

AERC BOD conference call minutes, Monday, May 11, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Michael Campbell at 6:02 pm PST

Those in attendance were Michael Campbell, Lisa Schneider, Susan Garlinghouse, Monica Chapman, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Connie Caudill, Sue Keith, Peter Hommertzein, Skip Kemerer, Nick Kohut, Paul Latiolais, Steph Teeter, John Parke, Duane Barnett, Susan Kasemeyer, Julia Lynn-Elias, Andrew Gerhard, Forrest Tancer, Olin Balch, Randy Eiland, Terry Woolley-Howe, Mike Maul, and Christoph Schork.

Susan Kasemeyer made a motion to excuse Roger Taylor for being out of cell service area. Monica Chapman seconded. Motion passed. Kevin Waters attempted to join the conference call later, but was unsuccessful in doing so. **Tom Bache had previously requested an excusal due to participation at a ride in an out-of-service area.**

Statistical Report - Kathleen Henkel

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

Michael Campbell announced that the new AERC web page has had its “soft” opening and looks great. The mid-year BoD meeting has been set for August 15, 2015, in Denver, Colorado. Further details regarding hotel site are forthcoming from the AERC office.

Jan Stevens, via Connie Caudill, notified the BoD that 18 juniors (16 American and two Canadian) are entered for the North American Junior Young Riders Championship Endurance Event (NAJYRC) in Lexington, Kentucky on July 16, 2015. Jan Stevens will again be acting as an organizer for this event.

Business before the Board:

Valerie Kanavy, as a member of the USEF Technical Committee, attended the FEI Sports Forum recently held in Lausanne, Switzerland, and spoke to the Board to provide an update on that meeting. Also in attendance in Lausanne were spokespeople for the Olympic Committee and FEI, including discipline committee chairs. Discussions included forthcoming changes to the organization, including those to the WEG. As it is very expensive to hold a WEG event, the committees are being tasked with strategies to reduce overall costs, increase financial viability and to make the event both more sponsor- and spectator-friendly. Under consideration are proposals to decrease participants to four riders per country

(comparatively less restrictive than for other disciplines), in which one participating rider could be withdrawn from competition and the remaining three would still be eligible for team placing. Also under consideration is changing the current one-day 160-km format to a two-day, 100-km per day, in which horses may only advance to the second day of competition after successfully completing the first day. Pending research studies initiated by FEI indicates that the rate of equine injuries escalates dramatically at distances of 160-km, and thus is part of the reasoning for changing the current format. Still under discussion is changing qualification requirements to encourage courses that include technical terrain, as opposed to speed-centric flat courses.

As these and other options are still under consideration until voted on by the FEI General Assembly, AERC is encouraged to provide input and ideas to the FEI Technical Committee. Final changes will take effect at the 2018 WEG currently scheduled to be held in Canada.

A question was asked in regards to changing the 2016 WEG venue to a location other than Dubai, UAE, given the UAE's current suspension by FEI. Valerie stated that a final decision would not be made until after further hearings in regards to the UAE suspension.

Monica Chapman presented three proposed trails grants already approved by the Trails Committee, funds to be provided by Dedicated Trails Grant Fund. Motion proposals provided below.

Old Dominion North Mountain Trail Improvement, George Washington National Forest, West VA. Grant will fund rock-crushing equipment to level and improve a three-mile stretch of currently very rugged trail utilized during the Old Dominion Endurance Ride. Requested funds \$5500. No further discussion or questions. Motion passed.

Brophy Canyon Loop Trail. These funds support ongoing construction of connecting equestrian trails in the Cache Creek Recreation Area near Ukiah, CA, an area utilized by the Cache Creek 25/50 Endurance Ride. Requested funds \$3750. No further discussion or questions. Motion passed.

South Mountain State Park, North Carolina. These funds will provide gravel and equipment rental to improve a 1.5 mile stretch of existing heavily used equestrian trail providing access to the park's interior. Requested funds \$2000. No further discussion or questions. Motion passed.

Connie Caudill made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Schneider seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm PST.

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name... Old Dominion North Mountain Trail Improvement

Proposing Committee.... Trails and Land management

Date of Motion..... 4/13/2015 by The Old Dominion Endurance Rides, Inc. a 501(c)(3)

nonprofit organization founded in 1973 to promote and sponsor the equestrian sport of endurance riding.

Classification of Motion Requestnew

George Washington National Forest Lee Ranger District

Physical Address: West VA & Hardy County VA

Proposed Motion..... Funds requested: \$5,500

The funding for this is for an operator and machinery to split and crush rock on a per hour basis for operator and machinery. Machinery rental is for 40 hours at 125.00 per hour (\$5,000), and travel expenses of \$600 (.50 per mile)

Background, analysis and benefitThe project will improve approximately 3 miles of the most rugged section of trail to at least a Class 2 trail standard. The trail will be improved using machinery designed to break-up large rock into smaller pieces, which will then be fed in to a portable rock crusher, spread and then leveled. The in-kind manpower will be used to feed rocks into the machine as well as certified sawyers to brush back small saplings. All the aforementioned activities will be performed at the direction of the certified trail master: John Crandell III, and overseen by the OD Board of Directors forest service liaison, who is also a member of the forest service.

Budget effect/impactample monies in the Trails Grant Funds

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization will greatly enhance rider/horse safety at the Old Dominion Endurance Ride

This Motion Proposal form is to be used in the development, presentation and approval process of submitting

motions to the Board.

Impact on AERC Office ...minimal staff time

Committees consulted Trails and Land management

Implementation plan...

Private donations of cash: \$500

Private donations of labor, equipment, materials: \$5,350

Labor for feeding rocks into crusher and clean up = 120 hours at \$20.00 = \$2,400

Other funds/resources: \$1,000 ODER funds (Old Dominion Endurance Rides Inc)

Tractor with bucket and rake and operator for 40 hours at \$40.00 per hour = \$1,600

Supporting materials.... The OEDR will provide a total of 160 man-hours including individual equipment (40 hours of tractor with operator, loader and blade). The man-hours will be to feed the rock-crusher rocks remove downed trees or shrubs and dress trail after machine has passed over.

Supporting approvals..... Trails and Land management

Proposing Committee: TRAILS AND LAND MANAGEMENT

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name: Brophy Canyon Loop Trail, Cache Creek Recreation Area

Proposing Committee

TRAILS AND LAND MANAGEMENT

Date of Motion 4/17/2015

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

NEW

Proposed Motion: We are requesting funding for continuing work brushing the Brophy Canyon Loop Trail which was approved by BLM in March of 2015 to augment a currently out and back trail. Requesting funds for Cal Fire work crews of 15 workers for 15 days at \$250/day = **\$3750**

Budget effect/impact - None

FUNDS FROM DEDICATED TRAILS GRANT FUND

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

The loop will enrich the riding experience for both the endurance event hosted on this property as well as the many recreational riders and endurance riders training in this location. And most importantly, it WILL STRENGTHEN THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL LAND MANAGEMENT.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget)

MINIMAL

Committees consulted and/or affected

TRAILS AND LAND MANAGEMENT

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial)

Phase II: Breakdown of Expenses (work to start April 2015):

BLM Provides: Continuing work on NEPA report; 28 hours @ \$85/hour = Donated value \$2400.

Cache Creek Ride provides: Hand work (chain saws, brush cutters, flagging, clearing); 80 hours/4 people = Donated value \$1600

AERC grant requested in this application: Cal Fire work crews of 15 workers for 15 days at \$250/day \$3750

Equipment & Supplies (fuel, gas, oil, chain sharpening) 1000: \$4750

Total Investment for Phase II: \$8,750

Requesting: \$3750

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees) TRAILS AND LAND MANAGEMENT

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name: South Mountains State Park, North Carolina – Saddleback Trail Gravel Project

Proposing Committee

TRAILS AND LAND MANAGEMENT

Date of Motion 4/23/2015

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

NEW

Proposed Motion: The Trails Committee requests the approval of \$2,000 for this project:

\$1500 – gravel; \$500 equipment rental

Project description – Purpose of this project is to apply crushed run gravel to the dirt tread surface of 1 ½ miles of Saddleback Trail.

Budget effect/impact - None

FUNDS FROM DEDICATED TRAILS GRANT FUND

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

Saddleback Trail is a heavily used equestrian trail that provides access to the park's interior trails. Half of the 3 ½ mile trail has already been hardened with gravel. The remaining 1 ½ mile of trail needs to be hardened with gravel to restore outslope, prevent trenching and armor drainage structures. The park can provide equipment and labor but budget constraints limit gravel purchase.

Sanctioned ride will be held May, 2015. And most importantly, it WILL STRENGTHEN THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL LAND MANAGEMENT.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget)

MINIMAL

Committees consulted and/or affected

TRAILS AND LAND MANAGEMENT

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial)

Contributions from AERC will be acknowledged with publicity and signage

Requesting \$2,000.

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees)

TRAILS AND LAND MANAGEMENT