

**AERC BOD Conference Call Minutes Mon. Sept. 9, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by president Jan Stevens at 8:02pm Central Time.

Those on the call were Jan Stevens, Michael Campbell, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Monica Chapman, Connie Caudill, Nick Kohut, Susan Kasemeyer, Joe Schoech, Lisa Schneider, John Parke, Roger Taylor, Mike Maul, Susan Garlinghouse, Tom Bache, Olin Balch, Patti Stedman, Sue Keith, Susie Schomburg, Gail Williams, Randy Eiland, Bruce Weary, Terry Woolley Howe, Maryben Stover, and Kathleen Henkel.

Those not on the call - Julia Lynn-Elias, Forrest Tancer, and Steph Teeter.

Connie Caudill moved and Gail Williams seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Forrest Tancer requested an excusal for the meeting due to traveling with poor cell phone reception. Susan Kasemeyer moved and John Parked seconded the motion to approve the excusal. Motion passed.

Roger Taylor moved and Susan Kasemeyer seconded to accept the minutes for the AERC Mid-Year BOD Meeting August 17, 2013. Tom Bache requested an amendment to the minutes. John Parke made a motion to amend the minutes with Tom's request included. Gail Williams seconded the amended minute's motion. Motion passed. The BOD then voted on the motion to accept the minutes from the Mid-Year BOD Meeting. The motion passed.

The BOD discussed the Restricted Reserve Policy. John Parke, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, and Kathleen Henkel, will prepare an amendment to the Restricted Reserve Policy for the BOD's approval.

Kathleen Henkel brought information to the BOD regarding Web Conferencing. Presently the BOD utilizes audio only for the monthly conference calls. The quality of the web conferencing depends on the internet connection. Web Conferencing appears to be more expensive than what we currently use.

**The Sept. 9, 2013, Membership Report**

Rider Fees as of 9/5/2012 \$63,796  
Rider Fees as of 9/5/2013 \$63,079  
Sanction Fees as of 9/5/12 \$16,305  
Sanction Fees as of 9/5/13 \$16,181  
Sanction Fees for 2014 \$2075  
New Members as of 9/7/2012 633  
New Members as of 9/5/2013 595

The BOD went into Executive Session at 8:25pm  
The BOD came out of Executive Session at 8:31pm.

John Parke brought up the renewing of our Ride Liability Policy. The subject of member to member coverage was brought up. Kathleen will check if other organizations have member to member coverage. John Parke will be doing a policy review of the SERA and USEF ride liability policies.

John Parke sent out the latest revision of the Drug Testing Contract with USEF. There were few changes from the copy the BOD reviewed at the Mid-year BOD meeting in August 2013. Some of the changes include; billing with a monthly invoice instead of a semi-annual billing, and directions for testing coming from the AERC sub-committee. Roger Taylor made a motion to allow Kathleen Henkel to sign the Drug Testing Contract with USEF. Bruce Weary seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**The AERC Veterinary Drug Testing Sub-Committee reported that they are working on a reciprocity agreement with Equine Canada. They have found a Canadian Vet who is an AERC member to drug test at rides in Alberta, Canada. Kathleen Henkel is continuing to research the AERC rides drug tested in 2012 to verify the billing.**

**Regional Reports: Northeast Region – Has been promoting the AERC Convention in Atlanta 2014. Two Endurance 101 clinics are scheduled for next month.**

**Southeast Region – The Big South Fork ride had a good turnout. The Atlanta 2014 Convention is being promoted. A Trail Master Class in North Carolina was held in August and gained five new AERC members.**

**Midwest Region – Nothing new.**

**Central Region - Two Rides over Labor Day weekend were held that were very hot. The Central Region Championship is next month. We are pleased with the number of entries. Michael Campbell had been contacted about speaking at a Horse Expo in Austin, TX, next month. He will speak and set up a booth.**

**Southwest Region - The Grand Canyon Ride added an LD this year and had a great turnout.**

**Mountain Region – An Endurance 101 Clinic will be held Oct. 19, 2013.**

**Northwest Region – Is getting ready for the National Championship Ride. Gail Williams plans on attending the Washington State Trails Conference.**

**West Region – There was a good turnout for the Labor Day rides. Maryben has been contacting the Ride Managers who have not been giving the AERC LD BC awards to see what they plan on doing.**

**Pacific Southwest Region - Lisa Schneider sent out a newsletter about the happenings at the Mid-Year BOD meeting and promoted the Atlanta Convention. The new AERC members have all been contacted. Discussed the radio show Karen Chaton is doing. It had a large listenership.**

**The Membership Committee reports that Lisa Schneider and Troy Smith got out the My Favorite Trail Essay Contest.**

**Jan Stevens is going to use the AERC BOD email list to work on the Strategic Plan instead of having another face to face meeting before the National Convention.**

**The Action Plan was updated.**

**John Parke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Weary seconded the motion. Motion Passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:13pm Central Time.**

**Submitted by Monica Chapman**