

AERC BOD National Convention Minutes Thur. March 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Campbell at 7:12pm Pacific Standard Time.

Those in attendance were Michael Campbell, Lisa Schneider, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Monica Chapman, Connie Caudill, Skip Kemerer, Nick Kohut, Stephanie Teeter, Paul Latiolais, Duane Barnett, Susan Kasemeyer, Roger Taylor, Andrew Gerhard, Olin Balch, Randy Eiland, Susan Garlinghouse, Mike Maul, Bruce Weary, Forrest Tancer, Kevin Waters, John Parke, Terry Woolley Howe, and Kathleen Henkel.

Connie Caudill made a motion to accept the AERC BOD Conference Call Minutes for February 9, 2015. Susan Garlinghouse seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Roger Taylor made a motion to excuse Julia Lynn-Elias and Leslie Anderson for employment conflict, Peter Homertzheim for a family issue, and Sue Keith for weather. Nick Kohut seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kathleen Henkel provided the BOD with the Statistical Report.

Membership Report for March 2015

Membership as of 3/3/14 3608

Membership as of 3/4/15 3765

Rider Fees as of 2/27/14 \$3,038.00

Rider Fees as of 2/27/15 \$8,633.00

Sanction Fees as of 2/27/14 \$12,832.00

Sanction Fees as of 2/27/15 \$10,925.00

New Members as of 3/3/14 243

New Members as of 3/4/15 343

AERC President Michael Campbell introduced Candace Fitzgerald our new marketing professional. She told the BOD about herself and answered questions.

It was announced John Parke is going to go over the Strategic Plan on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 1:30. BOD members are encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to all AERC members.

AERC Treasurer Mollie Krumlaw-Smith has moved her budget talk to the Sunday BOD meeting.

Connie Caudill Chair of the Sanctioning Committee brought forth the motion titled Special Events and Pioneer (see attached). Under advisement from the Rules Committee the Sanctioning Committee amended the motion to change the Implementation plan from immediately to December 1, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

AERC Veterinary Committee Chair Jay Mero DVM spoke to the BOD. Dr. Mero informed the BOD that AERC was invited in 2013 to be on the Equine Medication Monitoring Program (EMMP) in California. She also told the BOD that California is considering upping their drug testing fee from \$5 to \$8 per rider. According to Dr. Mero the AERC Drug Testing Program is running very well. The program was overhauled the end of 2013. AERC is communicating and giving more guidance to the USEF Drug Testers. The testing procedures have been changed so almost all rides tested are testing riders in the front, middle, and back of the pack. More riders are testing positive for unacceptable drugs. Currently USEF charges AERC \$315 per sample. The AERC BOD currently authorizes 120 samples to be tested each year for \$37,800. The AERC Vet Committee would like to leave \$110,000 in the drug testing reserves to be used for emergency costs related to litigation. If the AERC Drug Testing fee could be increased from \$3 per rider (except California) to \$5 the number of rides tested would go from 4% to 8% of rides.

Increased testing presence and sampling would continue to ensure the integrity of our sport, and protect the health and welfare of the horses in our sport. At this point there is no motion from the AERC Veterinary Committee to raise the Drug Testing Fee.

AERC President Michael Campbell introduced new BOD Member Kevin Waters. Kevin is replacing Rusty Toth from the Mountain Region.

John Parke gave his annual new board member presentation.

The Board Meeting took a break from 8:35pm to 8:46pm.

John Parke informed the BOD that the Liability Insurance was renewed for a lower premium due to the removal of the member to member coverage.

Susan Garlinghouse went over her motion titled FEI Mandatory Rest Period Violation (see attached). There was a lot of discussion on the subject about whether to file against the rider, the trainer, or drop the motion. Some BOD members felt since the violation happened two years ago we would look petty if we filed the motion. Other BOD members wanted to approve the motion to keep the pressure on FEI. Eventually Olin Balch made a motion to defer the motion until Sunday's BOD meeting. Mollie Krumlaw-Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The BOD discussed whether to request FEI to change the WEC 2016 from Dubai. In general the BOD felt that would be a good idea but decided to finish the discussion at the Sunday BOD meeting.

The BOD went into Executive Session at 10:00pm. The BOD came out of Executive Session at 10:32pm.

Nick Kohut made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Kasemeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:33pm Pacific Time.

Submitted by Monica Chapman.

AERC Board of Directors MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name : AERC NOTICE TO FEI - EXTENSION

Proposing Committee SPONSORSHIP

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD): JANUARY 26, 2015

Classification of Motion Request (new, change, add, delete, by-law, rule, policy): EXTENSION OF EXISTING DEADLINE

Proposed Motion (use exact wording): JANUARY 1, 2015 DEADLINE IN THE "AERC NOTICE TO FEI MOTION" TO SHOW "MEASURABLE PROGRESS" EXTENDED TO JULY 31, 2015

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving)

BACKGROUND: The AERC NOTICE TO FEI MOTION was predicated on the following: The AERC's grave concerns that drug violations and horse fatalities and fractures are excessive in FEI endurance events by some participants from Region VII countries, that the flat courses and high speeds characteristic of FEI international rides contribute to horse injuries increasingly similar in severity and frequency to those occurring in flat track racing, that some FEI officials inadequately enforce the FEI's own rules, and that the administration of FEI events favors certain competitors and member countries over others. If FEI did not demonstrate Measurable Progress, it would result in: The AERC's intention to consider joining the exploration with like-minded endurance groups in other countries of the formation of a new international organization to conduct international endurance riding events if the FEI does not demonstrate measurable progress towards addressing the AERC's concerns by January 1, 2015. Measurable progress would include, but not be limited to, greater transparency in public reporting of fatalities and fractures occurring at or associated with FEI endurance rides.

ANALYSIS: 1) To date there has not been enough time to determine the extent and effectiveness of FEI's new rules and enforcement policies that went into effect on August 1, 2014. 2) Region VII is currently in their winter season and it remains to be seen if they and FEI will improve on their prior equine welfare records to the extent that AERC believes Measurable Progress is being made. 3) Reports, Photos, and Videos indicate some changes to the good and some obvious violations that are not being enforced.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)

NONE

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization

By extending the deadline to July 31, 2015 AERC recognizes FEI has developed rules and policies on paper that, if enforced, will address our concerns stated in the AERC NOTICE TO FEI MOTION. The extension recognizes Region VII has entered their winter season and allows time for FEI to demonstrate they intend to actively and fairly enforce their existing and new rules, especially in Region VII.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget) NONE

Committees consulted and/or affected NONE

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial)

Supporting materials (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets) LETTERS FROM SWISS FEDERATION; REPORTS AND ARTICLES FROM REGION VII AND EUROPE

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees)
