

**General Session Minutes**  
**March 10, 2012**  
**AERC Annual Convention**  
**Reno, NV**

The session was called to order by Connie Caudill at 11:04 a.m.

The new and re-elected regional directors were sworn in.

Elections were the next item and the current officers were re-elected...President Connie Caudill, Vice president Jan Stevens, Secretary Susan Kasemeyer and Treasurer Mollie K. Smith

An open session discussion on AERC's drug rule was held with Laura Hayes speaking regarding her equine's recent positive drug test.

From the membership: Kudos to AERC on horse welfare issues.

Melissa Ribley DVM spoke on the issue of short rides, asking members to first speak to the RM and if no changes are made to then speak with the sanctioning directors. Everyone was reminded that rides must be 50 miles in length and they cannot "round-up to that" and if rides are longer, results may be submitted with "actual miles ridden".

Olin Balch DVM thanked all the participants in the 100 mile survey on behalf of the Research Committee.

Adjourned.

Submitted by Susan Kasemeyer, Secretary