

AERC BOD meeting –Teleconference Call – January 4, 2010

President Connie Caudill called the meeting of the AERC Board of Directors to order at 6:02 pm Pacific time.

Present at the meeting are: Jan Stevens, Laura Hayes, Kim Fuess, Roberta Harms, Mike Maul, Dianna Chapek, Sandy Terp, Susie Schomburg, Susan Kasemeyer, Joe Schoech, Monica Chapman, Michael Campbell, Randy Eiland, John Parke, Jeff Trinkle, Roger Taylor, Patti Pizzo, Bruce Weary, Terry Woolley-Howe, Gail Williams (7:20pm), Tom Noll, Maryben Stover (7:15pm), Joyce Mocilan (7:40pm), Susan Keil, DVM, and Connie Caudill.

Absent: John Crandell, III. There were no requests for excusals from this meeting.

Additional AERC Members present: Kathleen Henkel – Executive Director of AERC and incoming AERC Regional Directors: Susan Keith (MW), Lisa Schneider (PSW) and Forrest Tancer (W).

The request was made to approve the agenda. Susan Kasemeyer made the motion and Roger Taylor seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

President Connie Caudill requested to have the minutes approved for the December 7, 2009 Teleconference Call. The motion to approve the minutes was made with one correction. Randy Eiland will write a letter concerning issue of AERC's stance on the new FEI Proposed Drug Rule and then forward the letter to Laura Hayes for her input. The motion to approve the minutes with the correction passed unanimously with Jan Stevens abstaining due to her absence from the meeting.

AERC-International presented their minutes to the BOD for approval. Roger Taylor requested that this be tabled until he had time to discuss with the committee their financial report. The motion was tabled.

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

Membership as of	1/5/2009 – 2576
	1/4/2010 - 2675
Rider fees as of	1/4/2009 \$ 1,910.00
	1/4/2010 \$ 270.00
Sanction fees as of	1/4/2009 - \$ 6,990.00
	1/4/2010 - \$ 7,850.00
New members as of	1/5/2009 - 113
New members as of	1/4/2010 – 106

New Business

The motion to approve having the United States Equestrian Federation continue with performing our Equine Drug Testing at rides was brought up for discussion. The agreement states that for the

competition year 2010 USEF will test 25 events, taking eight samples per event. The total charge will be \$50,000. Roger Taylor indicated that AERC currently has \$56,000 in Drug Testing Reserves and with the increase to \$3.00 per starting horse the cost of the drug testing is covered. USEF will bill us twice – once mid-year and at the end of November. Kathleen will contact them to see if they can bill us November 15 so that we can make our final payment in the current fiscal year. Roger Taylor made the motion to accept the proposal with Jan Stevens seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry Wooley-Howe, Chairperson of the AERC National Championship Committee, presented to the BOD the 2010 AERC National Championship site as Sand Hills State Forest in Patrick, South Carolina. The ride manager is Patsy Gowen. It was commented by several of the BOD members that it was a beautiful site. Joe Schoech indicated that Southeastern Endurance Riders Association (SERA) is likely to step-up and help out a great deal. They are very excited that this ride is coming to their region. The 100-mile event will take place on October 14 and the 50-mile event will take place on October 16. The motion to accept Sand Hills for the 2010 location for the AERC NC ride passed unanimously.

Michael Campell brought before the BOD the motion to allow Non-Member Affiliates. This motion will institute a Non-Member Affiliate program for businesses and other organizations with concurrent interests with AERC. This program is to be known as The Partners Program. There was a great deal of discussion, particularly dealing with the idea of offering free or discounted or trading advertising in *Endurance News* for those who sign up in The Partners Program. It was recommended that we do not allow trading for ‘goods’ since it is hard to determine what is ‘fair and equal’. The motion to amend the motion was made by Michael Campbell with Maryben Stover seconding the motion. This motion to amend would remove the terms “good or services” from each of the levels of The Partners Program. The motion passed. Michael Campbell made the motion to approve the amended motion with Maryben Stover seconding the motion. The motion passed with one apposed (Sandy Terp) and 2 abstaining (Joyce Mocilan and Randy Eiland).

With there being no further business before the BOD the motion to adjourn was made by Roger Taylor and seconded by Susan Kasemeyer at 6:41pm Pacific time. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stevens
AERC Secretary