

May 14, 2012, Conference Call Minutes

The May 14, 2012, conference call meeting was called to order by President Connie Caudill. She reported she received written notice from Laura Hayes that Laura was resigning from the board. Connie will contact Dianna Chapek, who will receive an invitation to join the board to replace Laura Hayes.

The minutes of the April 9, 2012 were approved as well as the International committee minutes from January 5, 2012, April 3, 2012, and May 1, 2012.

Kathleen gave the latest membership figures from the office as follows:

Membership as of 5/10/2011	4892
as of 5/14/2012	4709

Rider fees in 2011	\$25,650
fees as of 5/14/2012	\$24,777

Sanction fees for 2011	\$16,625
2012	\$15,095

Sanction fees for 2013 \$ 500

New members 5/10/2011	427
5/14/2012	489

Operational budget approved.

The Trails Committee brought forth several grants for consideration:

Elbert Creek Reroute and Rehabilitation by the Four Corners Back Country Horseman's Association of America to fund 2 weeks of Southwest Conservation Corps trail crew expense for reroute of portion of the Elbert Creek Trail near Durango, CO, \$12,000 - not approved

Grant presented by Mollie Krumlaw-Smith for **\$2500** from the Ohio Division of Forestry (ODNR) to establish new trail head and parking area for horseback riders, to move trail to connect to the parking area. **Approved.**

\$13,913 requested by Ride Manager Patsy Gowen and the Sand hills State Forest for construction of a pit toilet at the day parking area where the vet check for the Sand Hills Stampede endurance ride is held in the Sand Hills State Forest - not approved

\$1500 requested on behalf of the Gold Country Trails Council by Melissa Ribley for a NEPA study to relocate a portion of the Pioneer Trail used in the Wild West Endurance ride. **Approved**

A motion from the International Committee to allocate **up to \$3000** from the AERC International restricted funds (Rashid donation) to fund an FEI 1 star ride in September, 2012 (Patriot's Day). **Approved**

Canada requested an exemption from paying AERC drug- testing fees, advising they will test their own rides in Canada. Discussion was tabled until a motion was received.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, J. Susan Kasemeyer, Secretary

**AERC Board of Directors
MOTION PROPOSAL**

Motion Name *Patriots Day 2012 FEI ride subsidy*

Proposing Committee *AERC International*

Date of Motion *(May 2012)*

Classification of Motion Request *(new funds allocation)*

Proposed Motion *To allocate up to \$3000 from AERC I restricted funds (Rashid donation) to subsidize the Patriot's Day FEI 1* ride in September of 2012.*

Background, analysis and benefit *AERC I is supporting one arm of a multifaceted model put forth by Meg Sleeper, VMD, to enhance FEI rider participation in lower level events. This ride will be the first of a two-part series that will encourage team participation in FEI events, and will add to the overall experience of participating riders, as well as aid in preparation for larger International team events.*

Budget effect/impact *Use of funds donated and restricted for use to promote FEI rides*

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization *Directly benefits AERC riding members by reducing normally high FEI entry fees and enabling AERC riders to experience a varied aspect of the sport. The added team dimension will give those riders opportunities to expand the experience of endurance into the team concept.*

Impact on AERC Office *Minimal*

Committees consulted and/or affected *AERC International*

Implementation plan *Cover additional expenses to Patriot's Day ride manager for hosting FEI lower level division, up to \$3000 total.*

Supporting materials *Unapproved AERC I minutes from May 1, 2012, where motion to approve spending was passed*

Supporting approvals *see above*