

AERC BOD meeting –Teleconference Call – November 8, 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, Roger Taylor, Maryben StoverRandy Eiland, Susan Keil, Kim Fuess, Roberta Harms, Michael Maul, and Patrick Perkins.

Members not present: Forrest Tancer, Kevin Meyers, and John Crandall. Roger Taylor made the motion to accept the requested excusals by Forrest and Kevin, Susan Kasemeyer seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Additional AERC Member present: Kathleen Henkel – Executive Director of AERC and Jeanette (Jay) Mero, DVM – Chairperson of the AERC Veterinary Committee.

Due to the lateness of the minutes from the October 4, 2010 meeting being supplied to the BOD the approval of the minutes were postponed to the December 13, 2010 meeting.

President Connie Caudill requested to have the report from the AERC Horse Welfare Committee approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Campbell, chairperson of the The Trails and Land Management Committee, requested that the BOD approve the clarification of the budget supplied concerning the AERC Mid-Year meeting. He stated in his report to the BOD: “I submitted a report of Trails Committee activities and a very abbreviated budget request (at the AERC Mid-Year BOD meeting). President Connie Caudill and Treasurer Roger Taylor tell me that the BoD approved (1) \$15,000 for Trail Master Classes from budget lines 4003-3 and 4003-2 (this will pay for two classes, maybe three if we are lucky, and Monica is very good at stretching the dollars), (2) \$1,000 for our membership in the American Horse Council from budget line 6300-11, and (3) \$2,500 for other trail issues from budget line 6300-10. The purpose of this memo is to refine the budget request for 2011 and to seek BoD approval for said expenditures.

Southeastern Trails Conference (2011) expenses for attendance--\$750 AERC sponsorship and \$750 expenses for an AERC member from budget line 6300-10.

American Horse Council (2011) expenses for attendance--\$750 added to budget line 6300-11.

Re. memberships with ELCR and BCHA, I will continue to work with those organizations to establish and maintain reciprocal memberships without cost to either AERC or the other clubs with trails interests.

We request that the BOD allow us to retain \$1,000 for possible use for expenses to unannounced conferences or meetings regarding trails issues such as the California Recreational Trails meeting held in October for which we received 2 weeks notice. Roger has emphasized to me the importance of an authorization paper trail, so I will get such requests to the BOD as quickly as possible. The Committee realizes that not all such meetings are worth attending or spending money on, but would like to have the option of asserting an AERC presence where appropriate. The Trails Committee would be pleased to give the BOD as much advance notice as possible if such an occasion arises.” The BOD approved the clarification and the additional request for travel expenses.

Kathleen Henkel reported the BOD on the membership numbers and current AERC ride information. She also remarked that the numbers have remained constant throughout the year with an 8-10% difference between 2009 and 2010.

Membership Report
November 8, 2010

Membership as of 11/10/09 – 6203
11/8/10 – 5703

Rider fees in 2009 \$95,143
Rider fees in 2010 (as of 11/8/10) \$90,988

Sanction fees for 2009 (as of 11/8/08) \$4,700
Sanction fees for 2010 (as of 11/8/10) \$5,285

Sanction fees as of 11/8/2010 for the 2011 season: \$5,995
Sanction fees as of 11/8/2010 for the 2012 season: \$185

New members as of 11/10/2009 – 693
New members as of 11/8/2010 – 626

New Business:

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

Fort Meade Pioneer, Sturgis SD, 7/29-31/2011, Mountain Region, Kerry Greear, Ride Manager, Leon Self Head Control Judge. Jan Stevens, MT Region Sanctioning Director, has given her approval for this ride. Motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Henkel reported to the BOD concerning Ride Liability Insurance. She stated that she and John Parke have gone over the current policy with Equisure and have found that it satisfies the BOD's request that the endorsement covers ride managers. She indicated that there really is not another policy from other insurance companies that would replace our current policy. The cost of next years policy will be \$42,652.00 and Kathleen requested that the BOD approve going forward with it for 2011 so that rides taking place early in the season can get their proof of insurance and additional insured certificates. John Parke moved to approve the expenditure with Roger Taylor seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Susan Schomburg, chairperson of the AERC Rules Committee, then presented the request for the rule rewrite to Rule 6. The BOD was presented with two options. Option One was supported by the AERC Rules Committee and the AERC Ride Managers Committee, whereas, Option Two was supported by the AERC Veterinary Committee and the AERC Horse Welfare Committee. A straw vote was suggested to see where the BOD stood with the options presented. 14 members of the BOD indicated that they would approve of Option One with 9 voting in favor of Option Two. Since the majority of the BOD was in favor of Option One the BOD then voted on it. 20 BOD members voted in favor of Option One with 2 members voting against it. The motion passed. The BOD was then presented with the request from the AERC International Committee for the seating of an AERC member on the United States Equestrian Federation Board of Directors for a four year term. Mike Tomlinson, DVM currently serves on the USEF BOD and is willing to stay on the BOD if asked to do so. The AERC International Committee voted to approve the primary candidate as incumbent, Mike Tomlinson, DVM with the first alternate as Jan Stevens, second alternate as Mary Howell and third alternate as Carolyn Hock. The motion passed unanimously.

AERC Treasurer, Roger Taylor, then provided a financial report. Roger reported that he is projecting that AERC will have a \$96,000 bottom line income with \$92,000 net ordinary income. He stated that \$56,500 net income over 2009 due to a savings in expenses. He also indicated that the 2011 net working budget is projected to be \$45,000 in the positive and remarked that it will now be higher due to the savings of over \$8,000 with the approval of the ride liability insurance tonight.

Jan Stevens, chairperson of the AERC National Championship Committee, offered two motions to the BOD. The first motion was for the approval of the new location for the 2011 AERC National Championship at Fort

Stanton, New Mexico. The motion passed unanimously. The second motion was for the approval of the 2011 AERC National Championship to be hosted with the Arabian Horse Association Distance Nationals if AHA Distance Commission requested this. The motion passed unanimously.

President Connie Caudill then reminded the BOD that if they wished to have items included in the AERC BOD meetings that they needed to be submitted to the AERC Office one week prior to the meeting for inclusion in the agenda.

With there being no further business before the AERC BOD John Parke made the motion to adjourn with Laura Hayes seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:34pm Pacific time.

AERC Board of Directors MOTION PROPOSAL

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Motion Name 2011 AERC National Championship

Proposing Committee AERC National Championship Committee

Date of Motion November 8, 2010

Classification of Motion Request New

Proposed Motion The AERC National Championship Committee would like to request the approval from the AERC Board of Directors for the location of the 2011 AERC National Championship at Fort Stanton, New Mexico. Ride managers will be Roger and Sue Taylor. The proposed ride dates are August 26-28, 2011.

Background, analysis and benefit Fort Stanton, New Mexico showcases our ongoing working relationship with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM is very excited to be able to have this high caliber event at their location. Between the two, Roger and Sue Taylor have managed endurance rides 37 years and at the Fort Stanton location for 11 years. They have managed all distances from Limited Distance to 100-mile rides. The Fort Stanton location is ideally set up for this event with up to 45 acres, a bunkhouse facility for volunteers, vets, and ride management, and over 92 miles of sustainable trails.

Budget effect/impact AERC will provide up to \$5,000 to the Ride Management for assistance in management of the ride (IE Control Judge expenses). AERC will also waive the sanctioning costs and post-ride expenses. AERC will also provide ad space in EN as per agreement with the AERC Executive Director and the editor of EN. AERC will also provide awards to be given at the AERC Annual Convention as pre agreement with the AERC Executive Director. AERC will also provide Ride Insurance for the ride the 50 and 100 mile events.

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization Having the ride at this location helps to facilitate the 'movement' of the AERC National Championship across the various regions of AERC – bringing it back to more of a central/south/west area from the southeastern location in 2010. It also is helpful to keep our positive working relationship with the BLM.

Impact on AERC Office Typical ride results will be submitted. The additional workload will predominately be with the editor of EN through the layout and placement of the ads. In addition, the purchasing of the awards given at the AERC Annual Convention will need to be determined by the AERC Office (Executive Director).

Committees consulted and/or affected AERC National Championship Committee

Implementation plan None

Supporting materials None

Supporting approvals None

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Motion Name 2011 AERC National Championship / Arabian Horse Association National Distance Championships

Proposing Committee AERC National Championship Committee

Date of Motion November 8, 2010

Classification of Motion Request New

Proposed Motion The AERC National Championship Committee would like to request the approval from the AERC Board of Directors for possibility of the co-sanctioning of the AERC National Championship in 2011 to be held in conjunction with the Arabian Horse Association National Distance Championships.

Background, analysis and benefit This type of event was held at the 2008 AERC National Championship in Henryville, Indiana with success. In addition, AHA will be hosting their Competitive Trail Riding National Championships at the same time, though on different days (current proposal is the two days prior).

Budget effect/impact AHA will provide awards for their portion of the event. AHA will also provide the insurance for the CTR portion of the event.

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization This will help the riders to only have to travel to one event to participate in two.

Impact on AERC Office None

Committees consulted and/or affected AERC National Championship Committee

Implementation plan None

Supporting materials None

Supporting approvals None
