

AERC Board of Directors Conference Call Minutes November 9, 2015

President Michael Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. PST

In attendance were Michael Campbell, Lisa Schneider, Susan Garlinghouse, Mollie Krumlaw- Smith, Monica Chapman, Connie Caudill, Sue Keith, Kevin Waters, Nick Kohut, Paul Latiolais, John Parke, Duane Barnett, Sue Kasemeyer, Roger Taylor, Andrew Gerhard, Tom Bache, Olin Balch, Randy Eiland, Terry Woolley-Howe, Mike Maul, Christoph Schork, Mary Howell, Janet Tipton, Jan Stevens.

Attending as guests were Valerie Kanavy and Meg Sleeper.

Excused were Steph Teeter for a previously planned family event; , Forrest Tancer and Julia Lynn-Elias, traveling.

Connie Caudill made a motion to accept the agenda, Susan Garlinghouse seconded, motion passed.

Roger Taylor made a motion to accept the International Committee minutes, Sue Keith seconded, motion passed.

Connie Caudill made a motion to excuse Syeph Teeter and Forrest Tancer, Sue Keith seconded, motion passed.

Lisa Schneider made a motion to accept the minutes from the 9/14/15 conference call and the mid-year meeting 8/15/15. Susan Garlinghouse seconded, motion passed.

Statistical report - Kathleen Henkel

Membership as 11/18/14 - 5006

Membership as of 11/6/15 - 5248

2016 members to date - 1051

Rider fees as of 11/18/14 - \$74,242

Rider fees as of 11/6/15 - \$84,121

Sanction fees as of 11/18/14 - \$18,048

Sanction fees as of 11/6/15 - \$15,675

New members as of 11/18/14 - 682

New members as of 11/6/15 - 742

A brief review was made by Michael Campbell in regards to activities within several committees:

- The Research Committee will be accepting donations for specific projects starting in January 2016.
- Work on the Supporting Organization to provide the structure for estate funds is in progress.
- The Junior Committee is considering changing the age of an adult sponsor from 21 to 18. John Parke, Legal Counsel, commented that 18 is considered a legal adult in most states. It was recommended that any rule changes should provide a firm structure of policy for ride managers to refer to, as opposed to discretionary allowances.
- Legal Counsel advised the BoD that an upcoming research paper on endurance horse fatalities will be presented at the American Association of Equine Practitioners will be presented by Dr. Hal Schott. There was some additional discussion of policies being developed and enacted to monitor the dissemination of potentially sensitive data in the future. These resolutions will be put into writing as they are developed.
- Guest attendees Valerie Kanavy and Meg Sleeper, as well as incoming MT region director-at-large Jan Stevens, on behalf of the International Committee, provided updates and discussion of the recent rule changes enacted by FEI. It was commented that the recent Young Riders World Championships in Chile were well organized, with officials performing duties very professionally and competently with a 'no-nonsense attitude'. Also included were comments in regards to FEI's concern in regards to horse welfare issue, that significant changes are being made, with stricter criteria being put into place and an independent agency contracted to observe compliance of rules and policies at events and report back to FEI

governance. Questions from the Board members were answered.

Lisa Schneider provided an update on progress of the Strategic Plan, with a review of current 'champions' of SP goal areas. Monica Chapman will be champion of Trails. John Parke is working on Finance area with champion Randy Eiland. Future changes to the Plan will be presented to the Board in writing as they are developed.

Motion from Trails Committee - Reimbursement for expenses to build a picnic shelter at the New Prospect Horse Riders Campground in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest. Coming from committee, this motion does not require a second. Motion passed.

Motion from Veterinary Committee - addition of two additional drugs to Appendix A, Prohibited Substances. Coming from committee, this motion does not require a second. The motion in regards to adding Phenibut (B-phenyl gamma aminobutyric acid) to the Appendix passed. A request was made that the Veterinary Committee review and provide further information as to the addition of levothyroxine to the Appendix.

Connie Caudill made a motion to adjourn, Susan Garlinghouse seconded. Motion passes. Michael Campbell adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. PST

MOTION PROPOSAL

This project seeks to build a 24x36 picnic shelter at the New Prospect Horse Riders Campground group camp in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest..... W404 County Road SS Campbellsport, WI Motion Name: Horseriders Campground Picnic Shelter

Proposing Committee: TRAILS AND LAND MANAGEMENT

Date of Motion: 9/28/2015

Classification of Motion Request (new, change, add, delete, by-law, rule, policy): NEW Proposed Motion: AERC Trails Committee has approved the request and propose the motion for \$7,952.80 to go towards the project.

Budget effect/impact – None. FUNDS FROM DEDICATED TRAILS GRANT FUND

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC.: Colorama (oldest continual in Midwest) since 1967= 48 years; Kettles 'n Bits since 2013= 3 years...both AERC rides will benefit.

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): This project seeks to build a 24x36 picnic shelter at the New Prospect Horse Riders Campground group camp in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest. The campground is open from early April until November and serves local and out of state equestrians. New Prospect Horse Riders Campground provides one of a few equestrian facilities in Southeastern Wisconsin.

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees): The Northern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association (NKMHTA) was established in September, 2003 to provide area equestrians an opportunity to make an impact working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources preserving, improving, and developing equestrian facilities in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest.

List of Matching share provided by requesting organization

Private donations of labor, equipment, materials: \$3,183.39

Other grants: \$11,136.19

TRAILS AND LAND MANAGEMENT committee supports this proposal.

Motion from the Veterinary Committee

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MOTION PROPOSAL**

Motion Name Update to AERC drug rule Appendix A, Prohibited Substances

Proposing Committee Veterinary Committee

Date of Motion November, 2015 AERC Board Meeting

Classification of Motion Request Rule update

Proposed Motion To update the appendices of Rule 13 with the following changes:

- 1) Add to Appendix A (Prohibited Substance): Phenibut (B-phenyl gamma aminobutyric acid)
- 2) Add to Appendix A (Prohibited Substance): Levothyroxine (Soloxine, Thyro-Tabs, Synthroid)

Background, analysis and benefit

As part of the revision of Rule 13 in 2007, the Veterinary Committee was tasked with reviewing and recommending necessary updates to the appendices as needed on an annual basis. As new substances or new knowledge about existing substances becomes available, these substances may be added to the Prohibited Substance Appendix.

Phenibut (B-phenyl gamma aminobutyric acid) is considered a derivative of gamma aminobutyric acid (GABA) and there is no current recognized medical uses for this substance. This ingredient has been found in a product Focus Calm and is also available as a somg;e si[[;e,emt om the I/S. There are no known scientific studies documenting it's safety in horses and there are no know legitimate therapeutic purposes for this substance to be used in the horse.

Levothyroxine is a synthetic thyroid hormone used in the treatment of hypothyroid disease. There is suggestion that there may be performance benefiting properties in human atheletes.

Budget effect/impact: Little effect on the budget is expected

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization Reviewing and updating the appendices will result in a current drug rule. Impact on AERC Office

Rule will need to be updated in print and on the website

Committees consulted and/or effected

Rules Committee, Legal committee, Welfare of the Horse Committee

Implementation plan

Implement immediately upon approval by the board of directors. Supporting materials

September 8, 2015 Release from USEF Equine Drugs and Medications Program

Supporting approvals
Veterinary Committee