

AERC BOD CONFERENCE CALL November 13, 2017

President Paul Latiolais call meeting to order at 6:04 PST

Kathleen Henkel took Roll call with the following Board of Directors present: Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Michael Campbell, Nick Kohut, Monica Chapman, Connie Caudill, Mary Howell, Stephanie Teeter, Duane Barnett, Barbara Reinke, Roger Taylor, Andrew Gerhard, Jody Wyatt, Robert Marshall, Michael Maul, Sue Keith, Susan Kasemeyer, Paul Latiolais, Lisa Schneider, Terry Woolley-Howe, Paul Sidio, Olin Balch.

Housekeeping: Connie Caudill moved to accept the Agenda Paul Sidio seconded. Passed

Excusals: Jan Stevens, John Parke, Christoph Schork, and Heather Reynolds

Roger Taylor moved to accept excusals seconded by Andrew Gerhard. Passed

Connie Caudill moved to excuse Susan Kasemeyer from the October meeting. Seconded by Roger Taylor. Passed

Approval of the October 9, 2017 BOD Minutes.

Susan Kasemeyer moved to approve seconded Nick Kohut. Passed

Acceptance of new Protest & Grievance Committee member Claire Godwin DVM, NE Region. Approved.

Acceptance of Tonya Stroud as new BOD member in the Mountain Region. Approved.

Acceptance of Terry Woolley -Howe as Director-at-Large due to a recent resignation. Approved

Membership report by Kathleen Henkel.

Membership 11-12- 2016. 5148

11-13- 2017 5049

New Members 11-12-2016 672

11-13-2017 616

Business before the Board:

Supporting Organization update: John Parke was not present, no report

Drug testing discussion:

After some discussion the Board agreed to have the Veterinary Committee look at the whole drug testing program and some of the concerns about threshold levels on some drugs, also have the Protest & Grievance Committee look at process.

Connie Caudill was asked about the Ad Hoc Committee's work on the agreement with USEF and AERC. Connie stated the agreement was going to Lianne Dorion to look over the legal part. The Board would have the draft at end of week to look at and make comments or changes. Then it will go to USEF. It was also asked if the contract had been signed for 2017. Kathleen said she would check on that. The Board agreed it should not be signed until

the new agreement is completed hopefully before the new year.

Crewing motion- update: Lisa Schneider

The motion was published in the November Endurance News page 3, for membership comments. It was still a little early for a consensus. The motion will be on the December agenda for a vote.

Motion Name: Riders are responsible for the actions of their crews

Proposing Committee: Rules Committee

At the 2017 Midyear Board meeting, the lack of rules governing crew behavior was discussed, which resulted in the Rules Committee being directed to develop a crewing rule.

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD): October 9, 2017 Board meeting

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

This new rule is an addition to rule 12, which currently reads:

12. It is the duty of everyone participating in an endurance ride whether as a rider, crew member, ride official, ride volunteer, control judge or spectator to act in a manner which does not disrupt the ride or reflect poorly on the sport of endurance riding.

12.1 No one participating in an endurance ride shall engage in abusive behavior towards any other participant or member of the public at an endurance ride. Abusive behavior towards people includes but is not limited to:

Verbal abuse.

Physical assault.

Causing or threatening injury.

Unreasonably endangering the safety or life of others or their equines.

Damaging or trespassing on property.

Unsportsmanlike conduct.

Conduct prejudicial to the endurance ride or to the sport of endurance riding.

12.2 Owners/riders must adequately restrain or contain their equines at the ride venue. The owner/rider is responsible for ensuring secure restraint of equines under their care and supervision from the time of arrival at the venue until final departure, whether the equines are entered into competition or not.

Proposed Motion (use exact wording)

The Board of Directors adopts the following rule 12.3:

12.3 Crew members must comply with all event rules and with all regulations and instructions issued by ride

management. Failure to do so may result in sanctions to the individuals involved and/or the rider, up to and including disqualification of the crew's rider.

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

There have been many safety and fairness issues involving crews being where they shouldn't be, interfering with the competition, and causing an unsafe competitive environment. Ride managers need a rule so the riders are held responsible for the actions of their crew.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)

None. The rule book can be updated online for the 2017 season and when the printed 2018 rule book comes out, this will be included.

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

Riders are responsible for the behavior of their crews. This will motivate riders to ensure their crews know the rules and comply with ride management directions.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget): Minimal – updating the online rules and the 2018 rule book

Committees consulted and/or affected: None

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial)

The Rules Committee recommends that the Board get input from the membership via publication in *Endurance News* prior to voting on this motion.

Supporting materials: (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets): None

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees): Midyear Board Meeting – Aug. 2017

***Proposal from Otis Bartholomew, SW Region, re Pioneer Rides – Roger Taylor

The Board appreciates Mr. Bartholomew's thoughtful proposal on wanting to build more participation in Pioneer Rides. After much discussion the Board will not move forward with the proposal.

To: AERC Board of Directors and relevant advisory Committees

From: Otis Bartholomew, SW Region, AERC#1167

Subject: Pioneer Rides

The number of horse/rider teams successfully completing Pioneer Rides is dwindling. Fewer and fewer riders are even attempting to compete on the same horse for the entire event. Successfully completing Pioneer Rides requires a greater degree of horsemanship skills, pacing for the entire event rather than a single day, and more stringent post ride care of the horse. Those horse/rider teams that do complete all days are somewhat disadvantaged by having to compete against fresh horses or horses not being ridden on consecutive days. Consider that a rider that finishes in first place and competes only one day of a 3-day ride receives the same number of points as a rider that completes all three days on the same horse if that rider is not in the top ten. The chances of a Best Condition Award for a

Pioneer horse are also greatly diminished.

Pioneer rides were implemented as a means for members to challenge themselves and their horses beyond their proven abilities. Although each day is a separate event, these rides are meant to be more than just a series of unrelated, single day rides. AERC needs to uphold the tradition and purpose of Pioneer Rides. The Pioneer rides allow riders to develop the horsemanship skills, the required horse care habits, and the discipline to pace their horses so they can ride the same horse day after day. The competition for these riders is the trail and they must not get caught up in racing another rider, on a fresh horse, treating the event as a single day ride. AERC should encourage more participation by horse/rider teams for the entire event of a Pioneer ride. To incentivize greater participation a point system should be implemented to reward qualified horse/rider teams for successful completion of all days of the event. This could be accomplished by an addition to rule 8.6 of the 2017 AERC Rules and Regulations.

Please consider adopting the proposed addition to rule 8.6 for the 2018 ride season.

2017 AERC Rules and Regulations rule 8.6 Members completing one-day rides of 100 or more sanctioned miles receive 1.5 times the number of points listed above. Members competing in rides from 75 to 95 miles receive 1.25 times the number of points listed above. *Proposed addition: Members that complete all days of a Pioneer Ride on the same horse receive a multiple of the points listed above for each day, based on the number of days of the event. Qualified horse/rider teams receive 1.3 times listed points each day for a 3-day ride, 1.4 times listed points each day for a 4-day ride, and 1.5 times listed points each day for a 5-day ride.*

Kathleen Henkel update; Darolyn Butler has her liability insurance. The broker is Parkway Family Agency, Tomball TX. Insurer Capital Specialty Insurance Corporation. The policy is one million each occurrence and two million aggregate.

Strategic Plan: Paul Latiolais

Finance: Mollie Krumlaw-Smith. The budget and financials will be on the December agenda.

Governance: Lisa Schneider. Will be on the December agenda.

With no other business before the board, Roger Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting Nick Kohut seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PST

Submitted by Sue Keith, Secretary