

Convention meeting minutes 2/28/08
Silver Legacy Resort Casino, Reno Nevada

In attendance: Mike Maul, Connie Caudill, Nick Warhol, Gail Williams, Jan Stevens, Tom Noll, Heidi Smith, Patti Pizzo, Sandy Terp, Monica Chapman, Joe Long, Susan Schomburg, Roger W. Taylor, Jeff Trinkle, John Parke, Dianna Chapek, Robert Ribley, Laura Hayes, John Crandell, Mike Tomlinson, Susan Kasemeyer, Joe Schoech, Stan Eichelberger, Michael Campbell, Bruce Weary, Mike Jaffe, Terry Woolley Howe, Kathleen A. Henkel

Committee chairs:
Melissa Ribley DVM

Absent: Barry Waitte, Joyce Mocilian, Randy Eiland

Excusals for tonight:

Barry Waitte- requests excusal from tonight's meeting due to family matters.
Randy Eiland- requests excusal from tonight's meeting due to business matters.

I. Housekeeping

1. Motion made for acceptance of January 7th phone meeting minutes. Motion passes unanimously.
2. Membership Statistics: Kathleen Henkel

Membership counts: As of 2/19/07 - 5024
As of 2/26/08 - 5370

Rider Fees: As of 2/26/07 \$4,237
As of 2/26/08 \$4,998.40

Sanction Fees as of 2/26/07 \$12,108.13
as of 2/26/08 \$11,665.00

New members as of 2/19/07 - 492
New members as of 2/26/08 - 470

II. Committee Reports (see Attachment for written reports)

- Marketing/Public Relations Committee
- Office Operations
- Protest & Grievance Committee
- Ride Managers Committee
- Technical Committee
- Veterinary Committee
- Welfare of the Horse Committee
- AERC International Minutes – 1/08 & 2/08 meetings

Meeting called to order by President Mike Maul at 6:00 pm pst.

III. New Business:

- 1- Finance Committee update: Patti Pizzo and Sue Taylor. Sue Taylor gave a power point presentation refresher course pertaining to accounting to the Board.

- 2- New Board member presentation: John Parke. John gives a presentation to the newly elected BOD members that describes some basic operating procedures and process, some expectations regarding conduct and behavior, and some general information to help them begin service on the board.
- 3- AERC International committee- motion from committee to present a one time lifetime membership to the aerc for Kristen Kimber as an acknowledgment for her outstanding contributions to the aerc as a young rider. Although there is no disagreement from anyone regarding the issue of Kristen deserving the recognition and accolades, there is a lot of discussion regarding the issuance of a life time membership in an instance such as this, since there is currently no such membership category. There is no precedence, nor are there provisions in the rules or bylaws. There is a lot of discussion about the value of a lifetime membership and how to proceed; a suggestion is made to offer Kristen a \$1,000 scholarship as an alternative. A motion is raised to change the award to a five year membership, the motion is withdrawn. A motion from committee is raised to modify the original motion from a lifetime membership to a \$1,000 scholarship instead. Motion from committee- passes unanimously.
- 4- Sanctioning Committee: Susan Kaesmayer. Susan presents three rides that require special sanctioning:
 - a. North American Young Riders FEI ride-75 mile distance only, limited to riders 16 to 21 or a junior with an official letter of approval. MT region, Jan Steven ride manager, 7/31/08. Sanctioning Director approval, Motion passes unanimously.
 - b. Moab canyons ride, first ride as a pioneer ride, 10/30-11/01/08, MT region, Sherri Griffith ride manager, 25/55, 25/50, 25/50 distances, Sanctioning director approval, passes unanimously.
 - c. Great Santa Fe ride, second year as a pioneer, ride starts in the SW region and ends in the CT region. Sanctioning director tentative approval based on proof of adequate independent ride insurance. This year there are several rule changes, as well as a request to have 3-4 parallel rides that are open to any rider that take place in tandem with the 8 day ride. Much discussion about the ride itself, the special circumstances it entails, and the lack of the official WHC reports regarding the horse fatalities as a result of the accident at the finish. There is much discussion about the process of the special sanctioning process, and the official policies the AERC has set regarding dealing with rides such as these. The sanctioning request is withdrawn until the matter can be discussed in the appropriate committees.
- 5- Insurance Committee- Roger Taylor.
 - a. Roger reports that the new Equisure policy for the 08 ride season has been upgraded to the new \$2M per event and \$4M aggregate option.
 - b. Roger reports on the attempt to find an aggregate policy to cover ride vets. This seems to be an absolute impossibility, including even a one day vet policy. He mentions a new concept being worked on by the vet committee regarding changing the definition of a ride vet to as ride judge that has specific requirements. This is an interesting concept that will be evaluated in committee.
 - c. Roger reports that an effort is underway to reword some of the sections in the vet handbook to help clarify and improve the text regarding possible liability issues.
- 6- Canadian Endurance reciprocity agreement: Mike Tomlinson. Mike discusses the ongoing effort to make an agreement with the endurance Canada organization to

create an agreement regarding sharing of mileage and points between the organizations. This project has been going on for many months. There is a lot of discussion on the benefits and drawbacks of the agreement. A suggestion is made to have Mike T create a written document that will explain in detail the benefits and drawbacks. The motion is withdrawn.

7- Vet Committee: Melissa Ribley.

- a. Melissa reports on the status of the new Drug rule- it is complete, and the appendices are in the process of being updated due to the dynamic nature of the substances in use today.
- b. The final fatality report of 06 and eight for 07 have been finalized. There are currently three pending.
- c. Goals for 2008:
 - i. Revise Vet handbook, including seeking some legal advice on the wording of some sections.
 - ii. Continue to work with USEF to look at outsourcing the drug testing.
 - iii. Look at taking the very successful vet certification program to another level.
 - iv. Investigate the post ride pulse down rule to make it 30 minutes for pulse to make it consistent with the rest of the ride pulse down times. (60 minute vet check would still apply)
 - v. Help develop legal guidelines for ride release forms.
 - vi. Investigate setting minimum vet resource levels at rides.
- d. Melissa presents the motion to modify the existing 9.3 bc judging rule to change the word "finishing" to "completing". This motion had been published in EN for membership feedback; there was zero received. Motion passes unanimously.
- e. A suggestion was made to include the corresponding rule for LD. Melissa agrees, and raises a motion from committee to make the rule change for the LD rule L9.3. Motion passes unanimously.

8- AERC International- motion raised to replace Central Zone rep Joe Mattingly with Jeremy Olsen. Motion from committee- passes unanimously.

9- Membership committee- motion options to implement a three year membership program. Motions tabled until Sunday meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.

Committee Reports:

Marketing/Public Relations Committee Report 2/13/08

Submitted by Troy Smith, Committee Chair

The MarCom Committee members continued to submit articles in a variety of horse publications in

2007. Both stories about rides and general informational pieces about endurance riding have served

to inform and education riders across the country about endurance riding. This will continue in 2008.

Genie Stewart-Spears proposed a banner program and oversaw the design and production of 8" x 4"

banners to be put up at ride sites. They are going to ride managers, who will share the banners

throughout their regions.

There are advertising contracts signed for several publications in 2008. The emphasis will be on endurance riding being "friendly and fun" for newcomers. Besides the six issues of Modern Arabian Horse (AHA's publication), we are placing ads in Trail Rider magazine, RIDE/Western Times (CA, OR, WA and NV, 35K circulation), California Riding (distributed throughout California) and Horsin' Around (VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, TN, AL, 19.5K circulation). Total cost for 2008 ads booked: \$5639. We'd like to increase public knowledge about endurance riding in advance of the Kentucky Games in 2010, and will work to gear up local interest in the AERC convention set for Louisville, Kentucky, in February of 2009.

Office Operations Committee Report 2/14/08
Submitted by Kathleen A. Henkel, Chair

The search for insurance to cover AERC's ride veterinarians continues with little promise. Roger Taylor has made many contacts and has not yet been successful in finding insurance in this regard.

This matter remains open.

Ride liability coverage through Equisure, Inc. has been raised to the \$2,000,000/\$4,000,000 limits previously passed by the Board.

Judy and Kathleen had an extensive telephone conference call with programmer Russ Humphrey and President Mike Maul, chair of the technical committee, pertaining to all facets of online entry available to the membership: membership renewals, horse registrations, new membership submission, and online ride results. The call yielded many ideas that will contribute to the efficiency of the office and some additions for the membership that will add to the user friendly ability of all online entries.

Convention planning is proceeding in Louisville – site of the 2009 convention. The Galt House,

Louisville's only waterfront hotel is the host hotel. Many activities are available to the membership surrounding the hotel which will add to the desirability of this location. We are actively seeking bids for 2010 from hotels in the Reno area that are large enough to handle the seminars and trade show.

Troy continues to impress with each passing issue of the *Endurance News*. She does a fabulous job each month putting out a magazine that showcases AERC in very positive fashion. She also handles website updates, assists the veterinary committee with their newsletter, and a myriad of other duties.

Judy continues her extraordinary service to the membership with respect to dues, ride results, online sanctions, and equine registrations. At convention time she handles vendor booth assignment and works closely with the trade show site representative regarding trailer placement. Her people skills

on the telephone are invaluable to AERC and she is instrumental in presenting AERC in a positive light with her cheerfulness and telephone etiquette.

Suzi is immersing herself in accounting duties. She works closely with Patti Pizzo and members of

the finance committee and AERC's accountant. She is in the office Monday through Thursday in the

early morning to handle various duties and returns some afternoons to handle charges and deposits.

She is looking forward to her first convention as a staff member.

Rho, our Tuesday and Thursday girl, handles all the filing and mailing out of ride manager packets

and veterinary packets. She also handles all address corrections in the database received from the U.

S. Postal Service. We couldn't do it without her!! This will be Rho's second convention as a staff

member and she is ready for the challenge.

Liz returned to assist us through the convention months – both before and after. She is handling the

regional award spreadsheets necessary for embroidery for the awards, the spreadsheets for

attendance at the seminars, banquet, veterinary CE, raffle and dance. She also handles the stuffing of

attendee packets relative to convention registration, including all badge making, ticket counting, etc.

We are very lucky to have her back – even if the time is short – she is a true asset to AERC.

All of us in the office are enjoying our expanded space. We have room for storage in the office and

everyone has their own spot in which to spread out and work. We invite all of you to visit when you

are next in the Auburn area. We will speak to the technical committee about the addition of another

computer to be utilized by one of the part time girls. In the past we utilized the server to access

Tomcat but that is no longer available so we are one computer short in the office but are coping.

Technical Group

2008 Convention Report

Prepared by Mike Maul

Goals in 2007

Development of the Post Ride Statistical report database so that the Vet Committee can analyze treatment results from rides using database queries.

Introduction of the online ride results input program to shorten the time for results to appear online and reduce the office effort required for data entry.

Bug fixes for TomCat and present online doublejoy services.

Update the AERC online website

Achievements in 2007

Installation of a complete backup system for the office including the SQL server, the TomCat software, and all mail/document systems. Needed for the Disaster Recovery plan.

Improved Anti-virus software installed in Office

Complete replacement of the office server for improved service and

improved networking in Office

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Office 2007 installed at office with Outlook 2007 being presently used. Excel and Word will be introduced in 2008.

Development of the Post Ride Statistical report database so that the Vet Committee can analyze treatment results from rides using database queries.

Installed a new source code control system on office server that will keep all of the source for all the AERC projects on the server and be backed up as a part of the Disaster Recovery plan.

Goals for 2008

TC-1

Description: Enhancement of the 2007 online ride results application so that it will run on a laptop at the ride and then upload the ride results once connected to the Internet. Online application to enter ride results after a ride with member/horse lookup based on AERC #. All forms necessary for reporting ride will be automatically transferred to the office where approval by the office will insert the results into the system. Fees will be paid by credit card using the application with a secure link.

TC-2

Description: Update of AERC website using the original developer Alphaplex working with an AERC volunteer.

TC-3

Description: Bug fixes/support that normally occur in the online doublejoy applications like calendar, history, etc.

TC-4 Description: Complete implementation of Disaster plan in office

TC-5 Description: Improve office operations - Shorten online renewal office effort so that it is significantly less than the paper equivalent

TC-6 Description: Need items for membership, Horse Welfare,

TC-7 Description: Check (and upgrade if needed) in use applications for improvements in office productivity

Veterinary Committee Report, February 2008

Submitted by Melissa Ribley DVM, Chair

I. Accomplishments in 2007

A. Finalized the AERC drug rule

B. Wrote monthly Vet Forum Articles for Endurance News

C. Published the quarterly AERC Veterinary Newsletter

D. Continued certification program. A total of 171 AERC certified veterinarians to date.

E. Reviewed and wrote fatality reports for eight 2007 ride related fatalities

F. Revised the fatality reporting procedure

G. Drug tested nineteen rides

H. Supported equine drug testing research through a donation of drug testing program funds to the Gluck Equine Research Program, run by Dr. Thomas Tobin.

I. Provided veterinary continuing education at the 2007 AERC convention

J. Worked with research committee on projects such as the rider card study project.

K. Provided a resource to riders and veterinarians for questions regarding AERC veterinary matters.

II. Goals for 2008

A. Revise the AERC Veterinary Handbook. The section referring to the drug rule is now out of date. We will seek legal input on the wording of the handbook so as to minimize the legal responsibility of the head and judging veterinarians

B. Work with USEF to determine feasibility of outsourcing our drug testing program

to them.

C. Work with the insurance committee to investigate the possibility of providing rideday professional liability insurance coverage for veterinarians working AERC rides.

D. Take the AERC Veterinary Certification program to another level. Add in a mentoring or apprentice period in order to achieve the next level of certification

E. Investigate the viability of a change in pulse recovery criteria at the end of the ride to a maximum of 30 minutes.

F. Elect new committee in the fall per the AERC by-laws

III. Long term goals

A. Develop a legal protocol to use as guidelines for contracts and releases for ride veterinarians.

B. Investigate the benefits of requiring a medical treatment system at AERC rides. This would include minimum requirements of ride management such as a minimum veterinary treatment set up and/or required referral procedure.

C. Provide continuing education on endurance related veterinary topics to veterinarians at large conferences such as AAEP.

Welfare of the Horse Committee Report

11/25/07 – submitted by Laura Hayes, Chair

Grand Island May 27, 2006

At mile 87 of a 100 mile ride in the MW region, a 9 year old Arabian gelding with 355 miles to his

credit, suddenly pitched, dumped his rider and bolted through the dark woods. He was heard

crashing through the timber before coming to a halt. He was found a few minutes later in a forward

cast position on a down hill slope.

After being removed from the woods, it was noted that the horse was bleeding profusely from his

chest. All valiant efforts to save his life failed and he succumbed to blood loss shortly thereafter.

A necropsy revealed an extensive tear in the jugular, esophagus and trachea, most likely from

impalement on a sharp object as he went crashing through the timber. It is believed by a veterinarian in attendance, that the horse was laying in a position that kept the wound closed, and

when he was moved, it was allowed to gape open, causing the extensive blood loss.

There does not appear to be any reasonable explanation for the erratic behavior of this horse. This

accident was completely unavoidable, and it was fortunate that the rider was not seriously hurt as

well.

The Welfare of the Horse Committee wishes to express our sympathy in this tragedy and to thank

those rescuers and veterinarians who strove to save this horse.

Report of Equine Fatality at the Redwood Ride I, July 22, 2006

The rider was quite new to the sport, having completed a 30-mile limited distance ride on this horse

the month before. The horse, a 13-year old registered Arabian gelding, had 655 endurance miles to

his credit, including 2 100-mile completions with a previous owner, and 85 limited distance miles.

The ride site was one hour from the rider's home. While it is unclear when the gelding arrived,

witnesses have indicated that he camped with another horse in his pen with one water bucket

between the two, and that the other horse may have blocked the gelding's access to water.

The ride site was located on the coast of Northern California. The weather had taken a nasty

departure from Northern California's normal temperate climate with temperatures approaching 90

degrees and humidity levels to match.

Riders experienced with this trail report it to be a technical single track trail with some significant

elevation changes. Because of the extreme heat, experienced riders, who normally complete the 50-

mile trail at this ride in 6-1/2 hours, instead took 8-11 hours to complete.

The limited distance ride was sanctioned as 25 miles, and although it would later be re-sanctioned at

30 miles (with riders given credit for their miles if completed within 7 hours 15 minutes), the limited

distance participants apparently attempted to ride the ride within the 6 hour time limit normally

allowed for 25 miles.

The rider rode a conservative ride, completing in over 5 hours (not including hold times) and just

minutes before being overtime. Although the ride card was not available for examination, witnesses,

including the treatment vet, confirm that this horse was not overridden and that the horse appeared

to be in good shape upon completion.

Not long after completion, the gelding became uncomfortable and after being treated with half a dose

of banamine, appeared to return to normal. The horse may not have been closely monitored during

the night, and at 5:00 AM, went down in his pen and was rolling. The veterinarian who initially

treated the gelding found no gut sounds, a heart rate of 80 beats per minute and dark mucous

membranes. The veterinarian on site started IV fluids and administered steroidal and non steroidal

antiinflammatory meds, as well as a pain reliever and sedatives. An hour later, the treatment vet

arrived and found the horse to be laterally recumbent, with labored breathing and no gut sounds. A

nasogastric tube was inserted and a second catheter to allow rapid administration of IV fluids.

Overall, sixty-six liters of fluid, were administered at the ride site. Minimal reflux was observed, but

that which was obtained was brownish and foul smelling.

The gelding urinated after receiving 30-35 liters of fluids, and his gut sounds improved somewhat.

When the gelding was stable enough to travel, the treatment vet contacted the rider's home

veterinarian to advise of the horse's condition and to let him know that the horse would be

transported with IV fluids and nasogastric tube in place. She stressed that he would need fluids

continued for at least 24-48 hours and refluxing every two hours or so to allow for stomach

decompression.

At 11:30 Sunday morning, the home veterinarian noted the gelding's heart rate was 60 beats per

minute, had no gut sounds and was refluxing spontaneously. The home veterinarian continued IV

fluid therapy, administering another 10 liters until 4:00 or 5:00 PM. He rechecked the horse at that

time, administered more antinflammatory drugs, and then pulled the nasogastric tube and discontinued

fluids, contrary to the recommendation of the treatment vet.

One to two hours later, the gelding crashed, kicking at his belly and rolling in pain and had a heart

beat of 80. A belly tap produced orange/bloody fluid. The home veterinarian referred the gelding to

the University of California Davis for surgery, a three hour drive. Unfortunately, the gelding died en

route to the University.

The cause of death is listed as ileus with anterior enteritis and possible stomach rupture.

No

necropsy was performed.

As with many equine fatalities, this fatality seems to be the culmination of a series of events:

- * The horse may have entered the competition behind the hydration curve, and upon completion,

may have not had adequate access to water due to his camping mate;

- * The weather was uncharacteristically hot and humid .

- * The rider was new to the sport and may not have had a mentor to give advice on how to deal with

extreme weather conditions (however, the committee notes that the rider appears to have taken care

to not override his horse and attempted to complete the ride with his equine partner's welfare in

mind)

- *After the first sign of colic, the horse may not have been closely monitored throughout the night;

- * The home veterinarian may not have understood the amount of fluid necessary to rehydrate an

endurance horse, or that the nasogastric tube was necessary for reflux.

Writer's note: This writer tried without success to contact the rider for input, however, the

treatment vet and an experienced endurance rider who witnessed the events surrounding this

incident were interviewed and provided input.

The Horse Welfare Committee expresses its sympathy to the rider for the loss of this horse

Additionally, the Committee would welcome contact from the rider to add to or clarify parts of this

report.

Report of Equine Fatality at the Tour de Washoo, August 26, 2006

The horse and rider team which are the subject of this report shared many miles. The rider is an

accomplished endurance rider with approximately 8,600 miles and an outstanding completion rate.

Of this total, 2,200 were earned in 1-day 100 mile completions, including several Tevis completions.

The 20-year-old Arabian gelding was a veteran campaigner as well, with close to 6,500 miles to his credit under several riders, including 19 100-mile completions, several Tevis completions and very few pulls. Including a top ten in Tevis with the above rider. The weather on the day of the 2006 Tour de Washoo was typical for August in Nevada, with highs in the upper 80s and low humidity. This ride was held in familiar territory for the pair who lived only a few miles from the trails and regularly conditioned on them. The start of the trail was a bit tricky and the rider was asked to lead the way that morning. The gelding acted like a younger horse, pulling on the rider and wanting to go faster. He appeared to drink at the first water stop, which was unusual for this horse who typically did not drink for the first 25 miles of a ride. In retrospect, and after watching her horse after completion, the rider believes the horse was only playing with the water. The rider controlled the horse's speed and eventually completed the ride in 7-1/2 hours in 10th place and a CRI of 60/52. The gelding recovered within 5 minutes of being presented at each vet check and completion, out-recovering his trail mates and receiving A's and B's throughout the day. At completion all metabolic parameters were graded B, and the horse was eating and drinking in his typical fashion. One hour post ride the rider noticed that her horse appeared to be uncomfortable. He nosed and played with his water and then laid down. The rider sought immediate treatment and upon examination the horse was found to have good gut sounds and a pulse of 52. According to the treatment vet, the horse was given banamine. At 6:00 p.m., the rider opted to take the horse home, feeling that familiar surroundings would make him more comfortable and help him feel better. The treatment vet at the ride had also served as the rider's veterinarian from time to time, and when the horse continued to show signs of pain, the rider called the head vet and asked for continued treatment. Four hours after the horse exhibited signs of pain, a nasogastric tube was inserted 2 gallons of fluid refluxed. The nasogastric tube was removed and the horse was orally medicated with 1 pint of mineral oil and ½ gallon of water and Equine BlueLite. The horse appeared to be feeling somewhat better, drinking but not eating. At 10:30 p.m. the gelding was transported to the treatment veterinarian's barn where he continued to pace and to get up and down. At 11:00 p.m., 7 hours after the horse started exhibiting signs of discomfort, an IV catheter was put in place and the horse was given fluids and a sedative.

He received a total of 18 liters of fluids between 11:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. By 1:00 a.m. the horse was refluxing through his nose. The nasogastric tube was reinserted and the horse refluxed 3-1/2 gallons of foul smelling bloody fluid. The rider made the decision to euthanize her horse at 8:00 a.m. when he was shaking with pain. He had a heartrate of 80 bpm and very low gut sounds. Subsequent necropsy revealed a gastric rupture and a 7-inch tear in the mucosa and muscle.

There were no ulcers observed, and the horse's other internal organs looked normal. There were no physical obstructions found.

This horse suffered from an ileus and subsequent gastric rupture. While the causes of ileus are not entirely understood, perhaps learning can come from this terrible incident. As riders and veterinarians, we should be willing to aggressively administer IV fluids to a horse in metabolic distress. When ileus is suspected, it would be prudent to insert and sew or tape in place, a nasogastric tube, to allow the horse to reflux any build-up of fluids and help prevent gastric rupture. While there are no guarantees that this horse could have recovered from this episode, a delay in aggressive treatment that allowed the build up of stomach fluid, could have contributed to his discomfort and eventual demise. The digestive system of a horse is a delicate apparatus and waiting hours to treat a horse with colic symptoms, is never prudent.

The members of the Horse Welfare Committee thank the rider for her cooperation and offer their sincerest condolences on the loss of her trail partner.

Report of Equine Fatality at the DRAW IV Ride, October 14, 2006

It was cold and raw the day of the ride, with the kind of rain and stiff wind that makes a rider want

to crawl back into a nice warm bed. But the horse and rider team saddled up and started the ride in anticipation of the trail they would share that day. The rider is experienced with more than 3,600

endurance miles to her credit, a low pull rate, and no metabolic pulls. She is known among her peers

to be cautious and caring. The 11-year old unregistered Arabian gelding was just getting started in

endurance with 200 competition miles and was considered by this rider to be horse of a lifetime.

The trail was moderately difficult, with some hills and rocks, but the trail conditions were good and

the pair was in familiar territory. The horse was well conditioned and up to the task at hand. The

rider planned to ride the 50 mile ride at a moderate 7 miles per hour and kept that pace as they

breezed through the first and second loops. The gelding ate and drank well at the first and second

checks and easily vetted through both checks.

The team and their riding companions left the second vet check in good order, although both horses

attempted to return to camp shortly after leaving. Both riders ascribed this to their mounts' familiarity with the trail and the fact that this day the trail turned in a different direction from the norm. The riding companion took the lead and the riders met their pit crew at the first road crossing from the check. The gelding refused grain at this point, but did eat grass, and otherwise seemed comfortable and happy, so the pair continued down the trail, again meeting the pit crew at a second road crossing which was the halfway point on the third loop. The gelding refused grain and grass, but did drink well and ate an apple, all normal behavior for this horse. By the time the pair reached the third road crossing, it was apparent that the horse was in distress. He refused to eat or drink, and the rider sent her companion on to the next check, which was approximately 3 miles away. The rider attempted to lead her horse down the trail, but he tried to lie down and she discovered that riding kept the horse moving and on his feet. The rider kept the horse moving at a very slow walk until they reached the third check, where the rider pulled herself and requested treatment for her horse. The gelding was sedated and trailered back to base camp. An initial examination of the gelding revealed distended loops of large intestine. The horse was again sedated, tubed and given pain medication. When it became apparent that the pain could not be controlled in the field, the horse was referred to a nearby clinic where subsequent examination revealed a torsion of the large colon. The rider was advised that the situation was very grave and that surgery is the only solution for this type of torsion. The horse's prognosis was given as very poor. The rider then made the very difficult decision to end her horse's suffering. Per the rider's wishes, no necropsy was performed. The Committee would like to make riders aware that the cost of colic surgery is often high. Every horse owner faces the possibility that his or her horse will colic and require surgery, whether at home or at a ride. It is the opinion of the committee that if such a surgery is not within an owner's means, there is no shame in ending the suffering of his or her horse. The members of the Horse Welfare Committee thank the rider for her cooperation during what is still a very difficult time for her and offer their sincerest condolences on the loss of her beloved horse.

Mustang Memorial November 11, 2006

An 8 year old Arabian gelding in the NE region was humanely euthanized following entry in the

Mustang Memorial 50 in Greenbank, NJ, NE region.

At 38 miles into the ride, the gelding stumbled and became immediately acutely lame on his left front

leg. After waiting on the trail for over an hour, he was trailered back to camp where a splint was applied. He was then trailered to New Bolton Center, and equine research facility nearby. Radiographs revealed an irreparable fracture of his humerus. Necropsy and histopathology revealed a prior unidentified injury predisposed the leg to fracture. This 'freak' injury could neither be predicted nor avoided.

We wish to express our heartfelt condolences to the rider/owner and our gratitude for allowing us

complete access to the medical records in this case.

Protest & Grievance Committee

The Protest & Grievance report for 2007 is as follows;

9 Protests Filed

3 Decisions Rendered

2 protests withdrawn

4 Protests Pending

During the course of the year the P&G Committee collaborated with the rules committee concerning the rule changes.

Ride Managers' Committee

2007 Accomplishments

- Have had a great year with regard to active and productive discussions and we have an excellent

“core” group of RMs on our Committee.

- Encouraged RMs to use the On Line Ride Reporting System and “coached” them through the

process (EN article written by Randy Eiland)

- Reviewed the benefits of creating an “incident/accident report form” for human injuries at rides

for filing by the RM in their home files to be utilized in the event a claim or suit is filed. While

the form and process was submitted to the other affected Committees in June, 2007, this is still

“in process”, and to be discussed at our Committee Meeting at Convention. Form is drafted and

ready for inclusion in RM packets for non-mandatory use by RMs.

- Had lengthy and on-going discussions on the topic of Badly Behaved Riders. The consensus,

though not unanimous, has been to encourage RMs to “work the system” in place – the P&G

system, WOTH Committee Reporting, use of Rule 4.1, clarification of rules violations resulting

in possible disqualification on their ride entry form, as well as more informal tactics. Article to

be published in EN March 2008 to this effect. This issue may require more attention during

2008, specifically to address methods to identify and provide consequences to BBR before their

behavior becomes problematic within and outside of their home region. There is still some

discussion within the RMC re: a method for filing incidents of bad behavior so that the organization can address a pattern of bad behavior and take action without each RM having to

contemplate a “refusal of entry” for their own ride.

- Provided guidance to RMs on how to prepare for things going wrong, including trail marking

vandalism, rider/horse/staff injuries, and weather emergencies (EN article, Patti Stedman).

- Provided guidance to RMs re: the management of Vendors (EN article, Tammy Robinson).
- Ride Managers“ Handbook was reviewed, a few very minor changes made so it could be submitted for reprinting.
- The Committee provided input regarding pull codes for rides.
- Provided coaching on working with the BLM Permitting process (EN article, Paul Happel, BLM)

2008 Goals

- Review new Insurance Policy and provide guidance to RMs on what is covered, what is not, and

what needs to be done to protect their own liability as well as AERC“s.

□Finalize “Ride Participant Incident Report Form” for inclusion in 2008 RM packets, ASAP.

- Coach RMs on accurate trail measurement with a SME (subject matter expert) providing guidance for an EN article
- Continue to provide support to Ride Managers and help riders appreciate the role RMs play in order to make the sport a better one for all of us.

AERC-I Committee

Board Report On

January 3, 2007 AERC-I Confernece Call Meeting

9:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Attendance: Carol Giles, Chair

Kathy Brunjes, Advisor

Betty Baker, Treasurer

Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance Director

Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Representative

Jan Stevens, Junior Committee

Cia Reis – East

Holly Ulyate - Mountain

Michele Roush – Pac North

Joe Mattingley – Central

Grace Ramsey – Central

Teresa Cross – Pac South

Carolyn Hock – Pac South

Absent: Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee

Mark Dial, Vice Chair (excused)

Art Priesz, USEF High Performance

Lynn Kenelly – East

Martha McMurray – Mountain (excused)

Hal Hall – Pac North

AGENDA

Michele moved to approve the agenda for the January meeting and Carolyn seconded the motion,

which was then approved unanimously.

MINUTES

Joe moved to approve the December minutes as drafted and Michele seconded. The motion was

approved.

TREASURERS REPORT – Betty Baker

Betty did not receive an updated report from AERC so, as far as she knows, AERC-I's profit/loss

remains approximately the same – i.e., a loss of approximately \$350.00.

The committee discussed how to proceed regarding Robin Groves' failure to reimburse the

committee for expenses incurred on her behalf. Carol will contact Robin directly to see what her

position is and what can be done to resolve the issue. Carol will report back to the committee before

any further action is taken.

Betty reported that income received from the sale of merchandise occurring at rides and via internet

sales does not appear in AERC's accounting to AERC-I. She will work with the office to clarify this.

Betty reported that one of the CDs into which AERC-I placed some of its funds matured in

December. She was unable to obtain information from the office regarding the interest earned and

whether the original funds have been rolled over into another CD. She will continue working with

the office to obtain information regarding this. She believes the interest should have been around

\$225.00 making the interest earned for the year approximately \$700.00. This is the money

earmarked for Youth Program.

Kirstin Kimbler. Recognition for winning the USEF Youth Sportsman Award and Youth Equestrian

of the Year.

The Committee extended its warmest congratulations to Kirstin for her accomplishments. Carolyn

who served on the USEF committee that made the final selection, reported that the Committee was

extremely impressed with Kirstin's accomplishments.

Kathy reported that last year's winner of the Youth Sportsman Award received a lifetime membership from her nominating discipline.

Joe moved that AERC-I place a motion before the AERC Board that it award Kirstin Kimbler a

lifetime membership in AERC in recognition of her accomplishments and as a thank you for her

work in the AERC Youth Program. Carolyn seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

USEF UPDATE

A. Technical Committee. Mike Tomlinson – absent, no report.

B. Developing Rider Program. Michele Roush

Nothing new to report.

High Performance Committee. Art Priesz – absent, no report

Active Athletics. Julie Bullock – absent no report

E Endurance Director's Report. Vonita Bowers

Joe Mattingly was elected as the new Chair of the IHP Committee.

Suzanne Hayes was appointed to fill the IHP Committee vacancy left by Art Priesz's resignation.

6-7 applicants for the Chef are currently being interviewed. It is anticipated that the final selection

will be announced at the February USEF meetings to be held at the AERC convention.

The National Team Training List has been released. This is comprised of the top 25 riders based on last year's ranking trials plus individuals on the winning Z-Tec team. Once the Chef is selected that person may name 5-10 additional wildcard riders to the list. Training sessions for the National Team will be scheduled. These sessions will most likely be open to auditors. Ranking Trials for next year have also been released. This list includes FEI rides as well national rides. Vonita reported that all Ride Managers contact to host ranking trials have been very cooperative. The National Team list and the Ranking Trial lists can be found in EN and on the USEF webpage under Breeds & Disciplines - Endurance". USEF Committee meetings will be held at the AERC convention Friday February 29th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. These meeting are all open to the general AERC membership.

CONVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Carol reported that the two AERC-I sessions are scheduled for Friday February 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00. The AERC-I meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 1st at 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Teresa reported that she has completed an inventory of AERC-I merchandise and will fax this to Betty. Jan reported that she has some AERC-I merchandise and will provide Betty with an inventory. Teresa moved to authorize Betty to spend up to \$2500.00 to replenish merchandise as she sees fit after reviewing the inventory. Michell seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Hal has forwarded a work schedule for the AERC booth. Carol requested that any zone rep attending the convention sign up for a slot. Carol will also attempt to get coverage for the booth on Friday so everyone can attend the USEF meetings and the AERC-I sessions. Kirstin will work with Carol to try to find youth members willing to help out. It was suggested that AERC-I provide a portion of its earning to the Youth Program in exchange for this service. The welcome reception is scheduled for Thursday February 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It will be held at the same location registration takes place. The committee felt that 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. was a better time as it would allow Board members to attend the reception. Carol will contact Kathleen to change the time. Holly moved to authorize Martha to spend \$700.00 on the reception (in addition to the \$700.00 to be donated by USEF). Michele seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Holly is working on two programs for use during convention and the regional awards. Carolyn will work with Vonita to finalize who will present the "Nuts and Bold of FEI riding" session.

Kathy and Joe will work on obtaining a multi media presentation for the session promoting the 2010 WEG. They will also see if Art Priesz has information available regarding the trail. Kathy and Joe also agreed to sit on a panel that will discuss their experiences at international rides. Carol will get two additional people for this panel.

Resignations

Joe has resigned his zone rep position so that he might focus on his new position as Chair of the IHP.

Joe will contact a possible replacement for his position.

Due to the time, Kathy asked for a motion to suspend the remainder of the agenda and adjourn the

meeting. Joe so moved and Holly seconded. The meeting was then adjourned.

Minutes

February 5, 2007 AERC-I Meeting

Conference call meeting February 5, 2007, 9:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Attendance: Carol Giles, Chair

Kathy Brunjes, Advisor

Betty Baker, Treasurer

Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance Director

Joe Mattingly, USEF High Performance

Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Representative

Holly Ulyate - Mountain

Martha McMurray - Mountain

Michele Roush - Pac North

Hal Hall - Pac North

Grace Ramsey - Central

Teresa Cross - Pac South

Carolyn Hock - Pac South

Absent: Mark Dial, Vice Chair

Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee

Jan Stevens, Junior Committee

Cia Reis - East

Lynn Kenelly - East

Guest: Jeremy Olson

AGENDA

Martha moved to approve the agenda for the February meeting and Hal seconded the motion, which

was then approved unanimously.

MINUTES

Hal moved to approve the January minutes as drafted and Holly seconded. The motion was

approved.

TREASURERS REPORT - Betty Baker

Betty did not receive an updated report from AERC. She reports this is a serious problem that we

need to address with AERC.

Based on the last report she received in November, AERC-I has 11,396.00 in its checking account

plus \$25,000 invested in two CDs. The \$10,000 CD was recently rolled over, but the office could not

tell her what the new interest rate is. The other CD will roll over in March. AERC-I received

approximately \$1000.00 in interest from its investments. This money is ear marked for the junior

program.

Betty is working with Kirsten on the junior budget. AERC has asked that this budget be carried as a sub budget within the AERC budget.

The committee discussed how to resolve Robin Groves' failure to reimburse the committee for expenses incurred on her behalf. Carol will continue to try to contact Robin directly to see if this can be resolved.

Betty reported that she collated AERC-I's current merchandise and recommends that we purchase

polo shirts and tank tops. Teresa moved that Betty make the purchases. Carolyn seconded the

motion, which passed unanimously. The cost will run approximately \$1400.00.

USEF UPDATE

A. Technical Committee. Mike Tomlinson – absent, no report.

B. Developing Rider Program. Michele Roush

Awaiting some material. Nothing new to report.

High Performance Committee. Joe Mattingly.

The IHP committee wants to set up a consistent schedule of FEI rides around the country. Joe asked

each AERC-I member to consider what rides in their respective regions have the managerial support

to put on an FEI ride. Please e-mail Joe with a list of those rides. He hopes to have 12-16 FEI rides

consistently scheduled around the country.

Carolyn suggested that the IHP put together a simple financial explanation for prospective ride

managers so they can understand what is necessary to break even when hosting an FEI ride.

Joe reported that the Becky Hart has been recommended for the Chef position. USEF must approve

this recommendation before it is final.

The IHP hopes to begin work on various methods of fundraising.

Active Athletics. Julie Bullock – absent no report

E Endurance Director's Report. Vonita Bowers

There were no questions regarding the Director's Report

CONVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Carolyn reviewed the international agenda.

Carol will contact Kathleen and request that this agenda be placed in the packets provided to all

convention participants. Carol asked that zone reps forward the schedule on to riders in their

regions. Copies of the schedule will be posted at the reception and placed at the AERC-I booth.

Michele noted that the international events are generally not included in the materials provided in

EN by the office. This is a continuing problem that we need to resolve.

Hal reviewed the schedule for workers at the booth. All slots are now filled.

Holly reported that she is finishing up the multi media presentation. This will be used at the regional

awards, at the booth and as part of the second session held on Friday.

Martha reported that everything is ready for the reception.

Grace reports that Sheika Madea will be attending the convention. She is happy to work at the booth

and do whatever else the committee would like her to do. It was suggested she attend the reception

and sit on the panel to discuss her experiences as an international rider.

Carol reported that the AERC-I meeting at convention will be very brief. The remainder of the time

will be given to Becky Hart to discuss her plans and expectations as Chef. Carol asked that zone reps

let riders know about Becky's presentation.

REPLACEMENT FOR JOE MATTINGLY

Grace moved that Jeremy Olson be appointed to fill Joe Mattingly's vacant zone rep position.

Martha seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously. Carol will submit a motion to

the Board reflecting this recommendation.

NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2008 AND DEMONSTRATION EVENT

Carolyn reported that the passport requirement for this event has been waived.

Jan and Carolyn are working on an article on this event for EN. Carol asked if they could complete

this and have it ready to submit for the next international column.

USEF YOUTH COUNCIL REP – KIRSTEN KIMBLER

Kirsten reported that the USEF convention went well. There were several endurance youth present.

Kirsten has numerous events/activities scheduled for the AERC convention.

Due to the time, Carol asked for a motion to suspend the remainder of the agenda and adjourn the

meeting. Grace so moved and Hal seconded. The meeting was then adjourned.

**** Motions:**

AERC Board of Directors

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name: Motion to Award Lifetime AERC Membership to Kirstin Kimbler in Recognition for Being Awarded the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award and Youth Equestrian of the Year and To Thank Her for Her Outstanding Work in Promoting the AERC Youth Program.

Proposing Committee: AERC-I

Date of Motion: February 4, 2008

Classification of Motion Request: New

Proposed Motion: As part of AERC's continued efforts to expand the base of young people

contributing to the leadership and promotion of endurance, AERC-I recommends that AERC award

Kirsten Kimbler a lifetime membership in AERC in recognition for having been awarded both the

USEF Youth Sportsman's Award and the Youth Equestrian of the Year and to thank her for her

outstanding work in promoting the AERC Youth Program.

Background, analysis and benefit: As the Board will recall, AERC nominated Kirstin Kimbler for

the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award. This goal of this award is to develop youth from all breeds

and disciplines into leaders in the equine industry. In so doing, it recognizes youth who demonstrate

an ongoing commitment and dedication to both USEF and their national affiliate (AERC) by serving

as a role model for their peers and through the promotion of the horse. After competing against youth from numerous other disciplines including show jumping and dressage, USEF awarded

Kirstin this prestigious award. .

Recognition of Kristin's endeavors did not, however, end there. Kirstin was also awarded the highly sought Junior Equestrian of the Year. This award was started in 1985 to honor a young rider who personified the virtues of honor, courage, patience, good temper, unselfishness, and sincerity, who exhibits the qualities of good sportsmanship and integrity and exemplifies exceptional talent and dedication to their chosen equine sport, and who has made outstanding contributions to equestrian competition. .

The USEF selection committees reported that they were simply overwhelmed by the breath and

scope of Kirstin's accomplishments and her tireless efforts to promote the endurance youth program.

These efforts include, among others, organizing youth fundraisers and youth events at AERC

conventions, as well as having a booth at the convention trade show for youth members. She hopes

to eventually set up an internet based communication system for young riders to meet, learn about,

and share their endurance experiences. She also serves as AERC's representative to the USEF

Council. In that capacity she arranged to have an endurance rider (Valery Kanavy) speak at the

USEF annual convention. What's more, Kirstin sits on the AERC-I committee as

AERC's Youth

Representative and is working with the committee charged with organizing the first North American

Young Rider Endurance Championship. In addition, she helped organize and rode as part of the

young rider team who competed at the first Zone Team Challenge.

As recognition for receiving the Youth Sportsman Award and the Junior Equestrian of the Year,

USEF awarded Kirstin, among other things, a \$1,000 scholarship and a USEF Lifetime membership.

In prior years, the recipient's original affiliate organization likewise provided a lifetime membership

in that organization. AERC-I believes that Kirstin is a shining example of endurance youth and

AERC should recognize her work in promoting the AERC Youth Program both within AERC and

outside of our organization by providing her with a lifetime membership to AERC. This type of

recognition encourages other youth to become more involved in the governance of our sport.

Budget effect/impact: The cost of a yearly membership for Kirstin's lifetime.

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization: Recognizes an outstanding

youth endurance rider and helps promote youth to actively participate in endurance in ways other than just riding.

Impact on AERC Office: Minimal impact.

Committees consulted and/or affected: AERC-I, January 3, 2008 minutes

Implementation plan: Approve and award a lifetime AERC membership.

Supporting materials: The Board has previously received the nominee packets provided to USEF by

Kirsten Kimbler.

Supporting approvals: AERC-I January 3rd, 2008 minutes.

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): February 28, 2008 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 Jeremy Olson appointed as zone

representative for the Central Zone.

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

Mattingly, one of

the central zone representative has resigned from AERC-I in order to accept the USEF

High

Performance Committee Chair position. Gracy Ramsey, as the remaining zone representatives for

Central, recommended that Jeremy Olson be appointed to fill the vacant Central position.

AERC-I

unanimously accepted this recommendation.

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 this

appointment can be incorporated into the AERC-I webpage and placed in the international column

of Endurance News.

Committees consulted and/or affected: AERC-I, February 5, 2008 minutes

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial): Replacement zone representative 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 bio for Mr.

Jeremy Olson is attached.

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees) AERC-I June 5, 2007

minutes

AERC Board of Directors

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name Three-Year Membership Plan Motion #1

Proposing Committee Membership Marketing Committee

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) February 28, 2008

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording)

The Membership Marketing Committee would like to propose a policy change that would allow AERC to offer to the membership a three-year membership plan. The three-year membership plan would allow a member to join for \$55 per year for three-years for a total of \$165 (regular yearly membership rate is currently \$65 for a total of \$195). Family memberships will stay the same at \$10 for each additional family member. This is to be paid in one lump sum when they join and/or re-join AERC.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving)
According to 90% of those who responded to the questionnaire – approximately 1/10 of the membership – they would be in favor of the offering of a three-year membership. In supporting materials we have supplied several responses to the questionnaire that was sent out.
Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate) While some argue that this is a losing proposition. Yes, the members who take advantage of this will see a decrease of \$15 over a three-year period. However, we need to consider that we will have \$110 of additional funds for each member the first year this is implemented. With investing these additional monies at 5% interest we'll make \$5.50 the first year and investing it the third year we'll make \$5.78 at 5% interest. There will also be additional savings, again we're uncertain of the amount of, from the office due to reduced number of mailing necessary because we will have people locked into a three-year membership.

Financially our biggest motivation for this concept is that we'll have some of our membership locked in for three years. It is difficult to guesstimate how many of our membership will not renew from year to year. Some of those who responded to the questionnaire indicated that they are a member on a yearly basis – uncertain of what they may be doing the next year. What we can't be sure of until we do this is how many of our membership will take advantage of it.

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization It is our belief that the membership and AERC will benefit from this offering. The benefit will be two fold - #1 – Members who may drop out or not be members for a year for any given reason (horse not fit etc) will be locked into the membership for 2-3 years. #2 – We may see more members staying members because they don't need to renew each year.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget) The office computer will need to be programmed to accept the three-year membership. The office will have a decrease in the number of „reminders“ that they send out because we will have a percentage of the membership locked into the three-year membership. There will be a decrease in the number of membership cards that will need to be sent

out due to those members participating in the three-year membership plan. The membership cards will need to be changed for those who participate in this program – indicating that they have a “Three Year Membership”. We will need to send out reminders to those who have the three-year membership plan to remind them to re-up. It is estimated to cost around \$600 for the programming necessary to make this work.

Committees consulted and/or affected Finance and Office Operations Committees – we have not received conformation that either of these committees approves or disapproves of this motion.

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial) We would like to see this plan implemented for the 2009 membership year.

Supporting materials (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets) See responses to the questionnaire that was sent out.

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees) This motion comes from committee.

Supporting Emails from the Membership:

From: "Jacquie Ansell" <jacquie@ansellarabians.com>

To: <forhowes@hotmail.com>

Subject: Three year Membership survey

Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 23:44:48 -0700

yes, yes, yes!!! I have suggested a longer membership every year the convention has been in reno,

and I've always just been blown off. By all means continue to offer annual membership -- but for

those of us who would rather not have to remember that often, let us pay for longer members. I

would also add, you might want to add a disclaimer that once membership is paid, it is nonrefundable.

And Just a side note -- we didn't pay for 2006 -- we weren't planning on doing any rides -- not sure

when we'll do our next one -- but had you offered an extended membership, we would have paid for

2006.

You have our votes on the YES side!!

Jacquie Ansell M22805

Phil Ansell M22804

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From: <tvalliant@windstream.net>

To: <forhowes@hotmail.com>

Subject: Survey

Date: Tue, 10 Jul 2007 13:43:00 -0500

Yes, I would be interested in a three year membership. Why? Well between three children, and all of

their membership and committee fees that are annually paid, and the several PTOs and associations

that my husband and I are involved in that have annual fees, a three year membership would make

this membership that much more simple. I am very interested and support the idea of a three year membership.

Theresa L. Valliant
Member

From: "Patsy Gowen" <firefoxrun@comporium.net>

To: <forthowes@hotmail.com>

Subject: AERC 3 year membership

Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 21:09:03 -0400

I would participate in a 3 year membership program.

I wish I had done the math 17 years ago and participated in a lifetime membership!

Didn't anticipate

the extant of my addiction!

Patsy Gowen

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Three year Membership survey

Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 17:43:08 -0700 (PDT)

From: Jack Anrico <jganrico@sbcglobal.net>

To: aerc@aerc.org

Yes, I'd be interested. It would be less hassle and would give you more incentive to participate.

From: "Heather Ingraham" <heaing@niles-hs.k12.il.us>

To: <forthowes@hotmail.com>

Subject: Fwd: Three year Membership survey

Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 10:09:20 -0500

Yes, I'd sign up for the three-year discount, for several reasons: 1) it's more convenient, 2) I don't

plan on dropping out of the sport anytime soon (I am currently horseless and live in an urban area,

but I enjoy the articles and seeing how friends I've met in other regions are doing, and the ride

listings sometimes let me get to a ride to volunteer), and 3) there's a discount!

From: "Holly Rivney" <hrivney@planetmail.com>

To: forthowes@hotmail.com

Subject: 3 year survey

Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 06:01:50 +0800

I think a 3 year membership would be a good idea - most of us come for many years at a time once the "bug" bites, and this would save us hassle each year of remembering, filling out papers, sending in checks, etc. We wouldn't miss any issues by accident, or forget as often - good idea.

Holly Rivney

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Heather Ingraham (#7006)

AERC Board of Directors

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name Three-Year Membership Plan Motion #2

Proposing Committee Membership Marketing Committee

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) February 28, 2008

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording)

The Membership Marketing Committee would like to propose a policy change that would allow

AERC to offer to the membership a three-year membership plan. The three-year membership plan would allow a member to join for \$55 per year for three-years for a total of \$165 (regular yearly membership rate is currently \$65 for a total of \$195). Family memberships will increase to \$15 for each additional family member. This is to be paid in one lump sum when they join and/or re-join AERC.

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

According to 90% of those who responded to the questionnaire – approximately 1/10 of the membership – they would be in favor of the offering of a three-year membership. In supporting materials we have supplied several responses to the questionnaire that was sent out.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate) This motion will see an increase of

approximately \$8510.00 initially and would see an increase of approximately \$6450 if 10% of our membership took advantage of this. This additional funding will pay for the \$15 discount with the

three-year membership. There will also be additional savings; again we're uncertain of the amount,

from the office due to reduced number of mailing necessary because we will have people locked into a

three-year membership. Financially our biggest motivation for this concept is that we'll have some of

our membership locked-in for three years. It is difficult to guesstimate how many of our membership will not renew from year to year. Some of those who responded to the questionnaire

indicated that they are a member on a yearly basis – uncertain of what they may be doing the next

year. What we can't be sure of until we do this is how many of our membership will take advantage

of it.

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization It is our belief that the

membership and AERC will benefit from this offering. The benefit will be two fold - #1 – Members

who may drop out or not be members for a year for any given reason (horse not fit etc) will be locked

into the membership for 2-3 years. #2 – We may see more members staying members because they

don't need to renew each year.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget) The office computer will need to be programmed to

accept the three-year membership. The office will have a decrease in the number of „reminders“ that

they send out because we will have a percentage of the membership locked into the three-year

membership. There will be a decrease in the number of membership cards that will need to be sent

out due to those members participating in the three-year membership plan. The membership cards

will need to be changed for those who participate in this program – indicating that they have a “Three Year Membership”. We will need to send out reminders to those who have the three-year membership plan to remind them to re-up. It is estimated to cost around \$600 for the programming necessary to make this work.

Committees consulted and/or affected Finance and Office Operations Committees – we have not received confirmation that either of these committees approves or disapproves of this motion.

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial) We would like to see this plan implemented for the 2009 membership year.

Supporting materials (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets) See responses to the questionnaire that was sent out. Keeping in mind that at the time that the questionnaire was sent out

we hadn’t thought to include an increase in the family membership dues.

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees) This motion comes from committee.

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name National Championship Ride qualification requirement changes

Proposing Committee National Championship

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) 2-28-08 Convention meeting

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording)

Approve the 2008 NC ride the requirement changes to:

AERC NC 100 Qualifications

500 AERC miles on horse

500 AERC miles on rider

of which at least 100 miles (1 day 100) together horse and rider

AERC NC 50 Mile Qualifications

300 AERC miles on horse

300 AERC miles on rider

100 miles (2- 50's or 100) together horse and rider

All miles must be endurance miles of 50 miles or greater

The present qualifications are 300 miles horse and rider as a team, with a top 5 finish in their wt

division within the last 18 months before the NC ride. If entering the 100 mile, at least 1- one day 100 together.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving) Will make it less

confusing; will also simplify RM in making sure each contestant has qualified that enters.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate) none

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

Many riders have several horses that are ridden by family members and friends. The rider has many

miles and so does the horse but not as a team and maybe not in the top 5 of their wt divisions. The

riders that ride the more popular ride that have more riders will not be penalized.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget) none
Committees consulted and/or affected
National Championship Committee

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial)

Since this will only affect the 100 mile rider in possibly making the criteria tougher to obtain, (they will now need to have 500 miles instead of 300, but as a team only have 1-one-day 100 together), this would be implemented immediately so it can be used in the 2008 NC Ride.

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

AERC Board of Directors

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name: Reciprocity with the Canadian National Endurance Organization

Proposing Committee: Individual – C. Mike Tomlinson

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) 02/05/2008

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording)

AERC and Endurance Canada agree to full reciprocity with regards to the recognition of points and miles for their respective members if the process can be made transparent to the AERC office.

AERC will recognize points as well as miles for its members attending Endurance Canada sanctioned

competitions; Endurance Canada will recognize points and miles for its members attending AERC

sanctioned competitions. This agreement is renewable yearly.

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

Canada Endurance needs to set up their own organization in order to participate in International

Events. This organization wants to model their awards, rules, record keeping, and ride structure on

the AERC model. Having a reciprocity agreement will enable Canadian and AERC riders to

compete in each organization's rides with the records being kept correctly. This agreement may lead

to more cross border participation by both countries riders.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)

Cost of program development will be paid by Canadian organization. A license fee will be paid on a

yearly basis to AERC by the Canadian organization for hosting, supporting, and use of the

programs. Over time there will be some reduction in AERC membership by present Canadian

riders. Impact to total budget expected to be very small.

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

Enables AERC riders to participate in more Canadian rides with points and miles counted in their

AERC records

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget)

There will be some initial time spent by the AERC office in training an individual to use the modified

TomCat program. .

Committees consulted and/or affected

AERC-International

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial)

Process will happen after the AERC Convention 2008. Resources will be Russ Humphrey, Mike

Maul, and an appropriate Canadian organization individual. Schedule depends on availability of personal.

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

None

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees)

None

AERC Board of Directors

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name Rule 9.3

Proposing Committee Veterinary Committee

Date of Motion February 28, 2008

Classification of Motion Request Rule change/clarification

Proposed Motion To replace the current rule 9.3 which reads "Under the AERC system, all of the

first ten finishing equines are eligible for consideration, whether ridden by Junior, Featherweight,

Lightweight, Middleweight or Heavyweight riders." with revised rule 9.3 which reads "Under the

AERC system, all of the first ten completing equines are eligible for consideration, whether ridden by

Junior, Featherweight, Lightweight, Middleweight or Heavyweight riders.

Background, analysis and benefit The current rule 9.3 does not accurately describe the intent of the

rule which is to allow the top ten horses completing the ride to compete for the Best Condition award.

The implementation of "Fit to Continue" as a requirement for completion has differentiated between

horses that have finished the ride (have crossed the finish line) from horses that have completed the

ride (horses that have passed their final veterinary exam). The updated wording of the revised rule

will more accurately reflect the intent of the rule and how also reflect how it is typically applied.

The rule change has been presented to the membership for comment in the December, 2007 issue of

Endurance News with no comments being received by the Veterinary Committee.

Budget effect/impact None

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization The revised rule will be clear

in its intent and will result in all AERC veterinarians applying the rule in the same manner. With

the current rule, it is being interpreted and therefore applied differently by a few veterinarians who

have asked for clarification.

Impact on AERC Office None

Committees consulted and/or affected Rules committee

Implementation plan Implement immediately, print up in the newly revised 2008 rulebook

Supporting materials Refer to the current rule book, Rule 9, and the notice to the membership in the

December, 2007 issue of Endurance News.

Supporting approvals Veterinary Committee, Rules Committee, membership has had time for comment

BOD Phone Meeting Minutes Summary January 7, 2008

In attendance: Joe Long, Randy Eiland, Jeff Trinkle, Susan Kasemeyer, Joe Schoech, Patti Pizzo,

Laura Hayes, Roger Taylor, Tom Dean, Nick Warhol, Jan Stevens, Joyce Mocillian, Connie Caudil,

Mike Maul, Bruce Weary, John Crandell, Robert Ribley, Kathleen Henkle.

New Directors elect: Tom Noll, Sandy Terp, Michael Campbell, Monica Chapman, Maryben

Stover, Susan Schomburg

Absent: Terry W Howe, Heidi Smith, Mike Jaffe, Stan Eichelberger, Gail Williams

Excusals for tonight:

Barry Waitte- requests excusal from tonight's meeting due to business travel.

Mike Tomlinson- requests excusal from tonight's meeting due to business travel.

John Park- requests excusal as he is out of town.

Motion passes unanimously.

I. Housekeeping

1. Motion made for acceptance of December 3rd phone meeting minutes. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Membership Statistics: Kathleen Henkel

• Present date 2008: 3401 members compared to 3397 in 2007.

II. Committee Reports (see Attachment for written reports)

a. Education Committee

b. AERC International

III. New Business:

1- Joe long: Brings up motion to deal with the decision of accepting of cash donations from external

parties. " Resolved, that the AERC does not accept donations of funds where the source of the funds

is litigation against the AERC, an AERC member, an AERC sanctioned ride or ride personnel."

Some discussion from Roger and Randy suggesting this motion is not required, and rather an overall

policy towards endowments and donation is preferred. Motion is submitted from Joe Long, motion

not seconded, motion dies.

2-Mike Jaffe: (Mike Maul for Mike J) nominates Michael Campbell for Central regional director as

of today, replacing Jennifer Nice. Monica Chapman to be added as of today as Central Region

sanctioning director. Motion passes unanimously.

3- Roger Taylor: Trail Grant proposal for grant of \$1000 for forest service match of \$3000 grant for

Pacific Crest Trail Association for improvements. Motion is raised to approve exec committee

action, passes unanimously.

3- Connie C: AHA requests to host their 2008 championship with the AERC championship. Same

qualification criteria, Aerc gets top billing. Ride managers and championship committees are in

approval. Motion passes unanimously.

4- Heidi Smith: (Mike Maul for Heidi S) motion for Western Weed Study is brought back up after

the last meeting. The motion was back for peer review, development of payment schedules, and agreement of infrastructure setup if someone else does the actual work. Mike Maul reports that the conditional criteria has been met. No further discussion, Motion passes unanimously.

5- Roger Taylor: insurance committee update for current insurance coverage. Umbrella options were studied, but none were found to be viable or available. The motion is to raise the limits on the current policy to a \$2/4M policy for liability. The cost is increasing from \$37K to \$57K, which is a \$17K increase budget increase. The insurance and office committee recommends the increase in the liability coverage. Roger reports John Parke favors the 2/4M Option, rather than the optional proposed plan that would split the insurance up between the different regions on an per region coverage basis. Motion passes unanimously.

6- Susan Kaesmayer: special sanctioning requests. California Tejon fandango Pioneer ride sept 19/20/21 2008 pioneer ride, second year for ride. NE- Western Main Pioneer, second year July 30/31/ Aug 1 and 2. Motion passes unanimously.

7- Randy Eiland-Sponsorship committee. The group is working with the BLM for a renewal of a sponsorship including mustang raffle. They will provide guided tours of the wild horse facility available at the convention. Sandy Terp has joined the sponsorship group and has three possible platinum sponsors in the works.

IV. Old Business: None brought up.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm PST

AERC Education Committee

Meeting Minutes and 2H 2007 Fiscal Year Work Plan

This report summarizes recent work since the last report and ongoing work of the AERC Education

Committee, particularly the work to realize the theme of this year's AERC Convention: "Riding

With Knowledge". The EC has been working closely with the AERC office, particularly Troy and

Kathleen, and thanks the office for their excellent support.

Note that invitation to board members in 1d below.

A more complete report of the 2007/2008 work will be submitted for the annual board meeting.

1. 2008 – The "Education Convention" – In support of the theme "Ride with Knowledge" the

EC has done the following.

a. *Educational Speakers* - In addition to the speakers for the main session arranged by the office, the Education Committee has organized two panel discussions for the final session each day:

i. Moving on Up Panel with panel members from the Education Committee

ii. Ask the Experts Panel with John Crandell, Christoph Shork, and Stagg Newman. Another panelist may be added.

b. *Education Committee Question and Answer Booth*. The EC will have a booth in the trade show next to the AERC booth staffed by leading AERC riders and/or vets and members of the Education Committee. Carol Thompson and Joe Long are

developing the staffing plan.

c. *Mini-clinics (15 min) in the trade show.* The EC will sponsor a series of short talks, no more than 15 minutes at the podium in the trade show. These talks will mainly be focused on care and welfare of the horse. Kim Fuess is working with Laura Hayes and the Welfare of the Horse Committee on topics.

d. *Beyond the Basics Clinic.* Dinah Rojek, past chair of the EC and developer of the Beyond the Basics Clinic has agreed to hold this clinic either immediately before or after the convention. Stagg has agreed to assist. This clinic will be a "Train the Trainers" clinic and offered at no charge to 20 people who agree to do the pre-clinic work and to facilitate and teach at a clinic covering this material within the next two years. See Attachment A below for the invitation email. The invitation has initially gone to mentor liaisons and the Education Committee. The next round of invitations will go to the mentors. Any AERC members may audit the clinic for a fee of \$50 which will go to further AERC educational activities after covering costs. *AERC Board Members are invited to join as auditors at no fee upon the conclusion of the board meeting on Sunday.*

2. Clinics

a. *Beyond the Basics Seminar* – See 1d above.

b. *Introduction to Endurance Riding.* Carol Thompson is preparing material that can be posted on the AERC Education Page on the AERC web site that provides the basis for a one hour or so talk that is an Introduction to Endurance Riding that can be used with the general riding public to inform them of what endurance riding is. The material will be based on a successful clinic done in Florida recently.

c. *Basics of Endurance Riding Clinic* - Carol Thompson is leading an effort with others on the EC to synthesize the best material that has been used at various one day clinics on the Basics of Endurance Riding. The goal is to develop a "pre-packaged clinic" that would be posted on the web site that AERC members around the country could use as source material for clinics aimed at prospective and new endurance riders.

3. Printed and Electronic Information Dissemination

a. *Annual Mailing to AERC Members.* The EC prepared the "Check List for Holds at AERC Rides" and a cover letter that is being sent out to all AERC members as a tool to increase their success in rides. The Cover Letter also serves as a reminder to renew the membership and highlights the educational value of belonging to AERC. On the reverse side is an article on Progressive Recoveries by Dr. Kerry Ridgway. In order to save money the letter is going out with the Rule Changes mailing. See Attachment B for the Check List and Attachment C for the Cover letter.

b. *Articles in Endurance News* – In addition to the monthly educational column, we have added an "Ask Dr. Ken" Column where Dr. Ken Marcella of the EC provides questions and answers of value to members.

c. *Video DVD* – Angie McGhee has proposed providing DVDs of clinics for purchase from AERC on educational topics. Angie has recorded and edited one such clinic and we are analyzing the logistics of implementation.

Submitted by Stagg Newman

AERC Education Committee Chair

Attachment I

Invitation Letter for the Beyond the Basics Train the Trainers Clinic

On March 2 at the AERC Convention, you are all invited to take a "Train the Trainers" version of

the "Beyond the Basics Course" course that Dinah Rojek developed. The course will be one day and

tentatively will run from 8 to 5.

The purpose of the course is to prepare more people in AERC to teach this course or similar material

at clinics around the country.

We are offering the course to 20 people on a no-charge basis provided

the participants make two commitments:

- 1) Do the course pre-reading that Dinah will send out ahead of time
- 2) Work to facilitate a clinic on this or similar material and be part of the instructional team for the

clinic sometime within two years of taking this "Train the Trainers" course. Note that you do not

have to donate your time for the clinic - reasonable fees to cover costs, etc. should presumably be

collected. What you are expected to do is to make the clinic happen and be part of it.

We are first making this offer to the mentor liaisons and to members of the AERC

Education

Committee.

We will then expand the offer to mentors and others until we have 20 committed people to attend.

We also plan to allow auditors to the course for a fee (tentatively \$50). The auditors will receive all

the material and be in all of the presentations. However Q & A during the sessions will be limited to the

20 participants who have made the commitments above.

If within two years of taking the course, you have not participated in making a clinic happen, then we

request on your honor that you make a contribution to the AERC Education funds equal to the

auditing fee.

Attached is a set of charts that will give you an idea of the course content.

I plan to attend and am really excited about this opportunity to learn from Dinah.

Stagg Newman

Chair

AERC Education Committee