

## **AERC Board of Directors Conference Call September 12, 2016**

President Michael Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:03 PST.

In attendance were Michael Campbell, Lisa Schneider, Susan Garlinghouse, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Monica Chapman, Sue Keith, Connie Caudill, Carla Richardson, Christoph Schork, Jan Stevens, Janet Tipton, Mary Howell, Nick Kohut, Olin Balch, Paul Latiolais, John Parke, Andrew Gerhard, Jody Wyatt, Roger Taylor, Barbara Reinke, Duane Barnett, Susan Kasemeyer, Tom Bache, Mike Maul, Terry Woolley-Howe and Sarah Holloway (youth representative).

Excusals were requested for Monica Chapman and Jan Stevens (traveling out of country), and Steph Teeter (family issues).

Sue Kasemeyer made a motion to accept the agenda, Connie Caudill seconded. Motion passed.

Roger Taylor made a motion to excuse Monica Chapman, Jan Stevens and Steph Teeter. Mary Howell seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of June 2016 conference call minutes. Connie Caudill made a motion to approve. Sue Kasemeyer seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of the July 2016 conference call minutes. Susan Garlinghouse made a motion to approve. Lisa Schneider seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of the August 2016 conference call minutes. Minor corrections were discussed and included. Sue Kasemeyer made a motion to approve minutes with corrections. Paul seconded. Motion passed.

### **Membership report September 2016– Kathleen**

Membership as of 9/9/15	5131
Membership as of 9/9/16	5048
Sanction fees as of 9/9/15	\$15,645.00
Sanction fees as of 9/9/16	\$16,085.00
Rider fees as of 9/9/15	\$67,145.50
Rider fees as of 9/9/16	\$60,163.00
New members as of 9/9/15	680
New members as of 9/9/16	607

Approval of the AERC-I selected candidate, Tessa Kimbler, for the USEF Youth Sportsman award. Sue Kasemeyer made a motion to approve. Coming from committee, no second is required. Motion passed.

Acceptance of AERC-I 9/6/16 meeting minutes - Mary Howell commented that the committee has not yet approved the AERC-I minutes and that they are being provided to the BoD a month early. There was

general agreement to accept the minutes submitted, but that, in future, minutes should not be forwarded to the Board prior to approval by the committee.

**Business before the Board:**

**Motion - minimum mileage requirement for regional awards** – Terry Woolley Howe explained the motion to require a minimum of 150 endurance miles for junior riders and 200 endurance miles for senior riders to qualify for regional awards. Coming from Competitions Committee, no second is required. Motion passed.

**Motion - Update to AERC Rule 2.1.2** – Nick Kohut explained the addition of language of Rule 2.1.2 to allow ride managers more flexibility in utilizing veterinarians who may not be AERC members on the day of the event. Language is also added to exclude veterinarians whose license is suspended in any state. Susan Garlinghouse made the recommendation to additionally add ...”or revoked...” to the proposed amendments within the motion. This amendment was generally agreed upon. Roger Taylor requested clarification that veterinarians who are retired in good standing may still be contracted to work rides. So verified. Mike Maul asked for clarification as to a revoked license. No second is required. Motion passed.

Lisa Schneider opened a discussion in regards to an ad hoc committee with the purpose of promoting interest in 100-mile rides. There have been several volunteers from individuals interested in participating. There was some discussion as to determining the appropriateness of committee participants. The comments was made that the committee chair, or primary committee members, should be 100-mile ride managers themselves. It was also recommended that at least one member of the committee should also be a Board member to facilitate communications. It was generally agreed that this project is better as a sub-committee of the Competitions Committee, rather than *ad hoc*.

Olin Balch commented that the veterinarian contracted by USEF to obtain blood samples for drug testing at the National Championship called him in regards to logistics and seemed to have little information on the event ahead of time. Arrived near the end of the day, stayed until the end of each 50 and 100-mile event. Twelve horses were tested out of each event group with no problems.

There being no further business before the Board, Susan Garlinghouse made a motion to adjourn, Roger Taylor seconded. Motion passed.

The conference call was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. PST

**AERC Board of Directors  
MOTION PROPOSAL**

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

**Motion Name** Update to AERC Rule 2.1.2

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**Proposing Committee** Rules Committee

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**Date of Motion** September 12, 2016 Board Meeting

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## Classification of Motion Request Rule update

### **Proposed Motion**

To update Rule 2.1.2 with two changes:

- 1) allow ride managers some flexibility regarding the timing of Control Judges' AERC membership; and
- 2) prohibit suspended veterinarians from working AERC rides while they are suspended.

### **Background, analysis and benefit**

These proposed changes came about partly in response to two separate protests.

The first proposed change is in regard to control judges being AERC members. Ride managers often need to make last minute additions to the control judge staff and aren't always in a position to check if the control judges are current AERC members. This change would allow ride management extra time to ensure all CJs are members by the time the ride results are published.

The second proposed change is to protect the integrity of AERC by only allowing currently licensed veterinarians to work AERC rides. Per Chair of the Veterinary Committee, Dr. Jay Mero, "the California Veterinary Medical Board, in response to the Tevis case, rendered the opinion that control judges should be licensed in some state, somewhere".

Here is the current rule:

2.1.2 Control judges are veterinarians employed by ride management to monitor the equines and counsel riders and ride management on equine welfare as well as to uphold the AERC rules. Control judges are persons that have graduated with a Degree in Veterinary Medicine from an institution of recognized standing. A control judge will provide judgment as to an equine's ability to remain in competition. Control judges are not to provide a diagnosis and will refer equines identified as requiring diagnostics to a veterinarian legally licensed to practice. A control judge who is also a veterinarian legally licensed to practice may perform concurrent duties outside the role of control judge such as providing a diagnosis and/or medical treatment. A control judge must be an AERC member, either as a regular member or as a control judge. A veterinarian supplying treatment only is not required to be an AERC member.

Here is the proposed update (changes are in red italics):

Control judges are veterinarians employed by ride management to monitor the equines and counsel riders and ride management on equine welfare as well as to uphold the AERC rules. Control judges are persons that have graduated with a Degree in Veterinary Medicine from an institution of recognized standing. A control judge will provide judgment as to an equine's ability to remain in competition. Control judges are not to provide a diagnosis and will refer equines identified as requiring diagnostics to a veterinarian legally licensed to practice. A control judge who is also a veterinarian legally licensed to practice may perform concurrent duties outside the role of control judge such as providing a diagnosis and/or medical treatment. A control judge must be an AERC member, *prior to the publication of the ride results*, either as a regular member or as a control judge. A veterinarian supplying treatment only is not required to be an AERC member. *Any licensed veterinarian whose license is suspended in any state is prohibited from acting as either a control judge or a treatment veterinarian during the suspension.*

### **Budget effect/impact**

None.

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

Allows ride managers more flexibility when hiring control judges; protects AERC's integrity by only allowing licensed veterinarians to work AERC rides.

**Impact on AERC Office**

This rule will need to be updated in print and on the website.

**Committees consulted and/or affected**

Veterinary Committee

**Implementation plan**

Implement for the 2017 season.

**Supporting materials**

N/A

**Supporting approvals**

Veterinary Committee

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MOTION PROPOSAL**

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

**Motion Name**      **Minimum Miles Required for Regional Awards**

**Proposing Committee**    **Competition**

**Date of Motion** (Date to be presented to BOD)    August 20, 2016

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

**Proposed Motion** (use exact wording)

For a horse/rider team to be listed in the standings (and in keeping with the minimum requirements for LD teams), the horse and rider teams in the senior endurance category must have a minimum of 200 competition miles and a junior horse and rider team in the endurance category must have a minimum of 150 competition miles.

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

There have been instances in the past in the junior division, where jackets were awarded to riders who had only ridden 50 competition miles.

**Budget effect/impact** (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)

A possible savings by not awarding jackets to riders who do not make the minimum miles.

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

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Some members who may have qualified previously would no longer qualify

**Impact on AERC Office** (Work load, budget)

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None

**Committees consulted and/or affected**

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Competition Committee, National Office.

**Implementation plan** (Schedule, resources, financial)

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2017 ride year.

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

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None

**Supporting approvals** (proposing committee, participating committees)

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Competition Committee, Kathleen Henkel, Executive Director