

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2012  
Conference Call**

President Connie Caudill called the meeting to order at 9:01

Directors present: Connie Caudill, Susan Kasemeyer, Mollie K Smith, Michael Campbell, Monica Chapman, Sue Keith, Susie Schomberg, Nick Kohut, Patti Stedman, Tom Knoll, John Parke, Lisa Scheider, Joe Schoech, Julia Lynn-Elias, Roger Taylor, Maryben Stover, Forrest Tancer, Leslie Anderson, Olin Balch, Randy Eiland, Terry Woolley-Howe, Susan Keil, Michael Maul. Not answering roll call: Jan Stevens, excused in advance, Gail Williams, Laura Hayes.

Minutes were approved after amended

The Board ratified 2 items passed by the Executive Committee.

The President added 3 more committee chairs: Membership...Sue Keith, Sponsorship...Randy Eiland, Welfare of the Horse...Roberta Harms. All approved. She also requested approval for Kyle Gibbon as a Youth Advisor to the Board and received approval.

Kathleen reported one more person on the call than answered roll call. Before going into Executive Session where minutes are not kept the numbers became correct.

Executive Session

Next discussion on printing names in a protest. The P and G Committee had been doing it on a case by case basis. A roll call vote was in favor of printing names with 2 votes qualifying circumstances. Rules Committee will add to rule.

Finances from Mollie reported convention income down about \$28,000 also award expenses down some but final numbers are not in yet.

Kathleen gave membership numbers:  
Membership Report

April 9, 2012

Membership as of 4/11/2011 - 4645

4/9/2012 - 4292

Rider fees as of 4/9/11 - \$13,965

Rider fees as of 4/9/12 - \$14,054

Sanction fees as of 4/9/11 - 15,430

Sanction fees as of 4/9/12 - \$14,005

Sanction fees for 2013: \$280.00

New members as of 4/11/2011 – 377

New members as of 4/9/2012 - 400

Motion from Research Committee was approved

Motion from Rules Committee was approved with 1 abstention.

A discussion on Ride distances was tabled for another time.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:22

## **AERC Board of Directors MOTION PROPOSAL**

<b>This Motion Proposal form is to be used in the development, presentation and approval process of submitting motions to the Board.</b>
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**Motion Name** EN publication of Fielding and Dechant's paper detailing colic treatment in endurance horses

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**Proposing Committee** - Research Committee

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**Date of Motion** (Date to be presented to BOD) - April 9, 2012

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**Classification of Motion Request** (new, change, add, delete, by-law, rule, policy) - financial expenditure

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**Proposed Motion** (use exact wording)

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Pay \$144 plus VAT (approximately 14%) to John Wiley & Sons for the right to publish Fielding and Dechant's 4-page paper in a future issue of EN. Finances to come from dedicated moneys already within the Research Committee's funds.

**Background, analysis and benefit** (describe the problem this motion is solving)

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Concerning the 75 fatalities reported to the AERC from 2002 through 2011, 61% of fatalities were characterized by an acute abdominal crisis (colic), with gastric rupture confirmed at necropsy in 22% of all fatalities autopsied.

A 2011 scientific paper examined 36 horses that showed signs of colic within 48 hours of a ride and were presented to two Californian referral hospitals (Fielding and Dechant, Colic in competing endurance horses presenting to referral centres, *Equine Veterinary Journal*, ISSN 0425-1644, DOI: 10.1111/j.2042-3306.2011.00462.x). Thirty of the 36 horses demonstrated ileus on presentation, five horses required exploratory abdominal surgery, and all but one survived. The authors concluded "this group of horses has an excellent prognosis if owners and clinicians are prepared for prolonged medical treatment in some cases."

As an educational benefit, the publication of this scientific paper in the EN would serve the AERC membership by providing valuable, first-hand, scientific information concerning the management of the most common cause of fatality in this sport.

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The appropriateness of this scientific information for the general membership was asked of Troy Smth, EN editor. She responded, "I think our members would like to read this (especially that very rich, data-filled chart)." A short, rider-friendly, summary and interpretation with emphasis on practicality to endurance riders is planned to accompany the scientific article.

**Budget effect/impact** (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)

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\$144 plus VAT (approximately 14%).

**Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization**

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More informed membership making treatment decisions when confronted with unexpected colics at rides

**Impact on AERC Office** (Work load, budget) - Minimal

**Committees consulted and/or affected** - Research and Veterinary Committees

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**Implementation plan** (Schedule, resources, financial) - This summer

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**Supporting materials** (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets) - None

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**Supporting approvals** (proposing committee, participating committees) - Research & Veterinary Committees

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## AERC Board of Directors MOTION PROPOSAL

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**Motion Name** Recovering Mileage

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**Proposing Committee** Rules Committee

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**Date of Motion** (Date to be presented to BOD) April 9, 2012

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**Classification of Motion Request** (new, change, add, delete, by-law, rule, policy) rule change

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**Proposed Motion** (use exact wording) Revise rule 8.2.1 to read

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8.2.1 These points cannot be recovered, but the miles may be recovered for **career mileage credit** by contacting the AERC office

**Background, analysis and benefit** (describe the problem this motion is solving)

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Rule 8.2 states that members whose dues are not paid by February 1st will receive no points or miles for rides held between December 1<sup>st</sup> and the date their membership is restored. However rule 8.2.1 states that miles may be recovered with no reference to when or what type of mileage credit is allowed. The two rules contradict each other. Miles may be recovered for career mileage credit only and the rule needs to clearly state as such.

**Budget effect/impact** (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)

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No real budget effect. It will be changed on-line and will appear when new rule books are printed.

**Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization**

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The change will clarify the rule and eliminate any confusion regarding mileage recovery if a member fails to renew their membership.

**Impact on AERC Office** (Work load, budget)

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Troy will need to make on-line changes and revisions in the written version of the rule book.

**Committees consulted and/or affected**

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Rules, Office

**Implementation plan** (Schedule, resources, financial)

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Effective immediately. The revision does not change the intended meaning of the rule. It clarifies the existing rule.

**Supporting materials** (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets)

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none

**Supporting approvals** (proposing committee, participating committees)

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Rules, Office