

## Minutes of December 11, 2017 Board conference call:

President Paul Latiolais called meeting to order at 9:01 EST

Kathleen Henkel called roll: Paul Latiolais, Susan Kasemeyer, Sue Keith, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Michael Campbell, Monica Chapman, Connie Caudill, Jan Stevens, Mary Howell, Nick Kohut, Stephanie Teeter, John Parke, Lisa Schneider, Duane Barnett, Barbara Reinke, Roger Taylor, Andrew Gerhard, Jody Wyatt, Olin Balch, Terry Dooley Howell, Robert Marshall, Michael Maul, Paul Sidio, Christoph Schork and youth representative Lily Turaski.

No Excusals

Approval of agenda: Connie Caudill moved second by Susan Kasemeyer. Passed

Approval of the November minutes. Roger Taylor moved second by Christoph Schork , Jan Stevens abstained. Passed

Kathleen Henkel Membership:

Membership 12/7/16 1785

12/7/17 2108

Sanctions fees: 12/8/16 \$7,556.00

11/30/16 \$16,330.00

12/8/17 \$5,610.00

11/30/17 \$16,157.00

Riders fees: 12/8/16. \$1,135.00

11/30/16 \$84,047.00

12/8/17 \$961.00

11/30/17 \$84,447.00

New Members: 12/7/16 65

12/8/17 69

Business before the Board:

Special Sanction Request: Connie Caudill

Top O World Pioneer ride: 7/27,28,29/2018. Second year for the ride approved by board last year 2/13/17. Ride Manager is Jessica Cobbley and the head control judged is TBD. Ride distances 7/27 : 25/50, 7/28 30/55 and 7/29 25/50 to be held in Spencer ID. Passed

Mollie Krumlaw-Smith: Approval of the 2018 budget from committee. Passed

Drug discussion Paul Latiolais and John Parke.

The Board went into Executive session at 9:10 out of Executive session at 10:16

John Parke: Rule 14.3 Mediation is now a required part of the protest procedure.

The Chairman of the P&G Committee shall first refer all protest to mediation, this includes positive drug test. Protests are between two individuals the protestor and respondent and could be resolved with non- binding

mediation. With a positive drug test, a protest is filed by the Executive Director on behalf of AERC against rider and horse. The process needs to be looked at on who will represent AERC in mediation. After discussion the Rules Committee will look at the process and advise the BOD at the March 8th AERC Convention Board meeting.

The Veterinary Committee will also be working at the drug testing procedures. Also looking at drug levels and thresholds on naturally a curing and environmental contamination.

Paul Latiolais will be sending a letter to USEF on behalf of the AERC members and the BOD with outrage on the recent horse deaths and horse welfare abuse in some Group 7 nations endurance rides. He asked the Board to approve at Ad Hoc committee to help write this letter. The committee will be Christoph Schork, Monica Chapman, Mary Howell, with advice from Jan Stevens and Michael Campbell. The letter will go Executive Committee before being sent. When USEF has a chance to read it the letter will be put on AERC website and Facebook. Approved

Newly elected Region Board members will be able to start listening on January phone conference calls.

With no other business before the Board. Connie Caudill moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Lisa Schneider.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 EST

Submitted by Sue Keith, Secretary