

AERC Board Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2011

Present: Connie Caudill, Sandy Terp, Kevin Myers, Jan Stevens, Susan Keil, Monica Chapman, Michael Campbell, Gail Williams, Terry Wooley Howe, Tom Noll, Sue Keith, Mollie Krumlaw Smith, Forrest Tancer, Mike Maul, Olan Balch, John Parke, Leslie Anderson, Joe Schoech, Roger Taylor, Lisa Schneider, Laura Hayes, Susan Kasemeyer

Excusals approved for MaryBen Stover, Patti Pizzo, Susie Schomberg and Randy Eiland

Discussion about the North American Endurance Team Challenge to be held in September. Riders are asking for full points. Would require Special Sanctioning and was remanded to Sanctioning Committee.

Olin Balch introduced Mike Tomlinson who presented information about Research on Horses being planned by USEF and suggested that we get into this at the beginning, in combination with other disciplines. Remanded to Vet and Research Committee.

John Parke spoke on the Hot Topic sessions. Day 1 LD..combine miles? combine points" Remanded to Competitions Committee Day 2 Trails Much discussion of losing rides. He presented a motion to amend budget to authorize restoration of current year 2011 donation to the American Horse Council to past level of \$5000 (instead of current \$1000) Seconded by Lisa Schneider..Motion passed by 21-0

Membership committee, Lisa Schneider, chair, reported on ways to retain members and acquire new ones...they have sent list of new members to regional directors and want to revisit mentors and clinics.

President Connie Caudill asked that committee reports please be handed in ahead of meeting times. Asked about financial reviews and operational reviews. This year our CPA gave only an operational review and next year he will do a financial review. The cost will be kept down since he has already done the operational review which is part of the financial review.

Roger Taylor reported taxes were signed but needed a couple of corrections.

Connie reported she would present Committee Chairs at first conference call . Also requested approval of Kevin Myers as additional member of Executive Committee. Moved by John Parke and seconded by Lisa Schneider...Motion approved.

Connie commented that it was too bad more committees did not meet at convention as it is the one time members can attend and participate.

Kathleen reported the dates for the 2012 convention as March 9 and 10 at the Grand Sierra in Reno NV. Lisa Schneider advised these dates conflict with a ride in her area and did request a change of the convention dates.

Midyear meeting dates and locations were discussed and are to be decided soon.

More discussion on the convention then followed with question on did the Vet CE take away from seminars?

Room occupancy was up ...Banquet was sold out, Tack Swap was great...vendors seemed OK. Education Committees "Lunch with the Stars" well received

Motion to adjourn by Jan Stevens Seconded by Laura Hayes