AERC BOD Conference Call Minutes Mon. Nov. 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by president Jan Stevens at 8:00pm 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, Gail Williams, Randy Eiland, Bruce Weary, Terry Woolley Howe, Maryben Stover, Steph Teeter, Forrest Tancer, Julia Lynn-Elias, Kathleen Henkel, and Joe Mattingley.

Gail Williams moved and Mollie Krumlaw-Smith seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Roger Taylor made a motion to change the agenda. Connie Caudill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Susie Schomburg requested an excusal for the meeting due to an employment conflict. Bruce Weary moved and Gail Williams seconded the motion to approve the excusal. Motion passed.

Joe Mattingley – AERC member, FEI Endurance Strategic Planning Group Member, USEF Vice President, Chairman of the USEF High Performance Working Group, and Chairman of the USEF Endurance High Performance Committee, spoke to the BOD in regards to the recent FEI meeting in Switzerland. Joe discussed the FEI ESPG (Endurance Strategic Planning Group) Plan on a Page to correct the recent issues regarding FEI level endurance competition overseas. The Collective Endurance Compass in regards to the Plan on a Page states four Critical Success Factors; 1) Culture & Behavior, 2) Structure & Governance, 3) Foundation of Growth, and 4) Communications & Marketing. The Values stated are; 1) Clean Sport, 2) Welfare, 3) Integrity, and 4) Partnership. The Vision Statement is; To ensure Endurance Athletes compete, complete and win fairly while sustaining and developing the sport globally in a professionally administered way and operating within the FEI code of conduct for the Welfare of Horses. Joe emphasized the importance of AERC's input concerning the ESPG. He asked the BOD to come up with questions and comments to respond to the Plan on a Page.

The letter that Susan Garlinghouse drafted regarding the FEI situation will be amended with information from Joe Mattingley. John Parke and Susan Garlinghouse will get together to revise the letter.

Approval of the 10/14/2013 Conference Call minutes were tabled until the December Conference Call.

The Nov. 8, 2013 Membership Report:
Membership as of 11/8/2012 5174
Membership as of 11/8/2013 5125
Rider Fees as of 11/8/2012 \$81,711
Rider Fees as of 11/8/2013 \$83,874
Sanction Fees as of 11/8/12 \$16,315
Sanction Fees as of 11/8/2013 \$16,626
As of 11/8/2013 – advance sanction fees:
Sanction Fees for 2014 \$4,830

New Members as of 11/8/2012 664 New Members as of 11/8/2013 611

Connie Caudill chairman of the Sanctioning Committee brought a Special Sanctioning Request for the Pokie Okie Pioneer Ride held in Central Region. The request passed.

Michael Campbell heading the Safety Committee updated the BOD on the status of his Emergency Plan for Ride Managers. The plan has been sent to the Ride Manager's Committee for comment.

Gail Williams chair of the Trails Committee brought forth a motion for the Old Dominion Trails Grant. The grant was passed.

The BOD went into Executive Session at 10:01pm.

The BOD came out of Executive Session at 10:04pm.

The BOD discussed the process to remove member to member insurance coverage from our ride liability policy.

Gail Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Kasemeyer seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:09pm Central Time.

Submitted by Monica Chapman.