

Minutes of the April 13, 2015 conference call:

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Campbell at 9:05 pm EST.

Also on the call were Lisa Schneider, Mollie Krumlaw Smith, Monica Chapman, Connie Caudill, Sue Keith, Peter Hommertsheim, Kevin Waters, Skip Kemerer, Nick Kohut, Paul Latiolais, Stephanie Teeter, John Parke, Duane Barnett, Susan Kasemeyer, Roger Taylor, Andrew Gerhard, Forrest Tancer, Tom Bache, Olin Balch, Randy Eiland, Terry Woolley Howe, Mike Maul, Christoph Schork and Kathleen Henkel

Motion made by Connie Caudill and second by Roger Taylor to excuse Susan Garlinghouse due to an emergency veterinarian call. Motion Passed

Motion to made by Connie Caudill to approve convention minutes, from 3/5/15, 3/7/15, second by Susan Kasemeyer. Motion passed. (3/8/15 minutes need to be reviewed before approval).

Michael Campbell presented the following to the Bod for approval;

Monica Chapman- Executive Committee member.

Terry and Nalissa Bradley- Co-Chairs of the Junior Committee

Nicole Duarte - Chair of the Protest and Grievance Committee

Randy Eiland - Chair of the Rules and Bylaws Committee

Joe Schoech- Chair of the Welfare of the Horse Committee

Susan Kasemeyer made a motion to approve the Executive Committee member as well as the new committee chairs. Pete Hommertsheim second the motion. Motion passed.

Kathleen Henkel gave the Statistical Report

Membership Report April, 2015

Membership as of 4/11/14 - 4059

Membership as of 4/13/2015 - 4461

Rider Fees as of 4/10/14 - \$ 9,855

Rider Fees as of 4/10/15 - \$15,511

Sanction Fees as of 4/10/14 - \$13,708

Sanction Fees as of 4/10/15 - \$12,075

New Members as of 4/11/14 - 345

New Members as of 4/13/15 - 449

Connie Caudill presented a motion from the National Championship Committee. Motion below. %%% The

motion adds another avenue to qualify for the AERC National Championship Ride. All horse/rider teams finishing the previous year in the regional top ten overall standings in the endurance division will be eligible to enter either the 50 or the 100 mile National Championship ride. This qualification is in addition to the current qualifications.

The second part of the motion will make it possible for a National Championship Ride manager to host a Limited Distance ride on an alternate day during the NC Ride if they desire. It would not be a Championship LD ride but an open ride. Motion passed

Christoph Schork made a motion which was second by Randy Eiland. Motion below {{{{

AERC policy for FEI suspensions related to equine abuse and/or cheating.

After a lengthy discussion Christoph Schork withdrew the motion.

John Parke presented a motion from the Strategic Planning Committee to approve the letter below to be sent out to the committee chairs and champions concerning the strategic plan. }}} below It is important for the Bod to know the ideas of our committees and to have them participate in the strategic planning process. Motion passed

Lisa Schneider presented the Champions for Bod approval.

Membership -Terry Woolley Howe and another TBA

Financial Stability- Mollie Krumlaw Smith and Randy Eiland

Trails- Roger Taylor and Robert Sydnor

Horse Welfare- Susan Garlinghouse and Jay Mero

Governance- Michael Campbell, John Parke and Kathleen Henkel

Champions were approved by the Bod.

Motion by John Parke and second by Lisa Schneider to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm.

Submitted by Connie Caudill

National Championship motion:

AERC Board of Directors MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name National Championship qualification modification and addition of an open LD Ride

Proposing Committee National Championship

Date of Motion April 13, 2015

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording)

1. Addition of an alternate qualification to the NC Ride. All Rider/horse teams who finish the previous year in the "Overall Top 10" standings of each region will be qualified to enter either distance (50 or 100) of the following year National Championship Ride.
2. The NC Ride Manger will have the option to offer an open LD ride to be held the day before, in between or day after the NC Ride. The LD ride will NOT be a NC Ride and will not have the National Championship Ride in the name of the LD ride.

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

1. The committee agreed that finishing the previous year in the top 10 regional standings should be prestigious enough to gain an entry to the National Championship Ride in the distance of their choice.
2. Offering an LD ride may lessen the financial burden of the RM.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)

None. AERC would just need to get the word out.

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

Offering an LD ride could help ride manager of the NC Ride by bringing in more volunteers who would ride the LD and then work the NC Ride. Also would help the ride manager financially support the NC Ride. Make it more feasible for families to come to the NC Ride. (if one person in the family is qualified but the others ride mostly LD rides).

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget)

Update the qualifications of the NC Ride. Sanction the LD Ride.

Committees consulted and/or affected - National Championship

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial): Immediately

Supporting materials (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets)

FEI Suspension motion (Christoph Schork)

AERC Board of Directors MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name : AERC POLICY FOR FEI SUSPENSIONS RELATED TO EQUINE ABUSE AND/ OR CHEATING

Proposing Committee N/A

INDIVIDUAL: CHRISTOPH SCHORK SECONDED : RANDY EILAND

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD):

Classification of Motion Request (new, change, add, delete, by-law, rule, policy): NEW POLICY STATEMENT .

Proposed Motion (use exact wording): AERC DISCOURAGES THE SELLING OF EQUINES TO ANY FEDERATION, ENTITY, OR INDIVIDUAL SUSPENDED BY FEI FOR EQUINE ABUSE AND/OR CHEATING . AERC ENCOURAGES ITS MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THIS POLICY UNTIL FEI REMOVES THE SUSPENSION. AERC COMMENDS THE MEMBERS WHO ALREADY DECLINED OFFERS TO SELL TO SUSPENDED PARTIES ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE.

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

AERC HAS BEEN A LEADER IN EQUINE WELFARE ISSUES SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1972 AND ONE OF AERC'S ORIGINAL PURPOSES IS: "THE CARE OF ENDURANCE HORSES AND PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS". THIS POLICY STATEMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH AERC'S PURPOSES AND STATES AERC'S SUPPORT FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO DON'T DO BUSINESS WITH PARTIES SUSPENDED SUSPENDED BY FEI FOR EQUINE ABUSE AND/OR CHEATING.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate) NONE

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization COMMENDS AND SUPPORTS OUR MEMBERS WHO BELIEVE IN EQUINE WELFARE

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget) NONE Committees consulted and/or [affected](#) NONE

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial) IF THE MOTION IS APPROVED HIGHLIGHT IT IN ENDURANCE NEWS, PUT ON AERC WEB PAGE, PRESS RELEASE

Supporting materials (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets) N/A Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees)