

AERC BOD Conference Call Minutes Mon. Dec. 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order by president Jan Stevens at 8:01pm 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, 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, Susie Schomburg, Kathleen Henkel, Joe Mattingley, and Michelle Roush.

Roger Taylor requested an excusal for the meeting due to surgery. Connie Caudill moved and Bruce Weary seconded the motion to approve the excusal. Motion passed.

Susan Garlinghouse made a motion to accept the AERC BOD Conference Call Minutes for Oct. 14, 2013. Nick Kohut seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Susan Garlinghouse made a motion to accept the AERC BOD Conference Call Minutes for Nov. 11, 2013. Nike Kohut seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Membership Report Dec. 4, 2013 Membership as of 12/12/12 5187 Membership as of 12/4/13 5133 Rider Fees as of 12/4/12 \$88,861 Rider Fees as of 12/4/13 \$92,060 Sanction Fees as of 12/4/12 \$16,626 Sanction Fees as of 12/4/13 \$16,315 Sanction Fees for 2014 \$5570 New Members as of 12/12/12 670 New Members as of 12/4/13 613

Joe Mattingley – AERC member, FEI Endurance Strategic Planning Group (ESPG) Member, USEF Vice President, Chairman of the USEF High Performance Working Group, and Chairman of the USEF Endurance High Performance Committee, was on the call to answer questions about the survey distributed by the FEI ESPG. Joe had sent the survey to the AERC BOD and AERC-I to fill out and comment on. The FEI ESPG created the survey to get feedback from member nations about the recent Plan on a Page that was debuted by the ESPG at the FEI meeting in Switzerland last month. Many BOD members asked questions of Joe. Michelle Roush, chair of AERC-I, discussed the thoughts that AERC-I had on the survey. AERC- I will forward their comments on the survey to Joe for him to share with USEF and FEI.

John Parke moved for the AERC BOD to send out the AERC Recommendations to USEF. Bruce Weary seconded. The motion passes with Randy Eiland abstaining.

John Parke discussed that he and Jay Mero, chair of the AERC Vet Committee, are working on rewriting and creating a new package of veterinary forms in regard to horse welfare. The forms will be sent to the appropriate committees for review.

John Parke announced that the AERC Ride Insurance Policy has been renewed with the deletion of member to member coverage for the 2014 ride year.

The Executive Committee had voted and approved a ride date change from the Pacific South Region. It involves the Death Valley Warmup ride. The ride was originally scheduled for 12/7-8 and would like to change to 12/14-15. They need to change it due to the weather – High winds and temps with highs in the 20's are predicted. Connie Caudill made a motion for the BOD to accept the Executive Committee's decision with Bruce Weary seconding the motion. The motion passed.

Michael Campbell presented the Safety Recommendations for Ride Managers. He clarified these are

recommendations not requirements (see below).

The 2012 Horse Fatality Report was discussed that it will be added to the AERC website.

John Parke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Connie Caudill seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:12pm Central Time.

Submitted by Monica Chapman.

Safety Recommendations for Ride Managers

1. This is your ride, your name, your reputation. Protect yourself and your riders with information.
2. Provide riders and their crews with trail maps with directional orientation, landmarks, approximate mileage points, and rescue points for evacuation of horse and/or rider. GPS coordinates are helpful for rescue points. You might note cell phone coverage at various points on the trail—where it is weak or absent and where it is strong. This is a good opportunity to provide mile markers to assist in location information and verify distances. If you are concerned about cheating, use tokens or observers at strategic points.
3. Use trail safety markers for dangerous obstacles (mud, low limbs, etc.).
4. Remind riders about appropriate trail manners to develop a mutually helpful and supportive attitude among riders.
5. Beware of excessive weather conditions—especially heat and humidity in summer months. If the sum of the heat and humidity is over 150, warn riders to slow down. If flooding or high water is a potential hazard remind riders to unhook martingales or tie downs as well as other strategies for managing a horse in high water.
6. Tell your riders about your emergency procedures. Should they call you (RM) first or local emergency services? Provide riders with contact information for:
 - (a.) ride management;
 - (b.) treatment vet (onsite and off, directions and phone);
 - (c.) local human medical treatment facilities (with directions and phone), and;
 - (d.) veterinary facility (with directions and phone).
7. Have first aid kits available for people and horses, especially antibacterial soap, sterile dressings and bandages—lots of 4x4s and vet wrap.
8. Alert local emergency facilities (people and horse) about the event dates and locations. Go by and meet them and explain what your ride is about. This includes ambulance and life flight. Emergency services personnel are usually pretty receptive to this contact because otherwise they are sitting around waiting for something to happen. Let them know the most common kinds of injuries in our sport, i.e. broken bones, head and neck injuries. Give them exact locations of the ride and emergency extraction points and verify they will be available for assistance on the ride dates. Sometimes there are jurisdictional issues if the ride site crosses county lines. Be sure to clarify those issues and who is responsible at all locations on the trail. Make sure veterinary

facilities are aware of the likely needs of endurance horses in distress, such as 30-40 liters of fluid and reflux tubes.

9. Have directions ready for emergency services personnel when they arrive or when you call them.
10. Have a trailer designated for a horse ambulance available and hooked up.
11. In your ride meeting, remind riders of their responsibility to protect their horses and to be prepared to pay for any care they may need. Remind your volunteers and riders to keep you fully informed of any problems.
12. Remind riders to have insurance information, driver's license and emergency contact information with them in case they are injured.
13. Consider special rules for your ride such as helmet requirements, limits on electric pens (size and number of horses). Horses must be secure in camp.
14. No excess speed (cantering, galloping) in camp.
15. Enlist the aid of ham radio operators at various points along the trail to keep track of riders and to be available to alert the emergency response team in locations where cell phone signals are limited. Ham radio operators love this kind of stuff.
16. If an injury or mishap occurs, keep careful and accurate records. Write down the times of events at your first opportunity. Keep a list of names and contact information for relevant witnesses.