

AERC BOD meeting –Teleconference Call – September 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Connie Burns Caudill at 6:04 p.m., Pacific Time. Also on the line for the call:

Vice President Laura Hayes, Treasurer Roger Taylor, Michael Campbell, Monica Chapman, Susan Schomburg, Patti Pizzo, Sandy Terp, Tom Noll, Gail Williams, Terry Woolley Howe, John Parke, Susan Kasemeyer, Joe Schoech, Jeff Trinkle, Maryben Stover, Dianna Chapek, Randy Eiland, Roberta Harms, Susan Keil, Mike Maul, Bruce Weary, and Executive Director Kathleen A. Henkel.

Absent: Secretary Jan Stevens, Joyce Mocilan, John Crandell III, and Kim Fuess. Susie Schomburg moved and Mike Maul seconded to excuse Jan Stevens from this evening's meeting due to travel. Motion passed.

Roger Taylor moved and Susie Schomburg seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Committee reports from AERC International and the Welfare of the Horse Committee were accepted as written.

Minutes from the midyear meeting, 8/22-23/09 was approved as written.

Treasurer Taylor spoke briefly regarding finances, advising figures are in for 2009 through August and the general fund is down approximately \$100,000. He further stated profit and loss statements and current balance sheets will be sent to the board via U.S. Mail.

Kathleen Henkel reported the BOD on the membership numbers and current AERC ride information:

Membership as of 9/8/08 - 6815
9/14/09 – 6168

Rider fees as of 9/14/08 - \$74,938
9/14/09 - \$74,512

Sanction fees as of 9/14/08 - \$15,270
9/15/09 - \$14,865

Sanction fees as of 9/14/09 for the 2010 season: \$2,550

New members as of 9/8/08 - 984
New members as of 9/14/09 – 677

Kathleen advised she sent out inquiries to approximately 10 different insurance companies requesting quotes for ride liability coverage. Only 2 were able to assist AERC, however, one required some documents to be signed indicating she was AERC's broker of record for all insurance and since she is not, I did not sign the documents. The quote I did receive from a company in the Midwest, for coverage very similar to Equisure, Inc., came in at \$57,000. Equisure, Inc. quote for the 2010 ride season is \$44,858, with policy limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate. It was moved by Roger Taylor and seconded by Susan Kasemeyer to move forward with the purchase of the Equisure, Inc. policy. Motion passed.

Kathleen advised information regarding the Pierce Ranch grant/memo of agreement had been forwarded to Attorney Christopher Delfino as requested by the Board at the midyear meeting, for an opinion. Kathleen will report to the board with an update when received from Mr. Delfino.

Roger Taylor advised the Forest Service has given the go ahead for AERC's portion of the work regarding the Caja trails grant to proceed. Work will begin soon per Roger. Regarding the Lake Meredith trails grant, Roger advised the environmental impact report regarding the well has been completed and well drilling is expected to begin soon. The BLM in New Mexico advised Roger Taylor that a 2-year-old purchase request for a Ditch Witch has been authorized and will be delivered to Fort Stanton New Mexico on 9/15/09.

Michael Campbell, chair Trails and Land Management Committee, advised he would like AERC to institute a corporate membership for \$500 per year. The purpose of the membership is mutual support of fellow trails organizations. The corporate membership would not be classified as a regular member within the ranks of AERC

and voting rights will not be a part of the corporate membership. John Parke advised he will check over the bylaws and come up with some proper wording for a corporate membership status. Michael advised he will deliver a proposal regarding this new membership at an upcoming meeting.

John Parke moved and Terry Woolley Howe seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Henkel
In absence of Secretary Jan Stevens