

AERC General Session Convention Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2018

President Paul Latiolais called the meeting to order at 11:05 am

Robert Ribley swore in to office all regional directors, Paul Latiolais, Steph Teeter, Monica Chapman, Connie Caudill, Angie Mikkelson, Jan Stevens, Tonya Oaks-Stroud, Mary Howell, Nick Kohut, John Parke, Lisa Schneider, Vance Stein, Susan Kasemeyer, Marcia Hefker-Miles, Troy Eckard, Andrew Gerhard and Shawn Bowling.

Also present at the meeting were the directors at large-Olin Balch DVM, Terry Woolley-Howe, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Bob Marshall DVM, Mike Maul, Heather Reynolds, Paul Sidio and Christoph Schork.

Paul Latiolais gave an annual report on some accomplishments of the previous year.

- Green Bean movement incorporated into AERC which currently represents 10% of AERC members.
- Horse containment issue was handled through a motion. The Board directly dealt with the issue concerning horse welfare.
- Revised the P&G Policy and rule change to improve protest communications by installing mandatory mediation on all protest before going directly to protest.

Paul Latiolais reported that membership was up from this time last year and noted that the convention attendance seems up as well as having an increase of vendors.

A standing ovation was given to Roger Taylor in appreciation of his 45 years of service on the AERC Board of Directors. Roger has stepped down so this will be his final day as a Board member. Paul Latiolais also thanked Sue Keith, Duane Barnett, Barbara Reinke and Jody Wyatt for their service as Board members as they leave the Board.

Election of Officers voted in by the Board were- Paul Latiolais-President, Monica Chapman- Vice President, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith- Treasurer, Connie Caudill- Secretary.

Paul Latiolais thanked Terry for running for President and putting pressure on him to do a better job. He then thanked the AERC office staff, Kathleen Henkel, Kyra DeMartini and Troy Smith, who then received an applause of appreciation and a standing ovation from all in attendance.

The floor was opened up to the AERC members for questions and comments to the Board.

There was a discussion on FEI/AERC dual sanctioned rides about not following AERC rules. Board members answered that many of the stricter “rules” are in control of the Ride Manager and the Veterinarian of the ride and are not FEI rules. Ride Managers can make the ride more rider friendly and not let the FEI portion of the ride suck the fun out of a ride. Dr. Greg Jones explained there were emergency helicopter companies that could give AERC members a \$10-\$40 membership fee. He will work with the Board to consider making this an option when joining AERC. Stagg Newman gave a report on what we can do to try to prevent fatalities in our horses when riding endurance. 1. Secure stabling. 2. Hydration! For every travel day make sure you have the same amount of rest days before the ride. 3. Monitor. Take you own horses pulse at the end of the hold. It should not be 60! Also check gut sounds. 4. Do a safety check with the vet on your horse before leaving the ride camp. 5. If you are questionable about the hydration, get fluids.

Paul Latiolais moved to adjourn and Susan Kasemeyer second the motion at 12:15 pm. Motion passed.

Submitted by Connie Caudill, Secretary