

AERC BOD meeting –Teleconference Call – October 4, 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: Connie Caudill, Laura Hayes, Jan Stevens, 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, Roger Taylor, Maryben Stover, Forrest Tancer, Randy Eiland, Kim Fuess, Roberta Harms, Michael Maul, and Patrick Perkins.

Members not present: Susan Keil and John Crandall

Additional AERC Member present: Kathleen Henkel – Executive Director of AERC, Jeanette (Jay) Mero, DVM – Chairperson of the AERC Veterinary Committee, Olin Balch, DVM – Chairperson of the Research Committee, and Melissa Ribley, DVM – Member of the AERC Veterinary Committee Drug Testing Sub-Committee Co-Chair.

Susie Schomburg made the motion to approve the mid-year meeting minutes of August 21, 2010 with Roger Taylor seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Connie Caudill requested to have the minutes approved from the September 13, 2010 meeting. The only change was the request to add Joe Scheoch to the members present at the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with the change request.

President Connie Caudill requested to have the minutes approved from the AERC International Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Membership Report October 4, 2010

Membership as of	10/1/09 - 6183 10/4/10 – 5679
Rider fees as of	10/4/2009 - \$ 83,278 10/4/2010 - \$ 76,789
Sanction fees as of	10/4/2009 - \$14,890 10/4/2010 - \$16,335
Sanction fees as of	10/4/2010 for the 2011 season: \$ 3,645
Sanction fees as of	10/4/2010 for the 2012 season: \$ 185
New members as of	10/1/2009 - 680
New members as of	10/4/2010 - 616

New Business:

Special sanction request from Susan Kasemeyer – Chairperson of the AERC Special Sanctioning Committee:

Springdale Romp I Pioneer, Southwest Region 2/3/11 (50/30) 2/4/11 (55/30) & 2/5/11 (50/30) & Springdale

Romp II Pioneer 2/7/11 (50/30) 2/8/11 (55/30) and 2/9/11 (50/30). This is the first year as a pioneer ride. Ray Sansom is the ride manager and Sid Zarges is the Head Control Judge. Sanctioning Director, Roger Taylor, approves this ride, as does the AERC Special Sanctioning Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Olin Balch, DVM presented a motion from the Research Committee for Authorization/funding of research questionnaire for self-selected 100-milers at 2010 and 2011 national competitions. Roger Taylor motioned to amend the motion with Patrick Perkins seconding the motion. The motion changed the original motion to not fund the work that had been done previous to this request for the funding. Three BOD members voted to oppose the motion, two abstained, the remaining voted for the amendment. Roger Taylor also made an additional motion to amend the research grant with Patrick Perkins seconding the motion. In this instance Mr. Taylor is requesting that the section "With the exception of the NCs "carrot" next-year entry fee to be raffled to qualifying persons coming from the AERC general fund, adequate funding is present in the current dedicated Research Committee moneys for the proposed 2010 and 2011 questionnaire distribution and collection" be amended to reflect that this is only for the 2010 AERC NC ride and not for the 2011 AERC NC ride. This amendment reflects that the 2010 payment of \$250 for the entry fee refund and \$100 for the cost of approximately 30-40 questionnaires will stay in the grant request. In addition, Patrick Perkins offered to pay the \$250 to cover that portion of the request. Three members of the BOD opposed the motion to amend, one abstained, and the remainder of the BOD voted to approve the amendment. Kathleen Henkel then offered to handle the copying of the questionnaire from the AERC Office with the monies spent to come out of the AERC Office Operations Fund. Dr. Balch accepted the amendments to the Research Grant motion request and the motion passed.

Melissa Ribley, DVM then presented to the BOD the request from the AERC Veterinary Committee to update Rule 13 (Drug Rule). Discussion was held. When the BOD voted there was one abstention and the remainder of the BOD voted to approve the motion request.

Jay Mero, DVM – Chairperson of the AERC Veterinary Committee, presented a request for a wording change in Rule 6.2.1.7. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Susan Schomburg, chairperson of the AERC Rules Committee then presented to the BOD the request for the wording change in the Preamble of the AERC Rulebook. The vote of the BOD was two abstentions and the remainder of the BOD voting to approve the change.

Ms. Schomburg then presented to the BOD the request for the revision of Rule 15 (Violations and Penalties). There was one abstention and the remainder of the BOD voted to approve the motion for the requested revision.

Ms. Schomburg presented to the BOD the request for rule change in Rule 6.2.1 and 6.2.1.1 (The 30 minute rule). It is the feeling of the BOD that since the AERC Veterinary Committee just received the newest version of the rewrite of the rule, they should have time to read it over and provide input prior to any decision being made by the BOD. Ms. Schomburg commented that the AERC Rules Committee feels that the AERC Ride Managers Committee and the AERC Veterinary Committee may never come to an agreement totally on this particular rule. Jay Mero, DVM then remarked that the AERC Veterinary Committee does not want to force the use of the "30 minute rule" rather they would like to encourage its use. Several members of the BOD indicated that it was up to the ride manager to hire control judges that have the same views that they (the ride manager) have. Dr. Mero requested that the BOD defer the voting on this motion until the next meeting so that the AERC Veterinary Committee can organize a conference call to discuss it.

Roger Taylor then made a presentation to the BOD of the current financial state of AERC. Roger indicated that on September 22, 2010 that AERC was positive \$122,044 – compared to negative \$41,000 at the same time last year. He further explained that with the current accounting that AERC would finish this year in the positive. Mr. Taylor went onto explain that he and the AERC Office are closing out various payables in Trails Grants and Research Grants. He also stated that he would like to have the AERC Education Committee agree to close out

their current balance and create a new grant with their funds. He also indicated that the new CPA is going to review our books.

With there being no further business before the BOD the motion was made by Susan Kasemeyer at 7:40 pm Pacific Time to adjourn the meeting with Patrick Perkins seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.