

## **BOD phone meeting minutes June 4, 2007**

**In attendance: Mike Maul, Connie Caudill, Nick Warhol, Mike Jaffe, Joyce Mocilan, Joe Long, Jan Stevens, Stan Eichelberger, Tom Dean, Gail Williams, Terry Woolley Howe, John Parke, Joe Schoech, Roger Taylor, Jeff Trinkle, Barry Waitte, John Crandell III, Randy Eiland, Laura Hayes, Robert Ribley, Heidi Smith , Mike Tomlinson, Bruce Weary, Kathleen Henkel, Guest - Melissa Ribley (Chair, Vet Committee)**

### **I. Housekeeping**

1. **Motion made for advance excusal from tonight's meeting – Kathleen Henkel**
  - a. **Patti Pizzo – Out of town and unavailable**
  - b. **Susan K- Family Matter**
  - c. **Jennifer Nice- Employment conflict Motion carries unanimously.**
2. **Minutes from the May 7, 2007 meeting were attached to the agenda. Patti has requested a change, adjusted minutes will be sent out later for approval in July.**
3. **Membership Statistics – Kathleen Henkel. Kathleen will look at new members VS renewals.**

#### **Membership**

**2007: 6471**

**2006: 6182**

#### **Rider fees**

**2007: \$36,346.94**

**2006: \$31,025.04**

#### **Sanction fees**

**2007: \$14,834.86**

**2006: \$14,134.04**

### **II. Committee Reports (see Attachment for written reports)**

**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. **Vet committee — see report below, motion made to accept report, passes unanimously.**
2. **International Committee – see report below, motion made to accept report, passes unanimously.**

### **III. Old Business: none reported**

### **IV. New Business:**

**1- Mike is still missing 3 or 4 charters and goals from committees and requests chairs complete this task as soon as possible.**

2- Caja del Rio Trails grant proposal: Heidi Smith presents a request for a Trail head project: restrooms, gates, improvements, water, etc. Project requests \$5,000 grant from trails contribution account funds for a donation to the project. Forest service to donate 15k, 85K from the government funding, 100K total project. Roger describes the project, no further questions. Motion from committee- motion passes unanimously.

3- John Parke discusses:

a) AERC Annual Report publication. Doing it now in EN, a couple of things still need to be added, no other questions.

b) Email from BOD members and communications- John reminds that when we as BOD members speak, in any form of communication, we speak for the AERC unless you really say you are not. Be careful about what you type. John reminds everyone to use caution when sending emails.

c) Horse death reporting. John mentions the issue seems to keep coming up. John has sent out an article that describes the AERC policy. (See attached) from 2005. He wants to be sure everyone is clear on how we do it so everyone has the same information. The horse death reports process used to be less organized and inconsistent. In 2005 changes were made- vet committee became involved, and horse welfare committee created to assist. The AERC needed to be more careful and consistent for doing the reporting going forward. Melissa reports that the vet committee prefers the vet committee report remain confidential, to let the HWC report be the public report of record. Melissa brings up a question about fatality reports for horses that die at a ride, or die as the result of doing the ride? John says that the policy has been to go with the latter, or as the result of doing the ride. Question 1- Do we want to continue with the process as is? Melissa suggests yes. Question 2- We are so dependent on volunteers – is this solution working, or should we do something else? Laura reports she does need more resources on the HWC. John suggests maybe a part time investigator for P&G and horse death reports? Laura to take to HWC for discussion and a recommendation.

4- Mike Maul reports on a letter (see attached below) from Dodge City Shoot Out that was ended early at second vet check due to the weather- golf ball size hail and tornados. Ride manager (Courtney Hart) petition to give the riders a completion of 38 miles. (Lifetime miles, no points, rule 1.3.1) Roger moves for acceptance, Connie seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

5- Stan asks if we are Drug testing rides- Melissa reports yes, at least 5 tested and scheduled this year.

V. The BOD went into executive session.

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 7:05pm pst

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AERC-I Prepared by Carol Giles, Chair May 1, 2007 AERC-I Meeting

Conference call meeting 5/1/07

Attendance: Carol Giles, Chair, Samantha Lewis, Recording Secretary, Sue Phillips – Central, Joe Mattingley—Central, Linda Strelnik, Holly Ulyate – Mountain, Teresa Cross – PacSouth, Michele Roush – PacNorth, Carolyn Hock - PacSouth Zone Rep-elect, Art Priesz, USEF High Performance, Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee

Guest: Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Representative

Absent: Mark Dial, Vice-Chair  
Betty Baker, Treasurer – East

Jan Stevens, Junior Committee, Mike Maul – AERC President, Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance Director, Susan Kasemeyer, AERC Liaison and Educ.Comm, Grace Ramsey – Central, Julie Bullock – East, Tinker Hart – PacSouth, Cia Reis - East

**1. AGENDA**

Carolyn Hock made a motion to accept the agenda as presented and Joe Mattingly seconded the motion, motion passed to approve the agenda for the May 1, 2007 meeting.

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of April 3, 2007 were not presented (no quorum); minutes will be presented at the June 5, 2007 meeting.

**3. TREASURERS REPORT**

Betty Baker was absent therefore a treasurer's report was not presented. However, Betty had reported earlier that she is waiting on a reply from AERC office regarding the previously discussed CD and will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

**4. USEF UPDATE**

Art Priesz gave a brief update from the High Performance and Active Athletes recent meetings. A discussion was held regarding the Maggy Price award, selection committee candidates and the Pan Am Championship in regards to budgeting, interim veterinary panel, and staffing. The idea of having a veterinarian from each discipline for the panel has been brought up. Art stated that there will be a FEI Forum Report available soon from the Paris forum. Also stated by Art were the COC criteria for the Malaysian Championship, the Rider Ranking List, WEC Selection, a Search Committee update, the idea of forming a subcommittee for marketing, a 2010 WEG update and that Vonita Bowers was completing a SWAT analysis that she will have available soon for review. Art also stated the Eligible Athletes were also meeting at the same time as AERC-I and that was the reason for the lack of attendance.

**5. 2007 ZTEC CHALLENGE**

The ZTECH Challenge final draft is expected to be presented to the Technical Committee on May 29th. Carolyn suggested contacting Vonita to possible hold a special one agenda item meeting to discuss the ZTEC Challenge after the final draft has been submitted to the main office.

**6. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Mike Tomlinson stated that the 2008 FEI courses are being scheduled during this time. The FEI ride application deadline for the 2008 ride year is May 31, 2007. Mike discusses several courses for Stewardship and stated that if anyone had interest that they could contact him directly for further direction and instruction.

**7. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM**

It has come to the attention of the AERC-I Committee that Ed Houser has voiced a complaint regarding the COC criteria for Malaysia and has suggested that AERC and international separate. After some discussion, it was decided that at this time AERC-I would not respond to the complaints of Mr. Houser beyond those responses already made by Carol to Ridecamp and the Riders Forum.

**8. ENDURANCE NEWS--NEWSLETTER**

The May article for the Endurance News is completed. The next article will cover the three selection rides that have already been held. Carolyn Hock will cover the Git-R-Done, Samantha Lewis will cover the Biltmore, Jan Stevens will handle the FITS ride and Michele Roush will ask Christoph Schork to do 20 Mule Team. Each ride should plan on about 500 words. Also the current rider ranking list will be published. The deadline for submission is May 31, 2007.

**9. JUNIOR YOUTH FUNDING**

After discussion, it was decided to use the monies in the AERC-I account of interest earned (approx. \$700.00) for Kirsten Kimbler to attend the 2008 ESEF Meeting in Kentucky. This decision was reached with the concept in mind that Kristen could reach many by attending the forum. Carol asked that Kirsten submit a budget to AERC-I and Art volunteered Vonita to help Kirsten in any way she can with the budgetary issues and Art agreed to assist as he could also.

**10. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Carol reported that the "How To" article has been updated. Michele Roush suggested compiling a list of veterinarians willing to help riders obtain passports. It was also suggested that experienced riders could help new riders and a list of those individuals should also be compiled. Those individuals could set up clinics at rides to help with passport paperwork. Michele will work on this.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned

1) The veterinary committee is presenting the draft of the revised drug rule to the membership in a three-part article in *Endurance News*, May, June and July issue. Feedback from the membership has been encouraged. A final draft based on membership feedback and by cooperatively working with the rules and legal committee will be presented to the board for approval at the mid-year meeting.

2) Revision of the drug rule has required much consulting with outside experts, in particular Dr. Thomas Tobin. Dr. Tobin is a veterinarian, a doctoral level pharmacologist and a board certified toxicologist. For the last 28 years his professional focus has been in the area of drug and medication control, therapeutics and toxicology in performance horses. Dr. Tobin is a respected authority in the field of medication monitoring and has authored the standard textbook in the area of equine medication control *Drugs and the Performance Horse*, 1981. He has made numerous invited presentations worldwide and has been invited to present expert professional opinions on all five continents. Dr. Tobin spoke to both the veterinarians and general membership at the 2006 AERC convention on the subject of drug testing. Dr. Tobin has been an invaluable asset to the veterinary committee in providing consultations on the revision of our medication rule. He has given very freely of his time and expertise in the form of written correspondence, phone consultations and conference call meetings. Dr. Tobin is currently a Professor of Veterinary Science at the Gluck Equine Research Center, University of Kentucky. The veterinary committee recommends that AERC recognize Dr. Tobin's generous and valuable contribution to the revision of our drug rule through a monetary contribution to the Gluck Equine Research Center, University of Kentucky in the amount of \$7,500.00. Funding for this would be made available from accrued funds in the AERC Drug Testing Program which is designated solely for purposes related to the drug testing program including supporting research and/or consulting costs. This will be presented as a motion at the mid year board meeting.

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**MOTION PROPOSAL**

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

**Motion  
Name:  
Caja  
del Rio  
RTP**

**funding match**

**Proposing Committee: Trails Committee**

**Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) : June 4, 2007**

**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 of up to \$5,000 be approved as the AERC match for the Caja del Rio RTP funding request. The funds to come from the Trails contribution account.**

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

**This is part of an AERC project of continued participation with the Forest Service. The AERC is participating with the Forest Service on a submittal for Recreation Trails Program (RTP) federal funding.**

**Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)**

No impact to the general fund. This will be funded from Trails contributions. Also the Endurance Ride this year will raise funds as part of this match. Many area clubs are also donating funds to the contribution match.

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

This is currently a site for one endurance ride a year. The proposal would be to do a multi-day at this site when improvements are in.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget)none

Committees consulted and/or affected Trails and Grants

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial)

This is a proposal that must be approved for the main funding before our match will be used. Timing is currently unknown.

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

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees)

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\*\*\* "May 14, 2007

Dear AERC Board of Directors,

Petition to award mileage per Rule 1.3.1

The 'Dodge City Shootout', fifty mile endurance ride, held May 5, 2007 in Dodge City, Kansas was terminated at the second vet check, located at thirty eight miles. Nine horses had cleared this vet check prior to this action. These nine horses also passed their post ride vet examination and were awarded their full completions.

This petition addresses nine other riders that passed the second vet examination at thirty-eight miles, but were not allowed to continue the ride.

The circumstances causing this were tornado activity and a hailstorm producing 'gold ball size' hail. A Mr. McHugh from the Ford County Fire and Emergency response Department met me at vet check #2 and advised me to stop the event. He also advised that everyone get under cover to protect themselves from serious injury from the coming 'golf ball sized' hailstorm. He further informed me that the evening before, the town of Greensburg, Kansas had been hit by a Force 5 tornado that destroyed 95 percent of the town of 1600.

I felt that the only prudent action was for me to stop the ride. I request that the Board award these nine riders thirty-eight miles of lifetime completion.

Regards, Courtney Hart

Ride Manager

/S/ Courtney Hart"