

AERC Board Meeting, March 3, 2011

The March 3, 2011 Convention AERC Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Connie Caudill at 6:10pm Pacific Time.

Present at the meeting are current AERC Board Members: Connie Caudill, Laura Hayes, Jan Stevens, Michael Campbell, Monica Chapman, Sue Keith, Sandy Terp, Tom Noll, Gail Williams, Lisa Schneider, Susan Kasemeyer, Joe Schoech, John Crandall, Roger Taylor, Michael Maul, Forrest Tancer, Kevin Meyers, Patrick Perkins, John Parke (arriving at 6:45pm) and Susan Keil (arriving at 8:00pm).

Members not present: Maryben Stover, Randy Eiland, Susan Schomburg, Kim Fuess, Roberta Harms, and Patti Pizzo.

In addition newly elected (taking office during the AERC General Session on March 5, 2011) AERC BOD members in attendance are: Terry Woolley-Howe, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Leslie Anderson, and Olin Balch.

Susan Kasemeyer made the motion to excuse those members not present with Gail Williams seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Schoech motioned to accept the Committee Reports (attached) with Sue Keith seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

It was determined to defer the Special Sanctioning requests until the Sunday morning meeting.

Roger Taylor provided a Financial report to the BOD. He indicated that there is a Financial Report that compares 2009 vs 2010 in the current issue of *Endurance News*. He noted the differences between the General Fund differences and the net income.

Roger reported that donations to AERC, specifically to Trails, continue to be high despite the current US economy. Roger also noted that the AERC Convention still shows a higher income when it is held in Reno, Nevada. He also stated that while the due increase did help in the overall financial status of AERC, we did lose members due to the second member dues increase and that riders seem to not be riding as much. He then briefed the BOD on his projections for 2011.

Olin Balch, DVM – chairperson of the AERC Research Committee – then briefed the BOD on a current research project by the Morris Animal Foundation. This research project is aimed at Tying-up. He indicated that in this particular project though endurance horses do not really fall into their research, which is unfortunate. He also informed the BOD that the Morris Animal Foundation includes a lot of research done by veterinary students. He recommended that we do not donate to them right now for student research, as he felt that the majority of it (research) was being done just for the sake of doing research. He suggested that we contact them and indicate that we are interested in research projects that deal specifically with endurance horses and attach a list of prioritized projects that the AERC Research Committee has created. The AERC BOD took a straw vote on whether or not they felt that it was a good idea to send a list of projects to the Morris Animal Foundation. The straw vote indicated that the BOD was in favor of it. Dr. Balch then informed the BOD that the AERC Research Committee submitted a grant request to USEF for \$25,000 that is tied to the AERC 100 Mile Questionnaire.

Monica Chapman, Trail Master Program Coordinator, gave a report on the AERC Trail Master classes. She indicated that the AERC website was being updated to have more information about the Trail Master Classes. She reported that they are trying to work more closely with the various local endurance clubs (PNER, TERA, etc) when scheduling Trail Master classes in their areas. The group is also looking at co-hosting Trail Master classes with other groups who use the trails. She informed the BOD that the costs associated with having Mike Riter as the instructor for our Trail Master classes included his hotel, car rental, meals, and airfare – in addition to his per attendee charge. She also pointed out that groups could travel to Mike Riter location in Georgia to take a class and therefore reduce the expenses to AERC for the classes (travel expenses etc). It was requested that past attendees of the Trail Master classes should provide to AERC what they have done with their Trail Master education. Monica said she would check into that. It was noted that the current Trails Reserve sits at \$68,902, with the approved Trails Grants coming out of that totaling \$18,250.

Elroy Karius, AERC member from Canada, spoke to the BOD concerning the new Canadian Endurance organization and their request for a sanctioning agreement with AERC. Elroy briefed the BOD on the Canadian organizations that deal with endurance. Equine Canada is the Canadian Federation for equine sports – which includes FEI and Nationally sanctioned events. In 2005 they, endurance riders from Canada, were asked to form an endurance group to represent their sport. They created Endurance Canada, which is a committee of Equine Canada. They represent grassroots endurance through FEI endurance in Canada. Elroy pointed out that there are several groups that represent endurance interests in Canada, including:

AERC Members who pay full membership because they do enough AERC rides that the ‘day member’ fee is more costly.

AERC Members who pay full membership that travel north to south each year and attend a lot of AERC endurance rides.

Canadian riders who are not AERC members and who do not ride AERC rides for numerous reasons (travel, cost, limited rides to ride, etc)

He also pointed out that there are provincially sanctioned endurance rides that are not sanctioned by AERC or Endurance Canada.

Elroy went onto discuss the talking points for the reciprocity agreement between AERC and Endurance Canada.

Members would enjoy the benefits of both organizations

There would be ‘no free lunch’

He hoped that a ‘cost formula’ could be created

It would help to maintain our relationship and help to continue to bring Canadian riders south

He requested that AERC consider creating an Ad Hoc committee to discuss reciprocity agreement

The AERC BOD thanked Elroy for this time and agreed consider and to discuss the subject further.

John Parke then informed the BOD about the upcoming Hot Topics on Friday and Saturday mornings at the AERC Convention. Friday the discussion will center around limited distance vs the other distances we ride and how they relate to horses. The discussion will then move onto membership and where AERC is moving to in the future. The discussion on Saturday will cover public access to trails and threats to our use on public lands.

John then gave a presentation on what it means to be an AERC Board member. His discussion included the following talking points:

Board members are responsible to AERC

We have a fiduciary duty to the membership of AERC who rerepresent

BOD members may have conflicts of interest. It is our responsibility to read the AERC By-Laws concerning Conflict of Interest and reclude ourselves from voting if we have one. It is our responsibility to admit our conflicts.

The BOD uses Roberts Rules of Order which states that a majority rules – a ‘deliberate majority rule’ which means that it is ‘deliberated’

He encouraged new members to the BOD to not be afraid to speak up and ask questions

AERC is run by the following documents:

California Corporate Code

Articles of Incorporation

Bylaws

Rules

Policies/directives

Simple motions

Robert’s Rules of Order

Conduct of our meetings

Actively chaired – meaning that our chairperson (President) actively controls the meetings

Motions are used

Written down on a ‘motion form’

Generally come from committee

Must be on the agenda

Motions from committees don’t require a second

Amendments to a motion require a second

“Calling the Question” – is often a confusing motion. It is used when someone wishes to end the discussion on a subject and force a vote. It requires that 2/3 of those in attendance agree to end the discussion.

“Roll Call Vote” – requires a vote to have one.

“Abstain from voting” – keep in mind that your vote will be counted as a ‘no’ vote.

“Revisiting a Subject” – once a subject has been voted on in a session (meeting) it can’t be brought up again in the same session (meeting). IE the losing side of an argument can’t bring up the motion again and ask for another vote.

“Deferring” – Delaying the discussion of a subject to another session (meeting)

“Tabling” – Delaying the discussion of a subject to the same session (meeting)

“Meeting” – for the AERC we have two types of meetings

Telephone Conference Calls – typically monthly calls

In Person – at the mid-year meeting and at convention

“Email List” – not a legal meeting and not used by everyone in the same fashion

Officers in AERC

President – not a policy maker.

Executive Director – runs the business

Executive Committee – they have limited power as described in our bylaws

Committees – some have been established by our bylaws and some established by our BOD.

Chairpersons of committees – selected by the President and approved by the BOD

Ethics and the Board Member

When speaking in public make it clear who you are and who you are speaking for. Are you speaking for yourself, the BOD, or a committee?

Respect confidences

Provide leadership when you attend rides. Make yourself available to the membership.

With there being no further business before the BOD, Tom Noll made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm with Susan Keil seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2011 Education Committee Report

Convention Meeting, March 2011

Prepared by Susan Keil DVM, Chair

- *Have written education articles for each Endurance News issue
- *Sponsoring a silent auction Education fundraiser at this convention (Kerry Greear)
- *Sponsoring second annual Lunch with the Stars at this convention (Susan Keil)
 - ^Three tables of eight with two “Stars” at each; 12 AERC members win lunch through raffle
 - ^Garrett Ford, Angie McGhee, Dave Rabe, Michele Roush, Julie Suhr, Jan Worthington
- *Development of education video links to AERC web page (Angie McGhee)
- *Sponsoring Educational mini-lectures during the convention in the trade show area (Stagg Newman)
- *Revamping of regional mentors on the AERC web page
 - ^Step one: development of liaison list per region; Troy Smith developing format
 - ^Liaisons from CT, MW, MT, NE, PSW, and West determined
- *Established guide lines for Educational grant monies (\$500 per region) to be dispersed
 - a. Reviewed by one of the regional directors (from requesting region) and the Education Chair
 - b. Outline of seminar / meeting provided to the committee from the requesting group, specifically identifying goals and detailing basic budget
 - c. \$500 per region with the preferred choice of dividing this amount into at least two \$250 allotments
 - d. Requiring a brief summary/synopsis to be presented to the Education Committee of the event outcome within two months after the seminar.
 - e. Reimbursement will occur after the summary/synopsis has been provided and reviewed. This will occur within one month of the Education Chair receiving the summary. The summary will be reviewed by the Education Committee (EC).
 - f. For every one month the post event summary is delinquent (not received within 60 days of the event), the EC will deduct \$50 from the amount to be reimbursed to the hosting organization. This is to avoid extended delays in the grant process. This detail will be written out to the seminar organizer at the time of grant approval to avoid any communication confusion. This item will be enforced.
 - g. From today's date until end of the business day 30 June 2012, each region will have \$500 total up for distribution. As of 1 July 2012, any remaining monies from a particular region will be pooled back into a national total. At that point, any endurance / distance group may apply for any remaining funds. This decision is to stimulate use of the grant monies hopefully by 1 July 2013.
- * Two grants awarded:
 - ^CT Region – TERA Ride Managers Clinic for \$250 on 2.13.11
 - ^West Region – Western States Trail Foundation for \$250 on 6.10-12.11

Elections Committee Report

Prepared by Robert Ribley, Chair

2/18/2011

The Director-At-Large election was held during the month of November 2010, with 12 candidates vying for 8 available spots.

Tom Balarsky CPA of Carmichael, California, served as the coordinator and counting house for all ballots. 1346 ballots were received. The vote count is below and the top 8 will be sworn in during this convention.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Mike Maul	990
Susan Keil DVM	834
Olin Balch DVM	801

Laura Hayes	789
Randy Eiland	704
Terry Woolley Howe	650
Mollie Krumlaw-Smith	636
Leslie E. Anderson	625
Kim Fuess	525
Dianna Chapek	518
Roberta Harms	478
Patrick Perkins	394

Marketing/Public Relations Committee Report

February 2011

Prepared Troy Smith, Committee Chair

Advertisements promoting the American Endurance Ride Conference are appearing in four issues of The Trail Rider (50K distribution), as well as in Arabian Horse World (via our sponsorship agreement), Elite Equestrian (10K distribution) and several smaller, local publications. Blaze Magazine, a quarterly kids' magazine, will have an AERC ad (along with an endurance article) in its Winter issue. Cost for 2011 advertising is approximately \$1000. Most of our advertising invites people to call the office for a free informational packet, and we receive several requests per month.

Members of the Marketing/Public Relations Committee work individually to promote the sport, including:

Pamela Burton, who has a blog of international events at <http://horsereporter.wordpress.com> which comes up on Twitter as @horsereporter, and also writes for magazines such as Modern Arabian Horse.

Bobbie Lieberman is managing editor of TrailBlazer magazine.

Genie Stewart-Spears has numerous photos and article published in Arabian Horse World, Horse Illustrated, USDF Magazine, Chronicle of the Horse, Modern Arabian Horse, EquiShopper and www.DiscoverHorses.com, etc. Genie also did the endurance photo for the WEG Breyer horse boxes, featuring Sandy Thomson on Sweetie. The Breyer horse model of Gold Raven has Genie's photo of Valerie Kanavy and Gold Raven on the tag of each model.

While a few members have lamented the discontinuation of the AERC yearbook, the March "yearbook issue" has all the same information with the exception of ride results which are available at nominal cost. Only a handful of members requested the additional pages.

In 2010 AERC debuted AERC Extra, a quarterly online newsletter emailed to all members with email addresses. The first two issues were enthusiastically received by the membership. The Extra will be continued in 2011.

Membership Committee Report

Convention 2011

Prepared by Lisa Schneider, Chair

1. We decided one group of riders who could be a potential source of new members and was already organized so we could reach them is the gaited horse groups. We focused on several where we had contacts in place, i.e., Missouri Foxtrotter Association, Tennessee Walking Horse Association, Gaited Horse Association.

- A. Keith Kibler's presentations to gaited horse conferences
- B. Keith's articles in several gaited horse pubs highlighting what it takes to condition gaited horses to do endurance
- C. Tennessee Walking Horse Association wants to sponsor a couple of gaited horse national awards for 2011 high mileage in both LD and Endurance

2. Promotional activities

- A. Membership drive – HRM giveaways, one for new members, one for members bringing in a new member
- B. AERC Facebook page now has 1,833 members
- C. Online newsletters have been very well received
- D. Now sending out postcards to new members to touch base, encouraging them to call if they have questions. We discovered there was no notification of new members to regional directors and are putting a process in place to make that happen at the directors' option. The contact should be tailored to where the individual lives, potential mentors, encouragement to get to an upcoming local ride, etc.
- E. Postcard sent to day members encouraging them to join with "You'll be eligible for AERC's annual awards program" and "Receive an informational packet about endurance riding, including the Endurance Rider's Handbook", in addition to the other benefits.
- F. Phone calls to non-renewed members – to find out why they didn't renew
- G. Survey of non-renewing members – about 265 responses, validated why we thought people weren't renewing

Membership committee members: Mike Maul, Troy Smith, Forrest Tancer, Kevin Myers, Keith Kibler, Daryl Downs, Patrick Perkins and Lisa Schneider (chair).

Office Committee Report

AERC Convention – 3/11

Prepared by Kathleen A. Henkel, Chair

The office is rolling along as usual. We are always looking at ways to save time and dollars.

Membership is even with this timeframe last year and we see some good signs in the office that we will soon surpass last year's totals.

Margie and Judy's job sharing is going extremely well – each works 2 days a week and they are both very willing and able to fill in if we need someone on the 5th day. They both know what is needed regarding membership and serve the members well.

Troy continues to put out a quality magazine each and every month. The yearbook issue has hit the streets and so far, no complaints with our second run at saving dollars by printing it in "magazine form." Troy is a wonder at handling the forms and booklets needed to keep AERC running smoothly and we are lucky to have her as an employee!

Suzi has a new best friend in AERC's accountant. She worked with him at length this year regarding the review and the taxes. Suzi is very comfortable dealing with him and is available in the office to answer questions from him or the board regarding AERC's finances.

Rho continues her 2 days per week, approximately 10 hours total and handles all of AERC's filing and also the mailing of any and all ride manager and vet packets pertaining to ride forms. She does a great job for AERC and because she handles the filing, she is a best friend to all of us in the office.

We contact our Technical Advisor, Mike Maul, on an as needed basis. We thank Mike for being available to us. Troy is able to handle most things on the website and is always up for gaining more technical knowledge.

Please know that you are always welcome in the office and if you have questions regarding our procedures, please do not hesitate to contact us. Any and all questions regarding mileage for horse and rider should be funneled through the office – we are here to help.

Research Committee Report

Convention Board Meeting-March 2011

Prepared by Olin Balch DVM, Chair

Accomplishments in 2010 and first two months of 2011

- A. The major emphasis of the Research Committee (RC) has been a continuation of the objectives defined at the 2009 Research Summit – namely the 100-miler questionnaire which evaluates risk factors for non-completion.

As of February 20, 57 completed 100-mile surveys have been received.

Ride over the Rainbow '10: 42% (3 of 7, 33% ride completion of riders returning questionnaires)

Tevis '10: 100% (27 of 27; 41% ride completion of riders returning questionnaires)

NC '10: 79% (19 of 24; 67% ride completion of riders returning questionnaires)

Goethe '10: 80% (8 of 10; 75% ride completion of riders returning questionnaires)

- B. In December 2010, The AERC Board approved \$5,750 to fund the distribution and collection of 100-mile questionnaires at a minimum of 5 rides each year for 2011 and 2012.
- C. In January 2011, RC members (Drs. Hal Schott, Olin Balch, Todd Holbook, Gary Magdesian, and Langdon Fielding) submitted a \$25,171 grant proposal to USEF. Titled "Welfare of 160 km endurance horses: can horse history and veterinary exam findings predict subsequent eliminations and can transabdominal ultrasonography detect ileus after exercise," funding would support data analysis and manuscript preparation of the 100-mile questionnaire investigation as well as ultrasonography of 100-mile horses post-ride.
- D. In conjunction Dr. Jerry Gillespie and chairs of the veterinary and education committees, the RC chair selected speakers and subjects for the 2011 CE event "*Acid-Base and Body Fluid Management in the Endurance Horse: A Tribute to Dr. Jim Steere*" and supported opening these veterinary-level exercise physiology seminars to the motivated general membership.
- E. Tackling what is the arguably the most controversial pharmaceutical subject in the AERC endurance community, the RC wrote an authoritative, comprehensive, but reader-friendly review of equine gastric ulcer syndrome, with particular detail to endurance horses and treatment/management in that sport. A companion article, penned by Dr. Melissa Ribley on the behalf of the Veterinary Committee, addresses the history and rationale of past VC's decisions on prohibition of omeprazole as an event-day medication. Taken together, these to be published in the April EN ably serve the AERC membership by addressing a very thorny issue openly, responsibly and clearly.

Goals for the rest of 2011

- A. Distribution and collection of 100-mile questionnaires at 2011 rides.
- B. Development of a searchable database of relevant endurance-horse abstracts of refereed scientific publications. This database is proposed to be part of the AERC website and be positioned to make the AERC website the first place where endurance riders go to get science-based information about their sport.

Rules Committee Report

Convention 2011

Prepared by Susan Schomburg, Rules Committee Chair

Two years ago, the Rules Committee took on the task of rewriting several portions of the rule book. The final revisions and rewrites were completed this year. Some of the changes are small and simply "cleanup" language

inconsistencies throughout the book but a few major changes and additions were made at the request of the BOD. The preamble was rewritten so that it no longer contains extraneous wording that is unrelated to the statement of purpose. Two new rules, 11 and 12, have been added. One deals with horse welfare and the other deals with ride participant conduct. Rule 11 forbids the abuse of an equine by any participant and also defines what constitutes abuse. Rule 12 prohibits behavior by ride participants that disrupts the ride or reflects poorly on the sport of endurance ride. Rule 15 was also revised as a result of the addition of Rules 11 and 12 and it spells out the grounds for disqualification from competition or for filing a formal protest.

The final major rule change involved Rule 6. After numerous revisions and two years worth of input and debate, the changes in rule 6, specifically rule 6.2.1, address several issues that were raised regarding the use of more stringent completion criteria specifically the reduction of the time to meet pulse rate criteria. There were numerous problems with the old rule and the new rule resolves all the issues associated with using more stringent criteria at the end of a ride. Specifically, the new rule makes it clear that a ride manager may reduce the time to meet pulse rate criteria to a time of less than one hour but not less than 30 minutes. It clearly indicates how much notice a ride manager must give riders and what kind of notice is required. Ride managers are now required to give notice at least 12 hours before the ride if they intend to use more stringent completion criteria and the notice must be posted in a conspicuous place at ride camp and explained during the ride meeting or in any pre-ride briefing materials. The new sanctioning forms both paper and on-line will also have a place to indicate whether the ride will be using a shorter time to meet pulse rate but ride managers will still have the ability to change that time after sanctioning if they and their head control judge decide that it is appropriate. Finally, Rule 6 defines who is responsible for setting the various parameters for completion.

The revision of the rule book was no easy task but through hard work and a lot of compromise, the committee was able to complete the task and we believe that the new rule book establishes clear rules which provide for a fair and level playing field and protect the integrity of our sport and also provide for the safety and well-being of our equine partners.

2011 Convention Technical Committee Report

Prepared by Mike Maul, Committee Chair

2/16/11

In an effort to keep costs low for the AERC budget, less chargeable work has been done in 2010 than previous years.

AERC website

- * Added *CAPTCHA* challenge response tests to ensure Spam isn't sent in our forms to the office
- * Changed the online "Join AERC" and Horse Registrations to an improved credit card transaction site
- * Made available endurance video for possible new members so they can see what endurance is about

TomCat

- * Work in progress includes implementing Rule 6.2 so that finish pulse time is recorded in TC, displayed on the online calendar, and a part of the online sanctioning process.
- * Fixed a bug in TC that happened when new AERC numbers exceeded a limit set in the original programming

Ride Results Input online/Online Sanctioning

- * Fixed identified bugs on excel input
- * Worked with office to add additional text to clarify options
- * Made secure link information visible on all credit card payment links. Pages had been secure before but <https://> was not showing on all pages

Ride Management program to replace the EasyCare program

Program is identified as ERIC. Program runs on laptop at ride site

- * Worked with developer of program Eric Rueter to add features
- * Provided debug assistance for early and present versions

- * Provided Helpdesk support for program
- * Provide monthly updates for members/horses for this program

Member's Page

- * Modified so that after April 1 - only current members have access

Online Services

- * Provided Helpdesk services for all online services including
 - Online ride results,
 - Online Sanctioning
 - Volunteer Hours Reporting
 - Member's Page
 - Join/Renew

Polls/Surveys

- * Set-up and administered Membership Committee Survey

2011 Report AERC Trails and Land Management Committee

Prepared by Michael Campbell, Chair

2/16/11

The Trails and Land Management Committee had a busy and productive year:

Representatives of the Committee participated in several ELCR sponsored conference calls and reported to the Board (no cost to AERC).

Representatives of the Committee participated in the Southeastern Trails Conference, assisted by committee member Helen Koehler (June, total cost to AERC = \$345).

Representatives of the Committee attended the biennial National Trails Symposium where committee member Helen Koehler received the state award for Trail Worker of the Year (November, no cost to AERC).

AERC members attended and reported to the Committee on the USFS Region Planning meetings held throughout the country (May, no cost to AERC).

AERC members attended and reported to the Committee on the California Recreational Trails Committee (October, no cost to AERC).

Representatives of the Committee attended the AHC annual meeting and AHC's Trails and Recreation Committee and met with BLM and USFS officials in Washington D.C. which resulted in an MOU with the USFS (June, no cost to AERC).

The Committee recommended to the Board two Trails Grants which the Board approved (Rock Creek Horse Camp and Western States Trail Foundation, \$5,250 approved).

AERC sponsored two Trailmaster classes (Washington and New Mexico) training 13 AERC members and 16 land managers (total cost to AERC = \$7,747.79). Of particular interest regarding Trailmaster training is a financial model developing whereby local endurance riding groups share the cost of training with AERC as the PNER did in Washington. Similar endeavors are planned for 2011. This strategy will maximize the value gained for AERC's investment in Trailmaster training and increase local investment in this valuable activity for endurance riding. Trailmaster Training Coordinator Monica Chapman and Committee member Gail Williams richly deserve AERC's appreciation for these efforts.

The Committee awarded Dierdre Monroe Trails Advocate of the Year 2009.

The Committee produced 11 Trails Post articles for Endurance News.

The Committee has participated with and advised a trails working group in the Sam Houston National Forest for the development of equestrian trails with the cooperation of the USFS with the goal of reinstating rides that have been cancelled there due to administrative problems.

Committee member Christine Eickleberry has maintained our State Trails Advocates.

Trails and Land Management Committee budget for 2011:

Trailmaster Training--\$15,000

AHC membership--\$1,000 + \$750 expenses = \$1750

Southeastern Trails Coalition--\$750 sponsorship + \$750 expenses = \$1500

Miscellaneous expenses for members to attend conferences--\$1,000

Total = \$19,250

The Trails and Land Management Committee wishes to express special appreciation to Maryben Stover, John Parke, and Sandy Terp for their advocacy for trails issues throughout the past year.

Veterinary Committee Report

Convention Board Meeting, March 2011

Prepared by Jay Mero DVM, Chair

- I. Accomplishments in 2010-2011
 - A. Have written 12 monthly Vet Forum articles for Endurance News
 - B. Published 4 quarterly AERC Veterinary Newsletters
 - C. Continued the AERC Veterinary Certification Program. A total of 242 veterinarians have been certified to date.
 - D. Have written 5 fatality reports – noted 7 fatalities in the year 2010. One fatality was determined to be unrelated to the sport of endurance. In the case of two other fatalities details were not able to confirmed, though a report was generated.
 - E. Drug tested 12 rides, broken down by region:
Central – 2 Midwest – 1 Mountain – 1 Northeast - 2 Northwest – 1
Southeast – 3 Southwest – 2 West - 0 No positive test results to date though we are waiting on the results for 3 rides.
 - F. Planned the veterinary continuing education program for the 2011 convention, including arranging for new sponsors for the program.
 - G. Worked with the Research, Horse Welfare, Rules and Ride Managers Committees in the rewrite of Rule 6.
 - H. Started new AERC Veterinary internet list serve group.
 - I. Have discussed at the request of the AERC President clarification several questions pertaining to completion issues and treatment issues.
 - J. Have discussed at the request of Rules Committee/BOD draft rule regarding equine abuse.
 - K. Provided a resource to riders, veterinarians and board members for questions and concerns regarding AERC veterinary matters.
 - L. Reviewed articles for Endurance News that related to horse health.
 - M. Updated the appendices to Rule 13, the AERC Drug Rule.
 - N. Worked with USEF on outsourcing the AERC drug testing program.
- II. Future Goals
 - A. Continued revision of Head Control Judge Certification Exam.
 - B. Design Treatment Cheat sheet for treatment vets at endurance rides.

- C. Design, Fund and Implement – in partnership with the Ride Managers Committee - “Guest Control Judge Program.”
- D. Plan and implement the veterinary continuing education program for the 2012 convention.