

AERC BOD meeting –Teleconference Call – September 13, 2010

President Connie Caudill called the meeting of the AERC Board of Directors to order at 6:00 pm Pacific time.

Present at the meeting are: Laura Hayes; Jan Stevens; Roger Taylor; Michael Campbell; Monica Chapman; Sue Keith; Susan Schomburg; Patti Pizzo; Sandy Terp; Tom Noll; Gail Williams; John Parke; Lisa Schneider; Susan Kasemeyer; Joe Schoech; Kevin Myers; Maryben Stover; Forrest Tancer; John Crandell III; Randy Eiland; Kim Fuess; Roberta Harms; Susan Keil; Michael Maul and Patrick Perkins.

Additional AERC Member present: Kathleen Henkel – Executive Director of AERC and Michele Roush – AERC International Committee Chairperson.

Sandy Terp made the motion to approve the agenda, the motion as seconded by Laura Hayes. The motion passed unanimously.

President Connie Caudill requested to have the minutes approved from the August 21, 2010 AERC Mid-Year meeting. With there being several requests for updates to the minutes, the approval of the minutes was deferred to the September 13, 2010 Teleconference call.

Susan Kasemeyer made the motion to approve the minutes of the AERC International Committee meeting with Roberta Harms seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Henkel then informed the BOD of the plans for the 2011 AERC Annual Convention in Reno, Nevada. The dates are March 4-5, 2011 at the Grand Sierra Resort. She reported that plans are being made for the same location for 2012.

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

Membership Report
September 13, 2010

Membership as of 9/14/09 – 6168
9/13/10 – 5651

Rider fees as of 9/13/09 - \$74,512
9/13/10 - \$66,412

(Note – The AERC office is still waiting for rider fees amounting to \$905 from Tevis; \$145 from Northern Highlands; \$455 from White River Labor Day; \$445 from Rushcreek Reunion; \$455 from Whirling Windmill; and \$230 from Thistle Down Run for a total of \$2635, these fees should be in the office in approximately a week)

Sanction fees as of 9/13/09 - \$14,865
9/13/10 - \$16,240

Sanction fees as of 9/13/10 for the 2011 season: \$2,445
Sanction fees as of 9/13/10 for the 2012 season: \$185

New members as of 9/14/09 – 677

New members as of 9/13/10 – 606

New Business

AERC International Chairperson, Michele Roush, brought before the BOD a motion from AERC International to help fund a competitors' pre-ride party at the World Equestrian Games (WEG). It was noted that this is the first time that the WEG has been held on US soil – it is planned that there will be a slide-show during the party showcasing AERC Endurance rides. The motion requested that AERC International be allowed to spend \$1,000 of their reserve funds and that AERC provide matching funds.

John Parke recommended that the motion be amended to read that AERC International could spend up to \$2,000 out of their reserve funds; Patrick Perkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. John Parke then motioned to vote on the amended motion with Susie Schomburg seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

While the BOD expressed their excitement of the upcoming WEG and wished to help support the pre-ride party hosted by AERC International, they indicated that they had wished that AERC International had come to the BOD earlier for their request for matching funds. Some of the BOD felt uncomfortable spending money this late in the year that had not been budgeted for.

The BOD then voted on the second part of the motion requesting matching funding (\$1,000) from the AERC General Fund. The motion failed with 17 BOD members voting against the motion and 7 members voting for the additional matching funds.

Old Business

The BOD then reviewed the Trail Grant request from the Tevis ride group that had been tabled at the Mid-Year meeting. Helen Koehler provided answers from the Western States Trials Foundation concerning questions that the BOD had. The BOD was assured that endurance equestrians would utilize the improvements to the location either in the form of those participating in the Tevis Ride and others who utilize the trails at other times. Patrick Perkins requested that we ask to have a plaque or something similar placed at the location so that AERC can receive recognition of their donation. It was also requested that they provide a letter to the BOD of their anticipated 'time frame' for completion of the project. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion request from the Trails Committee for the reimbursement to Monique Vincent for her attendance at the Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference (SETC) was then brought before the BOD. John Parke reminded the BOD that Kathleen Henkel, as the executive director of AERC, has the ability to spend up to \$5,000 in discretionary funds and that she could have approved the payment for Ms. Vincent's attendance to SETC. Roger Taylor noted that AERC did not budget to spend any money to send someone to this particular event or to have AERC representation. John Parke then noted that it should be budgeted in 2011 to send someone there to represent AERC. After more discussion the BOD then voted to approve the motion for the expenditure with one BOD member abstaining.

The Veterinary Committee's request by motion to update rule 6.2.1.7 was then discussed. While the BOD appreciated the suggestion and the work that the Veterinary Committee had done with this rule it was referred back to committee so that language referring to "Veterinarians" vs "Control Judges" could be cleaned up. Susie Schomburg, as chair of the Rules Committee will contact Jay Mero DVM, chair of the Veterinary Committee to discuss the language.

The BOD then discussed the necessity of the reprint of the AERC Rule Book and the various rule changes that are being proposed. It was determined that if AERC were to reprint the rule book that the updates to the rules needed to be in place as soon as possible so that the new rule book can be sent out to members as they renew for 2011. Due to this, the BOD agreed to meet on October 4, 2010 for the next teleconference call rather than October 11, 2010.

With there being no further business for the AERC BOD, Roger Taylor motioned for the adjournment of the meeting with Susan Kasemeyer seconding the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm Pacific time.

Committee Reports

Minutes of the Meeting of

American Endurance Ride Conference International committee

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

The members of the American Endurance Ride Conference International Committee (the "AERC-I") of the American Endurance Ride Conference held a meeting via Conference Call at the time and on the day set forth as follows:

TIME: 6:00 p.m., PST

DATE: August 3, 2010

- I. The meeting was called to order by Michele Roush, Chair, at 6:02 PM Pacific time
- II. Roll Call was made and the following Committee Members were present at the meeting:

Michele Roush, Chair

Teresa Cross, Pacific South Zone Representative

Grace Ramsey, Central Zone Representative

Bill Stevens, Mountain Zone Representative

Sue Hedgecock, Mountain Zone Representative

Barbara Thomas, Pacific South Zone Representative

Jan Stevens, AERC-I Junior Committee

Kathy Brunjes, USEF Active Athletes Committee

Joe Mattingly, USEF High Performance
Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee

The following Committee Members were absent:

Lynn Kenelly, Vice Chair (unexcused)
Brad Green, Pacific North Zone Representative (excused)
Mary Farris, East Zone Representative (unexcused)
Jennifer Poling, East Zone Representative (unexcused)
Jeremy Olson, Central Zone Representative (unexcused)
Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance director
Kathleen Henkel, AERC Executive Director
Connie Caudill, AERC President (excused)
Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Representative
Hal V. Hall, Advisor & financial consultant (excused)

Dr Roush announced that a quorum of the Committee was present, eventually. She also served as the recording secretary.

III. Agenda

Upon a MOTION duly made by Ms. Cross, seconded by Ms Hedgecock, the agenda was ACCEPTED with one change: item number 16 being moved to spot number 5.

IV. Minutes:

Upon a MOTION duly made by Ms. Hedgecock, seconded by Mr Stevens the July 5, 2010 meeting minutes were unanimously APPROVED as previously mailed.

V. AERC I Young Rider Sub-Committee – Jan Stevens

A. Ms Stevens reported that, despite a heat index of 103, the Young Riders Championship was successful. There were 14 starters and 10 finishers. East team took the gold, Central the silver, and Mountain West took the bronze. The East team went through 1114 pounds of ice for five horses.

B. There is an active and ongoing process being looked into for making next year's Young Riders Event a true 4* championship

VI. Treasurer's Update

Mr. Hall was not present on the call, but had forwarded the latest financial statement, and asked that anyone having questions contact him directly.

VII. Chair Report

Dr Roush reported upon the following:

A. There has been some difficulties regarding submission of articles for the AERC I page of Endurance News. Some deadlines are not being met. In another case, the deadline was met, but the article was bumped from publication by one written by the US team chef d'equipe regarding the regional selection trials.

B. All zone reps are strongly encouraged to update and revamp as necessary their zone websites. The websites can be a useful tool in the dissemination of information, especially as we head into 2011 and the NAETC. Zone websites are the property of the zones, and each should be managed and paid for by the individual zones.

C. Likewise, all zone reps are encouraged to develop an email listing of the AERC I members in their respective zones, and to use these list to post timely emails regarding information that comes out of the committee meetings. If anyone needs help doing this, Dr Roush will be happy to assist or proof read postings before they are sent out.

D. Nominations for AERC I chair and vice chair are due Sept 15, so zone reps are asked to think about nominees and name them at the next meeting.

E. Jeremy Olsen has had more than two unexcused absences and is not responding to emails from the current chair. Dr Roush and Ms Ramsey will attempt to communicate with him at the upcoming Observation trial in Illinois, to determine if he is still interested in participating on the committee.

F. At this time, there are no plans for any sort of welcome reception for the endurance riders coming to WEG from around the world. After much discussion, it was generally agreed that this is something AERC I would like to undertake to organize, provided it was known that AERC I was the responsible and represented party. It was also agreed upon that AERC should be represented, and that the 2011 and possibly 2012 US FEI ride schedule should be represented, as encouragement to foreign riders to come and participate in US rides. A table could be set up with ride entries and information. A slide show could be shown, to encourage interest. Some of the WEG officials may be able to help, as long as the date was set early enough so as to represent no conflict of interest. Dr Roush will look into multiple aspects of this and report back to the committee via emails before the next committee call.

VIII. WEG Banner

Dr Roush reported that Connie Caudill got a price on a 3'x5' banner: \$65. It could be put up at the Haggin turn around on loop 2, but not put up within the Horse Park, itself.

Ms Cross indicated that she may have access to the banner the US had from the original WEG (in Sweden?), and that it may be able to be reused. She will look for it and contact Dr Roush with the details. Dr Roush will communicate via email with the rest of the committee

IX. WEG Festival discipline appreciation day

Dr Roush reported that Connie Caudill spoke with Misha Green regarding splitting a booth with AHA. Misha Green is planning to show the movie, "Arabian Silk", and would be willing to hand out AERC/AERC I literature. The minimum cost would be \$650. It is possible this cost could be split with the AERC Membership Committee. Ms Cross moved and Ms Thomas seconded, that the committee spend no more than 50% of the \$650 in order to make this happen. Dr Roush will follow up with Ms Caudill.

X. East Zone Split

Neither East Zone representative was present on the call, so there was no report.

XI. Ad hoc spending committee

No activity

XII. Youth Council Representative application process

Ms Brunjes reported that there will be a shift in emphasis for the Youth Council, from the annual convention/get-together, to education. Previously, the Council was an autonomous body, but with current budget crunches, etc, it will now fall under the auspices of the Affiliates Working Group. This may influence any choice of candidate for the position. A viable process for application for the position still needs to be created.

XIII. Vice Chair Report

Ms Kenelly being absent from the call, there was no report

XIV. Committee Advisor Report

No report

XV. Zone Representative Reports

The following reports were given:

A. Central: no report, other than that the WEG Observation Trial will occur next week. There are already riders from the West in the area.

B. East: No report

C. Mountain: Ms Hedgecock asked why the EN article highlighting the Ft Howes ride was not published in last month's magazine. Dr Roush informed her that it had been supplanted by an article detailing the regional selection trials, written by team chef d'equipe, Becky Hart. Ms Hedgecock was very gracious in her response. She also

pointed out an error in the zone rep listings at the front of EN. Dr Roush will follow up with Troy Smith to have the correction made.

D. Pacific North: No report

E. Pacific South: Ms. Cross and Tinker Hart continue work on an FEI series for California for 2011, in an attempt to encourage 1 and 2 star riders

XVI. USEF Advisor Updates

A. Technical Committee – Dr. Tomlinson would like to emphasize that, although the current FEI ride calendar may so indicate, the FEI world in the US will not, actually, end with this year's WEG. There will be life after Kentucky. Any potential ride managers should make sure their applications get in now, as deadlines are coming quickly. Checks for applications will not be cashed until after USEF approval of the ride (around October) so applications now are no-risk.

-NAETC will likely be in September of 2011 (in California), and it is anticipated that 60-100 riders will participate. It will be a wonderful opportunity for many riders to gain championship-level FEI experience, and will not be limited to just five riders, as WEG will be. Riders need to start thinking now about getting horses qualified for this!

-It is hoped that there will be officials' courses (TD/steward) held in conjunction with 2011 AERC convention.

-The Tech committee is still working on getting endurance included in the NAJYRC.

-the 2014 WEG course in Normandy will be point to point, ending at a castle.

B. International High Performance (IHP) – Mr. Mattingly, USEF International High Performance Committee Chair, reported that:

1. The selection procedures are being created for NAETC. It may be possible to include multiple teams per zone, rather than just one, as has been traditional. The ultimate goal of NAETC, for the IHP committee, is to qualify more horses for WEC/WEG in the future.

2. There is lots coming up after this year's WEG: in 2011, PAC in Chile, will be 120 km, NAETC, in California, will be 160 km, and European championships (unknown date/location). In 2012, it is anticipated that WEC will be in England. In 2013, NAETC will likely be in Florida, and may include PAC, as well. In 2014, WEG will be in Normandy, France.

There is some money in the budget to aid riders wishing to attend PAC and European Championships next year.

3. There will be some USEF training sessions in 2011 (date/locations unknown)

C. Endurance Director's Report – Ms. Bowers was not on the call

D. Active Athletes Committee: Ms Brunjes reported that she, Dr Tomlinson, and Mr Mattingly, attended the USEF mid year meeting in Kentucky. The endurance budget has, if anything, increased very slightly, which is viewed as a very positive aspect. It will be sent to the board for final review in October.

E. USEF Youth Council Representative Report – Ms. Kimbler was not on the call

XVII. AERC Liaison Update

A. AERC President – Ms. Caudill was not on the call

A. AERC Executive Director – Ms. Kathleen Henkel was absent

B. Competitions Committee Liaison – Dr. Roush reported that she did not have anything to report.

X. Adjournment

There was no other business brought before the Committee and upon MOTION duly made by Ms. Hedgecock, seconded by Ms. Ramsey, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m., PST. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept 6, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Roush
AERC-I Committee Chair

Motions

Motion from Veterinary Committee: MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name Update of rule 6.2.1.7

Proposing Committee Veterinary Committee

Date of Motion Midyear BoD meeting, August 2010

Classification of Motion Request Update rule 6.2.1.7

Proposed Motion Change the language in rule 6.2.1.7 from “The equine may not have received medical treatment by veterinarian or layman prior to the final examination. Any equine that a control judge advises should be treated for a metabolic or soundness problem, but treatment is refused by the rider or owner, shall be considered in the same light as a treated equine and will be disallowed completion” to “The equine may not have received *prohibited* treatment *as defined in Rule 13* by a veterinarian or layman prior to the final examination. Any equine that a control judge advises should be treated for a metabolic or soundness problem, but treatment is refused by the rider or owner, shall be considered in the same light as a treated equine and will be disallowed completion.”

Background, analysis and benefit Rule 6.2.1.7 was written prior to the current drug rule (rule 13) and should be updated so as to be consistent with rule 13. Rule 13 clearly defines what is prohibited/allowed treatment. Rule 6.2.1.7 as now written is not clear on what “treatment” is and what is being prohibited.

Budget effect/impact None

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization Updating rule 6.2.1.7 makes it clear to members what treatment is prohibited prior to the final examination. This update also allows for clear interpretation and application of the rule by the Protest and Grievance Committee.

Impact on AERC Office Updating the rulebook can be done at the time of the next printing.

Committees consulted and/or affected Rules committee

Implementation plan Updated rule to be implemented at the start of the 2011 ride season.

Supporting materials Rule 13, Appendix F and G (prohibited and allowed treatments)

Supporting approvals Veterinary committee, rules committee

Motion from Trails Committee: MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name

Motion to reimburse Monique Vincent for expenses incurred representing AERC at SETC.

Proposing Committee

Trails and Land Management Committee

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD)

September 13, 2010

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

New

Proposed Motion (use exact wording)

The Trails and Land Management Committee proposes that Monique Vincent be reimbursed \$304.14 for expenses incurred as she represented AERC at the SETC this year.

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

Ms. Vincent attended the SETC as a representative of AERC. She incurred expenses of \$250 for registration, \$11.98 for food, \$82.16 for auto rental, and \$5.00 for airfare (she used her own frequent flyer miles). Ms. Vincent attended at the invitation of AERC member and SETC Planner Helen Koehler and at the urging of the Trails Committee Chair (Michael Campbell).

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)

Funds to be allocated from the Trails budget for 2010.

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

Ms. Vincent's representation of AERC at the SETC to other trails organizations was exemplary as an endurance rider concerned with trails maintenance and preservation. AERC's public image can only benefit from her attendance at this event.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget)

None.

Committees consulted and/or affected

Trails and Land Management

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial)

N/A

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

Ms. Vincent's receipts have been submitted to the AERC office and are available for examination and verification.

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees)

N/A

**AERC International Motion:
AERC Board of Directors
MOTION PROPOSAL**

Motion Name Matching Funds for Riders' Reception at the WEG

Proposing Committee AERC International

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) Sept. 14

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording) Move for AERC to provide \$1000 in support of the WEG Riders' Reception to be held Sept. 23 in Louisville, KY for all endurance riders.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving) We would like to respectfully request \$1000 from the AERC to support a riders' reception during the WEG for all endurance riders, both nationally and internationally. We will provide matching funds from the AERC International fund. We understand that funding is tight at the present time, however we feel that it is vital to provide a reception for riders in order for them to become acquainted and to welcome all to the WEG. We may not see the WEG held in the United States again for a very long time and this is our only opportunity to make a positive impression.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization It is important for the AERC to support its riders which are competing and working hard to bring home the gold. We feel that it would speak positively of the AERC and its members to show vital support to our team in this very important time in American Endurance history.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget) The work load on the AERC for this event will be minimal other than financial support. The AERC-I committee is overseeing the planning.

Committees consulted and/or affected AERC-I

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial) We hope to hold the reception on the afternoon of Sept. 23rd.

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

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees) AERC-I and possibly \$500 from USEF