

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

President Michael Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:01 PST.

In attendance were Michael Campbell, Lisa Schneider, Susan Garlinghouse, Monica Chapman, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Sue Keith, Connie Caudill, Carla Richardson, Christoph Schork, Jan Stevens, Janet Tipton, 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).

No Excusals were requested

Roger Taylor made a motion to accept the agenda, Sue Kasemeyer seconded. Motion passed.

Connie made a motion to excuse Mollie Krumlaw-Smith and Christoph Schork. Susan Garlinghouse seconded. Motion passed.

### **Membership report Kathleen Henkel**

#### **Business before the board:**

**Sanctioning Committee - Motion** - Special sanctioning to approve previously sanctioned ride as a pioneer event. Coming from committee, no second is required. Motion passed.

**National Championship Committee** - Connie Caudill reported that discussions regarding future championship events had been extensively discussed with numerous ride managers. 2017 WEG will tentatively be held in North Carolina. The 2017 AERC National Championship will be held on a private ranch owned by Tennessee Lane's parents near Pueblo, Colorado, the weekend of August 19. The 2018 NC will tentatively be held at the site of the Biltmore ride. Coming from committee, no second was required. The motion to approve passed

Kathleen Henkel reported that documents regarding the pending Summers lawsuit has been forwarded to, and will be handled by, Equisure and a local carrier. Kathleen confirmed that all relevant documents were forwarded to appropriate parties.

Rules Committee report - Lisa Schneider reported that the committee has generated recommendations in regards to AERC's protest process. Sub-topics included the makeup of the Protest & Grievance Committee, mediation, publish and archiving decisions, and penalty phase. The committee requests review by Legal Counsel John Parke prior to presenting to the board.

Michael Campbell led a discussion on the current issue of USEF reciprocity of suspensions - Dr. Campbell explained our current agreement with USEF, and that there are three AERC members on the USEF suspension list resulting from incidents three or more years ago. There was discussion as to AERC's obligations to honor suspensions; mutual mechanisms of notification; costs of establishing a system of cross-reference between organizations; and responsibility of enforcing future suspensions. Jan Stevens, as AERC's liaison to USEF, stated that she will be attending the USEF meetings in January, and would participate in further discussion with representatives at that time.

Supporting Organization status update - John Parke stated that the documentation establishing the organization is nearing completion. Mr. Parke will identify the initial members of the organizations board, including Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Julie Suhr, Don Fairs and himself, with

additional members to be added with further development. Mr. Parke will announce the organization at the upcoming national convention.

Monica Chapman, as chair of Trails Committee, reported that the American Horse Council is proposing an economic impact study of the equine recreational industry, and is requesting pledges for financial support. There was some discussion as to AERC's potential participation, but no motions were presented by committee at this time.

Finance Committee - Mollie Krumlaw-Smith reported that the 2017 budget has undergone relatively few changes since that presented at the mid-year meeting. \$20,000 were transferred to reserves to allow for any unexpected expenses associated with pending litigation. Monica Chapman requested that \$7000 be added to the budget to provide for additional Trail Masters classes proposed for 2017. This motion to approve said funding came from the Trails Committee and does not require a second. Motion passed.

There being no other business before the board, Connie Caudill made a motion to adjourn. Roger Taylor seconded. Motion passed.

The conference call was adjourned by Michael Campbell at 7:38 p.m. PST.