roush – PacNorth
Sue Phillips, Advisor
Art Priesz, USEF High Performance Committee
Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee

Absent: Betty Baker, Treasurer
Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee
Mark Dial, Vice-Chair
Julie Bullock, Cia Reis - East
Mike Maul
Susan Kasemeyer, AERC Liaison/Education Committee

Guest: Russell Boushard
Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Rep

1. Review of minutes, February 23, 2007 and March 26, 2007

The minutes from the February 23, 2007 meeting and the March 26, 2007 meeting were approved as corrected.

2. Treasurer's Report

During the convention, AERC-I profited \$1985.00 from merchandise sales.

Betty continues to investigate placing some AERC-I funds into a 6 month CD.

3. USEF Update

Vonita Bowers presented a summary of the Paris Forum that was attended Tony Benedetti, Art Priesz, Vonita Bowers and Grace Ramsy. **Significantly, the group reported that there was significant consensus with the US position on many issues.** The following were the major points covered during the Forum:

- 160km is the only distance that should be considered for a championship race.
- Qualifications should be stricter in regards to competing at the championship level.
- The positive and negative aspects to shorter recovery times were discussed.
- Rides of less than 80km are dangerous to the horse and should not be considered at the championship level nor sanctioned by FEI.
- Hold of less than 40 minutes are too short. Short loops are not desirable in the first half of the race.

- A NASCAR type finish is not desirable because it is unfair to the rider. Setting times at which gates will be closed is a more fair solution.
- Countries may be to qualify for championship races based on how they perform over a certain period of time at other championship rides such as Pan Am, etc. The goal is to reduce the WEG field to 80 horses.
- We are likely to see FEI horses log books that records the horse's race record and pulls. It is also likely that horses having a metabolic pull within 6 months of a championship ride or having a series of metabolic pulls may be required to undergo a mandatory rest period before being allowed to compete.
- We may also see the implementation of rider log books. If a rider has a series of pulls recorded, they may be required to requalify to run in championship rides by demonstrating a certain number of completions at lesser levels: 90K, then 120 K, then 160 K.
- Current FEI rules prohibiting a completion if the horse is treated within two hours of the finish may be counter-productive. The welfare of the horse may be better served by allowing treatment any time after completion of the ride.
- Requiring a set speed for obtaining a COC fails to recognize that different courses require different speeds. The new requirement will likely be some percentage of the winning time.

Now, each of the 71 National Federations will nominate an individual for possible appointment to an FEI task force that will draft rules based on the above issues. While it is impossible to predict how the new rules will look when they come out of the task force, the consensus was that the forum was a very positive step forward.

3. Young Rider/Junior update

Kristen Kimbler solicited ideas for motivational speakers who might speak at the USEF annual convention to be held in January 2008. The committee suggested she seek out a former or current junior rider that has competed at the international level to speak to the juniors

During the convention, the selling of the rubber wrist bands netted a profit of approximately \$500.00. Kristen solicited ideas as to what the money should be earmarked for. The general consensus was to use the money towards communication among young riders.

Kristen is considering organizing a youth endurance camp. She also raised the idea of recognizing junior riders, especially 100 mile junior riders, with an award of some sort.

4. PacNorth Zone Rep

Carol Giles resigned her PacNorth zone position to accept the Chair of AERC-I. It was voted to recommend to the Board that it appoint Hal Hall to fill the vacant zone rep position.

5. Electronic Newsletter/Website/Endurance News Articles

The current rider ranking will be included in the next edition of Endurance News. Git-R-Done results and rankings will be included in the June issue. An article on the Paris

Forum will be drafted for submission to EN. Future articles will include the presentations made at convention by Robin Groves and Becky Hart.

6. AERC 2007 Convention Wrap-Up

The Welcome Reception at the Convention had a large turn out and was very well received.

John Park and Holly Ulyate presented the slide show and Holly was asked to make this an annual event at the Convention. It was suggested that the slide show be used both Friday and Saturday night since a great deal of work goes into creating it. It was suggested that it could be used Saturday night during the USEF rider awards and/or the young rider awards.

It was suggested that merchandise to be sold include fishing shirts. The shirts are light weight, have pockets, protect from sun and can be purchased from Cabela’s at a discount rate if ordered in bulk. Kathy will check with Cabelas’ and get a price per shirt and report back to the committee.

7. Open Discussion

It was suggested that AERC-I consider an endowment fund or the use of 2 different CD’s for excess AERC-I funds. Betty will explore the feasibility of this.

Without further discussion the meeting was adjourned.

MOTIONS:

**AERC Board of Directors
MOTION PROPOSAL**

**Motion
Committee**

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

Proposing Committee: AERC-I

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD): May 7, 2007

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording): AERC-International recommends to the AERC Board of Directors that AERC recommend Fred Clusky as the USEF Presidential appointment to the USEF Endurance Technical Committee.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving): There currently exists a vacancy on the USEF Endurance Technical Committee that is to be filled by USEF Presidential appointment. The vacancy resulted from a committee member resignation.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate): None

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization: Experienced AERC and AERC-I member willing to accept this position

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget): Forward discipline club recommendation to AERC President, David O'Connor.

Committees consulted and/or affected: AERC-I, USEF Technical Committee, USEF Active Athletics

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial): None

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

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees): AERC-I March 26, 2007 minutes

Fred Cluskey
AERC #M18887
Del Mar, CA
(4660 lifetime miles recorded)

Mr. Cluskey enjoys the challenges of endurance for horses and riders. As an active rider with over 4600 competitive miles, Fred was named the Chef de Equipe for PacSouth at the 2005 North American Endurance Championships (Fair Hills, MD). Fred's carefully executed strategy and excellent management skills were essential in leading the PacSouth Team to a Gold Medal at that championship event. Fred has also earned his endurance Judge and Steward Certificates for CEI* (3-star) events in the U.S.**

Fred was part of the crewing effort at the 2002 World Equestrian Games, Endurance Championships (Jerez, Spain) and crewed for the U.S. team in Dubai during the 2004 (held in 2005) World Endurance Championships. Mr. Cluskey believes his experiences with managing, crewing, riding and officiating in endurance events gives him a unique perspective of the past and future of endurance in the United States, and welcomes the opportunity to provide input on the USEF Technical Committee.

Personally, Fred earned his Bachelor of Sciences degree from the University of Illinois, going on to earn his Masters in Food Sciences/Industrial Engineering from the University of Minnesota. He has gone from being a food scientist in product development to marketing manager to Executive Vice President responsible for hiring, sales, and results.

Fred states he enjoys working with horses and people, having fun along the way.

AERC Board of Directors
MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name: Repopulation of USEF Endurance Technical Committee

Proposing Committee: AERC International

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD): May 7, 2007

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording): AERC-I recommends that Michele Roush, DVM, Mike Foss, DVM and Jan Stevens fill the three recently opened positions on the USEF Endurance Technical Committee.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving): There currently exist three vacancies on the USEF Endurance Technical Committee. The vacancies resulted from committee member resignations.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate): None

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization: AERC and AERC-I members to fill positions; well rounded candidates with experience put forward to the AERC board for consideration.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget): Forward discipline clubs recommendations to USEF President, David O'Conner.

Committees consulted and/or affected: AERC-I, USEF Endurance Technical Committee, USEF Active Athletics

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial): None

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

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees: AERC-I March 26, 2007 minutes; USEF Technical Committee

**Michael A. Foss DVM
AERC #8182
USEF # 305520**

I was asked to Vet my first Endurance Ride in about 1990. That year I worked 3 rides. I was hooked. Since then I have worked about 10 rides each year. In 1993 I was invited to be an Assistant Team Vet for the North American Endurance Championships in Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada. There I found something I could be truly passionate about, International competition! The following is a summary of my major International endurance experience. Through these experiences I have Vetted Endurance rides on most of the continents and developed personal relationships around the world including most of the FEI Endurance Chairs.

- 1993 American Endurance Championships (NAC), Kananaskis, Alberta, Can.
Assistant Team Veterinarian
FEI Course for Endurance Veterinarians**
- 1995 N.A.C. Flagstaff, AZ Team Veterinarian**
- 1996 World Endurance Championship (WEC), Kansas, Assistant Team Vet.
Attended German National Endurance Championships**
- 1997 Co-Chairman of Pan-American Endurance Championships, Bend, Oregon**
- 1998 Team Veterinarian for USA WEC Team Dubai, UAE
Chairman of AERC International Committee
Attended ELDRIC Endurance Conference, Warsaw, Poland**
- 1999 Appointed to AHSA High Performance Endurance Committee
Head Treatment Veterinarian for PAC Manitoba, Can**

- 2000** **Veterinary Delegate for FEI Championships in Australia and New Zealand**
Wrote first set of National Endurance Rules for AHSA
Assistant Team Vet for WEC France
- 2001** **Head Treatment Veterinarian for PAC S Woodstock, Vermont**
- 2002** **Assistant Team Vet for USA WEC Endurance Team, Spain**
- 2003** **Technical Delegate for PAC Trout Lake, WA**
Organized and conducted first FEI Veterinary Education Meeting in USA
- 2005** **Team Vet for Pacific North Team, NAC Fairhill, MD**
Foreign Veterinary Delegate, Sprint Cup Series, Argentina
- 2006** **Appointed to USEF Credentials Committee Michele Roush, DVM (Bolinias, Ca)**
AERC # 13508
- 1989-1993** **Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Equine track, University of California at Davis**
- 1985-1989** **Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, Biology, Dartmouth College**

Practical Experience and Awards

- **Riding member, Us National Endurance Team for World Endurance Championship, Dubai, UAE 2004 (2005)**
- **Riding member, Gold medal Pacific North Zone endurance Team for Pan American Endurance championships, Washington, 2003**
- **Riding member, Silver medal Pacific North Zone endurance Squad for Pan American Championships, Vermont, 2001**
- **Apprentice control veterinarian Pan American Endurance championship, Manitoba, Canada, 1999**
- **Apprentice control veterinarian World Endurance Championship, Dubai, UAE, 1998**
- **Endurance Race competitor/crew/veterinarian 1982- present, with over 9500 lifetime AERC miles**
 - **competed on over 37 different horses**
 - **lifetime completion rate of 96%**
 - **lifetime top 10 rate of 51%**
 - **lifetime best condition rate of 22%**
- **Haggins Cup (Best Condition/Horsemanship Award for Western States Trail Ride) winner 2005**
- **National Endurance Best Condition Champion 2002**
- **Western Region Endurance Best Condition Champion 2003**
- **West Region Endurance Featherweight Champion 2002**

Jan Stevens, Ashland, MT
AERC # 15115
(Lifetime miles recorded, 1265)

“My life has always revolved around horses. Starting as a kid who was “horse crazy” I’ve gone from being a “barn bum” (hanging out at the local stable hoping that I could talk someone out of a ride) to living on a cattle ranch in Montana with ample space to ride wherever my heart desires. I started my endurance career in 1995 crewing for my husband after we bought our first “Arabian Gelding, Needs Experienced Rider, Good Endurance Prospect”. My experiences in the endurance world include a little over 1200 endurance miles; crewing in the Most Preferred in UAE (1999) for the US Team, Pan American Championships in Manitoba (1999) for the Australian Team and World Endurance Championships in France (2000) for the US Team; Assistant Chef d’Equipe for the Mountain Region Team at the Pan American Championships in Trout Lake, Washington in 2003 (Team Silver) and at the North American Championships in Fair Hill, Maryland in 2005 (Individual Gold).

Along with my husband, I am the ride manager of the Fort Howes Endurance Rides held in Montana (established in 1997). I also manage the Fun In The Sun Endurance Festival (FITS) held in Florida (established in 2004). FEI ride manager since 2001 at the Ft. Howes site and since 2004 at the Fun In The Sun site. WE have also hosted the Arabian Horse Association national Championship in 2002 and will again in 2007 and have managed the AERC National Championship in 2005 at the Fort Howes site.

I am also an FEI Endurance “C” Judge, Technical Delegate, and Chief Steward. I currently sit on the AERC Board of Directors as the Mountain Region Director (since 2003). I have served as the Chairperson of the Membership Marketing Committee (current) and Junior Committee. I also sit on the AERC International Committee as the Representative for Young Riders.

AERC Board of Directors MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name: Motion to Accept Replacement Zone Representatives

Proposing Committee: AERC-I

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD): May7, 2007 BOD meeting

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording): AERC-I moves to have Martha McMurry appointed as zone representative for the Mountain Zone and Hal Hall to be appointed as zone representative for the Pacific North Zone.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving). Two zone representatives have resigned from AERC-I. Carol Giles resigned her PacNorth position to assume the AERC-I Chair position and Linda Strelnick from the Mountain Zone resigned for personal reasons. Michele Roush, as the remaining zone representatives for PacNorth, recommended that Hal Hall be appointed to fill the vacant PacNorth position. Holly Ulyate, the remaining Mountain Zone representative, recommended that Martha McMurry be appointed to fill the vacant Mountain Zone position. AERC-I has unanimously accepted these recommendations.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate): None

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization: Fills vacant positions necessary to the function of AERC-I

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget): Minimal impact. The announcement regarding these appointments can be incorporated into the AERC-I webpage and placed in the international column of Endurance News.

Committees consulted and/or affected: AERC-I, March 26 and April 3, 2007 minutes

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial): Replacement zone representatives will begin to take an active role in AERC-I as soon as approved by the AERC Board.

Supporting materials (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets): Supporting bios for these two individuals are attached.

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees) AERC-I March 26 and April 3, 2007 minutes

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Endurance Riding History

Fourteen years endurance riding with more than 5,600 competition miles completed.

- Participant in the 2003 Pan American Endurance Championship for the Mountain Zone at Mount Adams, Washington.
- Crew for World competition nominees Dennis and Susan Summers in FEI 100 mile competitions prior to the 2004 Dubai World Endurance Championship.
- Crew for the United States Equestrian Federation team member Dennis Summers in Dubai in 2005 for the World Endurance Championship.
- President of the Pacific Northwest Endurance Rides in 2004.

Related Horse and Competition Activities

Volunteer at Idaho FEI Combined Training and Dressage competitions.

Advocate for saving Idaho trails for equestrian use.

HAL V. HALL

ENDURANCE RIDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

37 years of endurance riding competition with over 10,000 career miles including 54 completions in 100 Mile (160 km) One Day rides.

- Inducted to the American Endurance Ride Conference Hall of Fame (March 2000)
- Successfully finished the arduous Western States (Tevis Cup) 100-Mile Ride 25 times out of 31 attempts including:
 - Three-time winner and recipient of the Lloyd Tevis Cup (1974, 1977, and 1990)
 - Awarded the James Ben Ali Haggin Cup for the contestant whose horse is judged to be in the most superior condition from the first ten to finish the Ride (1972, 1978, 2002)
- International competition highlights include successful completions in the United Arab Emirates President's Cup FEI 100 Mile ride, Abu Dhabi, UAE (February 2002); Tom Quilty Cup, Australia 100 Mile ride (October 2004 and June 2006), and, North American FEI Endurance Championship 100 Mile, Elkton, Maryland earning a Team Silver Medal as member of the Pacific North Zone (October 2005). Competed in other FEI competitions including the Owyhee 100 (June 2006), WEC Pre-Ride 160 km in Aachen, Germany (June 2005), Californios 100 Mile Ride (June 2005), and UAE President's Cup (February 2005).
- American Endurance Ride Conference Hall of Fame Horse inductee - El Karbaj (1978)
- Traveled horseback 1,950 miles in 52 days over the historic Pony Express Overland Trail from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California (1976)
- American Endurance Ride Conference National Championship (1972)
- Winner of the Levi's Ride and Tie Race from St. Helena to Sonoma, California (1971)

Related Affiliations and Activities

Member, United States Equestrian Team Selection Committee that chose the Gold Medal winning USA Endurance Squad, World Endurance Championship FEI 100 mile one ride, Kansas (1996)

Chairman, Selection Committee that chose the Gold Medal winning Pacific North Squad at the North American Championship 100 mile one day ride (1995). Awarded the Team Gold Medal, Individual Gold and Silver Medals, Best Condition, Reserve Best Condition, Highest Vet Score

Assistant Chef d'Equipe (1998 – Awarded Individual Bronze Medal) and Groom (2005) for Team Japan, FEI World Endurance Championship, Dubai, UAE.

Founder (1972) and Life Member, American Endurance Ride Conference, and Past President (1985 to 1987) and Board of Governor (since 1979), Western States Trail Foundation

Authored an interpretative guide to the 100 miles of trail over the Sierra Nevada Mountains between Squaw Valley and Auburn, California, titled, *The Western States Trail Guide*

Speaker presentations on the sport of long distance endurance riding including the Western States Horse Expo, Sacramento, California (June 2000); Japan National Championship, Hokkaido, Japan (September 2000); Endurance Fair & Sale, Sacramento, California (October 2000); Press Conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2005); and, at numerous non-profit and service organizations.

AERC Board of Directors MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name: Motion to Accept Mark Dial as Vice Chair for AERC-I

Proposing Committee: AERC-I

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD): May BOD meeting

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording): AERC-I moves to have Mark Dial re-appointed as vice chair for AERC-I.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving); Mark Dial is the current vice chair of AERC-I. AERC-I wishes to have Mark reappointed to this position. AERC-I believes that Mark brings special expertise in the international arena due to his continued involvement with endurance in the Middle East. He also has a special interest in promoting the new Young Rider program.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate): None

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization: Fills vice chair position with highly qualified individual.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget): Minimal impact. The announcement regarding these appointments can be incorporated into the AERC-I webpage and placed in the international column of Endurance News.

Committees consulted and/or affected: AERC-I

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial): Mark will continue serving in the vice chair position pending Board approval.

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

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees): AERC-I

Minutes for Approval

AERC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 2/22/07

Reno Convention Thursday Evening Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Stagg Newman at 6:44 PM PST

In attendance: Stagg Newman, Mike Maul, Nick Warhol, Patti Pizzo, Mike Jaffe, Jennifer Nice, Connie Caudill, Joe Long, Jan Stevens, Stan Eichelberger, Tom Dean, Terry Woolley Howe, John H. Parke, Susan Kasemeyer, Joe Schoech, Roger Taylor, Barry Waitte, Jerry Fruth, Laura Hayes, Robert Ribley, Dinah Rojek, and Mike Tomlinson, Kathleen A. Henkel; Kim Fuess, Joyce Mocilan, Gail Williams, Jeff Trinkle

DAL Elects: Randy Eiland, John Crandell, Heidi Smith

Stagg opens with a reminder to be sure anyone wanting to run for office has submitted their name now.

I. Housekeeping

1. **Membership Statistics:** Kathleen Henkel 5024 members to date, last year to date 4967, with more to enter in the office.
2. **Minutes Approval** from the Feb 05 phone conf call- motion passes unanimously.

II. Committee Reports

1. Non Reporting committees updates:

- **Endurance Committee-** will have a new chair TBD by the new president, based on the new committee organization and structure.
- **Junior committee-** has been very active in 06.
- **LD committee-** Chair Terry W reports the committee has accomplished much and may recommend folding the group into the competitions committee. Discussion to follow in the committee meeting on Sunday.
- **National Championship committee-** Chair Robert R gives a short update.
- **P&G Committee-** Mike Marino is leading the group and is doing very well. There is still a need to re-write rule 14.
- **Vet Committee-** Chair Melissa R gives a short report. The volunteer Vet certification program has been very successful; the rewrite of a new drug rule is a huge task.

2. Reporting committees:

- **Finance committee-** Patti P requests that invoices to be paid by the office be faxed directly, rather than emailed. Patti reports that they will be raising a motion on Sunday to move the financial review from FY05 to FY06. There is some discussion regarding adding an additional trail masters class in 07. There is continued discussion on if the Trailmaster Jackets should be part of the class and funded by the AERC. A straw poll is taken to ask if the BOD remembers that the jackets

expense is part of the approved budget. The majority of the BOD agrees yet, they are part of the budget. Stagg suggests a motion be raised for a vote on the additional class on Sunday.

- **Education Committee-** Dina R reports that she is stepping down as chair, and thanks the group; Stagg thanks the group as well, since they have done so much in such a short period of time. Some highlights: revised website, new rider briefings, mailings to new riders, mentor liaisons in all regions, monthly articles being published. Things for the future: Rework on new riders packet, updating the “basic” seminar DVD for new riders, Continue to keep the web site up to date, suggests doing another more advanced DVD called beyond the basics to help riders advance to the longer distances, finding mentors to teach beginning rider clinics.
- **Membership committee-** Jan S gives a short update, followed by Stagg who presents the motion for the new “every member gets a member” program, funded by the Friends of Maggie Price. Awards for bringing in a new member will be bumper stickers and copies of Julie’s book. Motion from committee- motion passes unanimously.
- **Sanctioning committee-** Susan K raises a motion to appoint a ride steward for the Santa Fe ride on 07. Bob Morris is the choice, motion from committee, motion passes unanimously. The Ztec challenge ride has requested the special requirements be changed to drop the requirement for the rider needing to have done a one day 100. Motion from committee, motion passes unanimously, Jan S abstains, (ride manager) The request for a motion to enable the sanctioning committee to approve pioneer rides without BOD approval is not agreed upon in committee, so it will be remanded to the new President and committee for further work.
- **Technical committee-** Mike M reports that the office is doing most of the web site administration and updates. A new user interface is being worked on to update the “look and feel” of the site. Mike reports on metrics of the location of the web site users. He gives a demo of the new ride results data entry function on the site- it is very nice and the ride managers look forward to it.
- **Trails Committee-** Jerry F reports that he is stepping down as Chair, Sarah Ensberg is recommended to take over as chair. Jerry reports on the BLM MOU, and he hopes it to be in place by summer 07. He reports on a program to better market the animals in the wild horse and burro program. He is working on permanent locations for the trail master class, maybe Ft Stanton and Susanville, Ca. The weed free hay study in the East was good- maybe do one in the west, current threats to trails
- **Insurance Committee-** Roger T reports the good working relationship between the office and Equisure. There is some discussion about insurance and indemnification; the AERC does NOT do it. Tom Dean reports on an outstanding issue that is affected by this. There is an update on the insurance issues involved with the Santa Fe ride, since there are lots of areas on this specific ride that are not normally covered by the standard policy. The insurance group is working with the ride management and Equisure to come to an agreement. Roger reports that there is an issue with some vets not carrying their own malpractice insurance. This is an issue for the vet and insurance committees to take and work on.
- **Legal Committee-** John P reports that some non profits with significant assets are becoming targets for lawsuits. Stagg gives a summary of some potential lawsuits facing the AERC. John gives a summary of how we should be looking for and identifying liability threats in advance. He reminds the BOD about the signature and authority rules and not to make commitments that may represent the AERC without the correct processes. There needs to be improvements made to the policies and procedures manuals.

3. The BOD goes into Executive Session

4. John P leads a short discussion on an idea to form a group of people chartered with helping the P&G and legal committees resolve conflicts before they become official protests.

New Business:

- Joe Long discusses his motion for recognizing a single champion and top ten at the NC ride. He is sending the motion to committee for the correct process, to be voted on at a future meeting.
- Mike T reports on Endurance Canada and how we can work better with them. There are about 200 members. A meeting was held the prior week where it was determined that Endurance Canada can represent all of Canada. There is no real impact to the AERC.

III. State of the AERC

Stagg gives his annual report on the state of the AERC as outgoing president. **Highlights:**

- We are doing a good job of supporting our bylaws.
- Horse safety, our records, management and governance, trails- all very good.
- The office- is excellent in everyone's opinion. EN, the staff, all good.
- Special recognition for the education committee- light years ahead of where we have been in the past.
- The web site- excellent and an incredible asset.
- The financials are solid- cash flow, balance sheet all good. No deficit in 06.
- Our policies, procedures, and rules need some work. This will be a big project and a lot of work
- Legal group, P&G working very well, but WAY too busy.
- Committee structure can be changed- Stagg reports the new group leader concept he tried did not work out as he had planned. The goal was to save him work, it did not. The new President will decide how to proceed.
- We need to re-evaluate research. The membership seems interested; it needs to be more focused and directly applicable.
- Stagg passes out thank you gifts to the Board.

IV. Other New Business: None raised.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm PST.

AERC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 2/25/07

Reno Convention Sunday Morning Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Mike Maul at 7:15am PM PST

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

Initial comments:

New President Mike Maul welcomes everyone, and the new DAL's elected. Ex President Stagg thanks the Board. Susan K Thanks Kathleen for all her service and hard work, and offers to help if Kathleen needs any.

I. Housekeeping: None

II. New Business:

1. Vet Committee: Olin Balch gives a short presentation on the new proposed idea to have the ride cards copied at certain rides and collected for entry into a database for further analysis. There is much discussion on the idea and associated problems, including more workload on ride managers. Olin assures the BOD that the effort for the idea will not be required of ride managers, and only asks for the cost of a scanner and printer. Mike Maul calls for a consensus opinion of the board- it is strongly in favor, a motion will be submitted. Olin also mentions that some drug companies may be willing to fund some of the research.

2. International committee- Kathy B reports that she is stepping down as committee chair, recommends Carol Giles pending BOD approval. She reports on the qualifications for the ztec ride: increase lifetime miles from 200 to 250, and drop the requirement for a 1 day 100. She mentions that there are three positions open on the international high performance team. She reports that the rest of the FEI rides in 07 will have a young rider division. She also amazes the BOD by saying that the UAE has asked for help in how to slow down the rides some what.

3. Finance committee- Patti P submits the motion for the change of the financial audit from FY05 to FY06, and will be paid for in FY07. Motion from committee, motion passes unanimously. Patti reports on the large amount of reserves the AERC has, and that Omar (Accountant) will give his recommendations from an accounting perspective. John P leads a discussion on where to apply the additional income from 06, and suggests the Finance committee make a recommendation with options for a future motion. Patti suggests the recommendation come after the financial review to better understand the cash position. Sue provides a three year financial projection that includes pretty flat growth and a 3% inflation rate. This also assumes no investment in research. Her warning- without membership, rider, and ride growth there may need to be a dues increase.

4. Tom Dean reports on a situation where a ride manager owes money to the AERC, and asks about permission to go after the funds.

5. Vet Committee revisited: Stagg presents a motion from committee regarding the approval to do the rider card collection and study, as per item 1 above. There is a little discussion. Motion from committee, motion carries unanimously.

6. Trails committee- Joe S submits a motion to add one trail master class in the NorthWest region on 07. There is discussion on the program in general. Motion from committee- motion carries, with 2 no vote (Mike J, and Patti P)

7. Rules Committee- John P leads a discussion on the proposed 30 minute recovery time rule change. There has been a lot of discussion and feedback from the membership. He reminds the BOD that the initial investigation and recommendation came from the welfare and Vet committees. John suggests clarifying the rule that may allow vets to modify the 60 minute completion criteria rule. He also suggests looking at some of the alternatives proposed by many people on the BOD and from membership. It would be more consistent with FEI and other groups to see the horses within 30 minutes post ride. The overall agreement is to have the welfare committee do a summary of options that people have recommended.

8. Insurance committee- Roger T reports on the status of the Santa Fe ride insurance- there will be a phone call to work on the issue with Equisure. Equisure is not sure our policy will cover all areas posed by the new ride logistics, and it may require a custom policy. This may become an issue.
9. Office committee- Roger and Kathleen have gone through the existing policies and procedures manuals (several) and are making recommendations on proposed next steps to update them. This will require work in the future.
10. NC committee- Robert R reports that the 07 ride is approved and the contract is being reviewed for signature. The search is on for the 08 ride with several possibilities. Perspective ride managers need to complete the application process in order to be eligible.
11. Marcom committee- Jennifer N reports on the huge amount of progress made in 06. She shows examples of press releases, adds, reviews, articles. Stagg comments that this area of marketing has exploded, and the committee is doing an amazing job. Jennifer is also looking for more writers and authors. In 07 they will concentrate on continuing, and adding more press releases, and expanding breed coverage.
12. Welfare of the Horse committee- Laura H reports a summary of horse fatalities, and has several suggestions from committee that will become recommendations to the BOD.
13. Endurance ride Committee- Joyce M reports that the group is looking at age requirements, 100 mile recognition, and the need to moderate the AERC members forum. Kim F and Tom D may volunteer to do some high level moderation of the forum if needed.
14. Endurance ride committee- Joyce M reports. Kim F and Tom Dean will take a shot at moderating the AERC members forum. The committee is looking at horse age limit requirements, and 100 mile ride recognition programs. There is some discussion on the minimum age requirements.
15. Mike Maul leads a discussion on the status of the committee structure. He feels there are too many, and like Stagg, says the new scheme tried by Stagg was did not do what it was supposed to. Mike asks each member to submit to him what their recommendations are in writing on which to keep, remove, merge, etc, in two weeks. There are four required committees by the bylaws: Executive, election, vet, and HOF. There is a roundtable to let each BOD member give their opinions; there are many suggestions.
16. Barry W makes a comment and suggests perhaps a governance committee, he will make some recommendations.
17. The office reminds everyone to be sure to sign their conflict of interest statements and forward to the office.
18. John P discusses the BOD email list and suggests some moderation on some level. Mike M will provide the BOD a common courtesy and best practices note on using email lists. Connie C agrees to try doing some moderation at a high level.
19. Mike J mentions the importance of all regional BOD members being available at the regional awards; he feels it is important to the members.

Other new Business: None raised.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM pst

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, Laura Hayes, Robert Ribley, Mike Tomlinson, Barry Waitte, Stan Eichelberger, John Crandell, Heidi Smith, Kathleen A. Henkel
Also in attendance: Sarah Engsborg, 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 spend 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.
