

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, March 7, 2013, Reno, Nevada (Convention Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by outgoing president, Connie Caudill at 7pm.

Present were Connie, Jan Stevens, Terry W. Howe, Stephanie Teeter, Maryben Stover, Dianna Chapek, Randy Eiland, Patti Stedman, Susan Kasemeyer, Joe Schoech, Olin Balch, Tom Bache, Nick Kohut, Roger Taylor, Bruce Weary, Mike Maul, Gail Williams, Forrest Tancer, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Sue Keith, Susan Garlinghouse, Michael Campbell, John Parke, and Julia Lynn-Elias.

Nick Kohut moved and Roger Taylor seconded to accept the minutes and the committee reports. Gail Williams moved and Forrest Tancer seconded to approve excusals for Susan Keil, Monica Chapman, Leslie Anderson, Susie Schomburg and Lisa Schneider. All present approved.

Kathleen gave the membership report as follows:

Membership as of 3/6/2012 3921
Membership as of 3/4/2013 3959

Rider fees as of 12/1/2011 thru 3/4/2012 \$9445.00
Rider fees as of 12/1/2012 thru 3/4/2013 \$11,848.00

Sanction fees as of 12/1/2011 thru 3/4/2012 \$13,255
Sanction fees as of 12/1/2012 thru 3/4/2013 \$13,072
Sanction fees for 2014 \$60.00

New members as of 3/6/2012 329
New members as of 3/4/2013 280

Randy Eiland reported for the Sponsorship Committee....Adequan will sponsor again. EasyCare will do a new-member discount and several more that he promised to send in writing so that they may be included in minutes.

Mollie K Smith went over the financials for the year as well as the budget for the coming year with an approximate minus balance of \$20,000. This was approved with 2 Nay votes.

Randy Eiland presented for the Rules Committee a policy regarding Concurrently Sanctioned Rides. The BOD adopted and will post (on the website) the following policy regarding rides that are held concurrently with AERC. The policy should address the issues associated with the rides held in Canada and also rides that are held here in the US that are not "sanctioned" rides. A formal letter will be drafted and sent to the Canadian AERC members notifying them of the policy.

AERC POSITION ON CONCURRENT RIDES: AERC Bylaw 4.04 allows a ride to be sanctioned at the discretion of the AERC Board or its delegated agent. AERC's official position on concurrently held endurance rides with an endurance organization recognized by AERC requires that all endurance entrants be cross entered in the AERC event, agree that AERC Rules take precedent if there is a conflict between AERC Rules and the organization rules, and the ride management must collect and/or pay fees as determined by AERC. At the discretion of AERC or its designated agent, existing competitive Trail Ride Organizations such as ECTRA, SEDRA, OCTRA, AHA, RIDE & TIE, NATRC, UMECRA, and other trail riding organizations that meet the approval of the AERC BOD may be held concurrently with an AERC Sanctioned Ride and be governed by the rules of their own respective organizations. AERC Sanctioning may be rescinded before, during, or after the Ride for violation of this policy or as circumstances warrant. AERC Bylaw 4.04. An agreement to provide services to a Ride shall be at the discretion of the Board and shall be called "Sanction". The Board may delegate this authority to Sanction Rides to individual Directors ("Sanctioning Director") or other agents. The Conference shall provide services, including but not limited to the services described in Sections 2.03 and 2.04 to Sanctioned Rides. Once Sanction has been granted, the Board or its agent has the authority to rescind that Sanction for cause, which may include but is not limited to violation of Conference Rules or endangerment of equines or humans. Sanctioning may be rescinded before, during, or after the Ride as circumstances warrant.

Roger Taylor brought up a proposal about restricted reserves which was postponed until Sunday.

Roger next brought up a proposal on a weed control program with the money coming from Education Reserves. This was also postponed until Sunday.

Olin Balch suggested that we all attend the seminar by Trish Dowling on drug-testing.

Sue Keith gave a long presentation on the efforts of the Membership Committee to gather new members. Patti Steadman talked about clinics Susan Garlinghouse presented a couple of short films she is making for new riders and more. Very very, good.

John Parke presented a motion to change the wording of rule 13.5.3when members of the Vet Committee may converse with a person who is the subject of a protest. Motion passed.

John Parke presented a new proposal on drug-testing procedure and this will be sent to the appropriate committees for study and comment,

Kathleen Henkel announced the convention location in 2014 will be Atlanta, Ga.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Kasemeyer

AERC Board of Directors
MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name Veterinary Committee and drug protests

Proposing Committee Rules, Legal

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) March 7, 2013

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording) Revise rule 13.5.3 to include the following changes and additions

13.5.3 The AERC shall with the advice of the Veterinary Committee establish and publish procedures for the testing for Prohibited Substances. Upon receipt of a laboratory report from an approved laboratory showing the presence in a test sample from an equine competing in an endurance ride of a substance which may be a Prohibited Substance under this rule, the Executive Director shall simultaneously transmit by email or teletype copies of the laboratory report to the Veterinary Committee and the Legal Committee. The Veterinary Committee shall submit its comments on the laboratory report and any other matters which bear on the laboratory report to the Executive Director and the Legal Committee within 15 days of receipt of the laboratory report.

Upon advice by the Veterinary Committee and Legal Committee that the laboratory report shows the presence of a Prohibited Substance within the meaning of this rule, the Executive Director shall immediately file a protest with the Protest and Grievance Committee and forward the Veterinary Committee's comments on the laboratory report and related matters to the Protest and Grievance Committee.

The Veterinary Committee shall not communicate with the accused or any member of the AERC not on the Legal or Protest and Grievance Committees about the material reviewed by the Veterinary Committee or its findings until after a protest is filed or the determination has been made not to file one.

The filing of a protest by the Executive Director under this rule shall not be subject to the deadlines otherwise applicable to filing protests.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving): In a recent drug protest, the question arose as to whether the Vet Committee could communicate with the respondent in a protest involving a positive drug test at any time after the protest had been filed. The addition of the wording (in red) clarifies under what circumstances communication between the two parties can take place.

Budget effect/impact: None

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization: Clarifies an existing rule

Impact on AERC Office: Addition of change to on-line rule book and new rule books when they are reprinted

Committees consulted and/or affected: Legal, Vet, Rules

Implementation plan: Effective immediately upon approval by the BOD

Supporting approvals: Rules Committee, Vet Committee