

AERC BOD meeting –Teleconference Call – February 14, 2011

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, Lisa Schneider, Susan Kasemeyer, Joe Schoech, Roger Taylor, Maryben Stover, Randy Eiland, Susan Keil, Kim Fuess, Roberta Harms, Michael Maul, Forrest Tancer, Kevin Meyers, John Parke, and Patrick Perkins.

Members not present: John Crandall. No requests for excusals from the meeting were received.

Additional AERC Member present: Kathleen Henkel – Executive Director of AERC, Kelly Kimbler – Junior Committee Chairperson, Terry Woolley-Howe – AERC Director At Large for 2011, and Molly Krumlaw-Smith – AERC Director At Large for 2011.

President Connie Caudill asked if there were any additions to the current agenda. With there being none, the agenda was approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2010 was made by Susan Kasemeyer and seconded by John Parke. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The AERC International Committee minutes were then **approved by a unanimous** vote of the BOD.

Susan Kasemeyer, Special Sanctioning Committee Chairperson, then presented to the BOD several requests for Special Sanctioning.

Dave Nicholson’s XP Ride for 2011. The sanctioning directors whose region this ride crosses have all approved the sanctioning of the ride.

Total	Ride Day	Date	Start	Finish
1	1	24-May	Elwood, KS	Horton, KS
2	2	25-May	Horton, KS	Sceneca, KS
3	3	26-May	Sceneca, KS	Hannover, KS
4	4	27-May	Hannover, KS	Mau Farm, NE
5	5	28-May	Mau Farm, NE	Oak, NE
6	Rest	29-May	Oak, NE	
7	Rest	30-May	Oak, NE	
8	6	31-May	Oak, NE	Hastings, NE
9	7	1-Jun	Hastings, NE	Fort Kearney, NE
10	8	2-Jun	Fort Kearney, NE	Reber Ranch, NE
11	9	3-Jun	Reber Ranch, NE	Hiles Canyon, NE
12	10	4-Jun	Hiles Canyon, NE	North Platte, NE
13	Rest	5-Jun	North Platte	
14	Rest	6-Jun	North Platte	
15	11	7-Jun	North Platte, NE	Billy Franken Ranch
16	12	8-Jun	Billy Franken Ranch	Julesburg, CO
17	13	9-Jun	Julesburg, CO	Rush Creek Ranch, NE
18	Rest	10-Jun	Rush Creek, NE	

19	14	11-Jun	Rush Creek, NE	Mud Springs, NE
20	15	12-Jun	Mud Springs, NE	Melbeeta, NE
21	16	13-Jun	Melbeeta, NE	Torrington, WY
22	Rest	14-Jun	Torrington, WY	
23	17	15-Jun	Torrington, WY	Guernsey, WY
24	18	16-Jun	Guernsey, WY	Esterbrook, WY
25	19	17-Jun	Esterbrook, WY	Marshall, WY
26	20	18-Jun	Marshall, WY	Stinking Creek, WY
27	21	19-Jun	Stinking Creek, WY	Murphy Ranch, WY
28	Rest	20-Jun	Murphy Ranch, WY	
29	Rest	21-Jun	Murphy Ranch, WY	
30	22	22-Jun	Murphy Ranch, WY	Sixth Crossing, WY
31	23	23-Jun	Sixth Crossing, WY	Dead Ox Creek, WY
32	24	24-Jun	Dead Ox Creek, WY	Farson, WY
33	25	25-Jun	Farson, WY	Granger, WY
34	26	26-Jun	Granger, WY	Fort Bridger, WY
35	Rest	27-Jun	Fort Bridger, WY	
36	Rest	28-Jun	Fort Bridger, WY	Trailer to Fairfield UT in evening
37	27	29-Jun	Fairfield, UT	Simpson Springs, UT
38	28	30-Jun	Simpson Springs, UT	Boyd's Station, UT
39	29	1-Jul	Boyd's Station, UT	Boardwalk, NV
40	30	2-Jul	Boardwalk, NV	Schellbourne, NV
41	Rest	3-Jul	Schellbourne, NV	
42	Rest	4-Jul	Schellbourne, NV	
43	31	5-Jul	Schellbourne Loop, NV	Schellbourne Loop, NV
44	32	6-Jul	Schellbourne Loop, NV	Schellbourne Loop, NV
45	33	7-Jul	Schellbourne Loop, NV	Schellbourne Loop, NV
46	34	8-Jul	Schellbourne, NV	Ruby Valley, NV
47	35	9-Jul	Ruby Valley, NV	Dry Creek, NV
48	Rest	10-Jul	Dry Creek, NV	
49	Rest	11-Jul	Dry Creek, NV	
50	36	12-Jul	Dry Creek, NV	Smith Dry Lake, NV
51	37	13-Jul	Smith Dry Lake, NV	Cold Springs, NV
52	38	14-Jul	Cold Springs, NV	Sand Mountain, NV
53	39	15-Jul	Sand Mountain, NV	Bucklands, NV
54	40	16-Jul	Bucklands, NV	Virginia City, NV

The motion to approve the XP ride for 2011 was approved with one abstention.

Oregon Outback Pioneer –NW Region - July 21 (25/55 & intro ride), 22 (25/50 & intro ride), & 23 25/50 & intro ride), 2011 and July 25 (25/50 & intro ride), 26 (25/55 & intro ride) & 27 (25/50 & intro ride), 2011 - this is the 2nd year for this pioneer ride, managed by Linda & Dennis Tribby with Jennifer Strelkauskas as the Head Control Judge. Gail Williams has approved this ride.

Sangre Scenic Spring Pioneer – MT Region – May 27 (35/55 plus a clinic & intro ride), 28 (30/50/75 plus a clinic & intro ride), & 29 (35/50 plus a clinic & intro ride), 2011 – this is the 2nd year for this spring pioneer

ride, managed by Linda Hardeman with Melanie Robinson as the Head Control Judge. Jan Stevens has approved this ride.

Rushcreek Reunion Pioneer – MT Region – September 2, 3, 4, 2011, managed by Lyle Sherfey. Jan Stevens has approved this ride. (FYI, there is another pioneer ride in the Mountain Region on September 1 through 4, however, there is 790+ miles between the two rides and they should not impact each other.)

The motion to approve the above Special Sanction requests was made and approved by a unanimous decision of the BOD.

The last Special Sanctioning request is from Kassandra DiMaggio regarding the North American Endurance Team Challenge on 9/24/11. The ride is requesting full points/miles for those who complete. The special sanctioning request is necessary due to the requirement that all riders must be qualified to enter an FEI CEI 3* event (horse and rider must have completed an FEI CEI 2* event). The BOD discussed the matter, but requested further clarification concerning whether or not the ride was going to have an open AERC division along with the FEI division. The motion was tabled and Susan Kasemeyer was asked to gather more information on the request.

Kathleen Henkel then presented the BOD with the Membership Report for February 14, 2011

Membership:	2/03/2010 - 3725
	2/14/2011 - 3859
Rider fees 2010	2/03/2010 - \$ 5,120
Rider fees 2011	2/14/2011 - \$ 4,200
Sanction fees 2010	2/03/2010 - \$ 11,895
Sanction fees 2011	2/14/2011 - \$ 11,190
New members as of	2/03/2010 - 197
New members as of	2/14/2011 - 261

A motion was presented to the AERC BOD from the AERC International Committee to name two representatives to the USEF Young Equestrians Group. Kyle Gibbon has been recommended to serve for the 18-21 year old endurance representative and McCamey Kimbler has been recommended to serve for the 12-17 year old endurance representative. The motion passed unanimously.

The Junior Committee presented a motion to the BOD to approve a second scholarship valued at \$500 to be given out this year due to a request from the Hall of Fame Committee. The Hall of Fame Committee received six applications and after meeting they had two candidates that received votes that were very close. The Junior Committee noted that they currently have \$1740 collected from donations in the AERC Scholarship fund. It was recommended by the BOD to amend the motion to allow two \$1000 scholarships to be given out this year instead of one \$1000 scholarship and one \$500 scholarship as originally requested. Susan Kasemeyer motioned to amend the motion to state that the first \$1000 scholarship will come from the AERC General Fund and the second \$1000 scholarship will come from the AERC Scholarship Fund, Maryben Stover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously to allow two scholarships to be given this year valued at \$1000 each.

Monica Chapman, member of the AERC Trails and Land Management Committee and Trail Master Program Coordinator, presented to the BOD a request for an additional Trail Master class to be funded by AERC at Fort Stanton for up to \$3,500. This request will change the original amount designated for Trail Master classes in 2011 from \$10,000 to up to \$13,500. Currently, the Trail Master Reserve Fund has \$5,400 and the Trails Reserve Fund has \$9,777. Funding for Trail Master classes first comes from the Trail Master Reserve Funds and secondly from the Trails Reserve Fund. The BLM had originally applied for Federal monies to cover the

cost of the class, but their request has been turned down. If approved this would expand the trails at Fort Stanton so that when the AERC National Championship is held there this August it would help to take all of the trails off of roads. The majority of those taking the course are land managers, some coming from out of the Southwest Region. Discussion from the BOD included the following comments:

- What are the regional benefits? This seems to a lot of monies spent in one section of this region.
- There is a desire to look out for all of AERC rather than just one location.
- We need to step-up our lobbying efforts for Public Land Usage in Washington D.C. and this would help to show our support of trail improvements.
- This is a showing of positive output from AERC into Public Land improvements.

It was determined that it was necessary to have a roll call vote due to the varied opinions on this particular motion. After the roll call vote was counted the motion passed with 14 votes in favor, seven votes against and 2 abstentions.

The next item on the agenda was the letter from Endurance Canada/Equine Canada in reference to the beginning of sanctioning endurance rides in Canada as required by their national federation. At the direction of the BOD, Kathleen Henkel was directed to send a letter to Endurance Canada/Equine Canada stating that we (AERC) will still sanction rides in Canada with the understanding that all people who enter the ride will be listed as either members of AERC or non-members as required by our rules. Emphasizing that we do not allow contradictions to our rules in reference to members and non-members. It was determined that the BOD would revisit this topic at the AERC Convention BOD meeting.

Kathleen Henkel brought before the BOD a concern that she has in reference to the AERC Member's Forum (an online forum). She explained that she is concerned that while the AERC Member's Forum specifically states that it is not an 'official' voice/forum of AERC, people are still confused and think that it is. She went on to state that there has been some misinformation on the list (forum) and that it reflects badly on AERC because our name is in the title. No action was taken as it was presented as something for the BOD to think about.

Treasurer Roger Taylor presented the financial report to the BOD. He indicated that a copy of the CPA report would be included in the March issue of *Endurance News*. He informed the BOD that the AERC is positive by \$92,520 for 2010 due to the increase in membership dues, the AERC Annual Convention going from negative in 2009 to positive in 2010, the AERC Office staff working diligently on cutting costs, the decrease in drug testing expenses, and the donations made by members. Roger also informed the BOD that this is the last year of the Three-Year membership, so we should see an increase in membership monies in 2012. He also stated that he is projecting \$50,000 + for the end of fiscal 2011.

With there being no further business before the AERC BOD, John Parke made the motion to adjourn with Susan Kasemeyer seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the BOD meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm Pacific Time.