

AERC Board meeting minutes February 10, 2020

President Monica Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:10pm

Board members present were Monica Chapman, Nick Kohut DVM, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Connie Caudill, Michael Campbell, Angie Mikkelson, Jan Stevens, Tonya Stroud-Oaks, Dawn Hillard, Jessica Cobbley, Naomi Preston, John Parke, Lisa Schneider, Susan Kasemeyer, Vance Stine, Troy Eckard, Andrew Gerhard, Olin Balch DVM, Gordie Cowan, Bob Marshall DVM, Mike Maul, Heather Reynolds, Christoph Schork and Tim Worden. Also present were regional elect Board members Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss, Susan Garlinghouse, and Chalice Coward. Also present were Executive Director Kathleen Henkel and office representative Kyra DeMartini.

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Christoph Schork and seconded by Olin Balch DVM. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the 1/13/20 AERC Board meeting minutes was made by Gordie Cowan and seconded by Vance Stine. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Olin Balch DVM and seconded by Andrew Gerhard to excuse Marcia Hefner-Miles (horse emergency) and Shawn Bowling (personal issues). Motion passed

Kathleen Henkel reviewed the Statistical report –

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| Membership 2/8/19 | 3229 |
| Membership 2/7/20 | 3187 |
| Sanction fees 2/07/19 | \$10,910 |
| Sanction fees 2/07/20 | \$ 9,760 |
| Rider fees 2/07/19 | \$3,095 |
| Rider fees 2/07/20 | \$1,652 |

(The office has \$1,500 worth of rider fees that will be added next week)

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| New members as of 2/8/19 | 173 |
| New members as of 2/7/20 | 156 |

Kathleen Henkel reported that the convention is looking good in attendance numbers. The office is gearing up for a great weekend.

Monica Chapman stated that Troy Eckard would be resigning from the Board (effective after the Thursday evening convention) meeting due to personal business obligations. Stephanie Palmer-De-Ross will be nominating a person for the position of regional director. This person will need approval of the Board before being seated on the Board at the convention.

A motion was presented by Michael Campbell on behalf of the Rules & Bylaws Committee. This motion is a clarification of the minimum age requirement of Equines entering Introductory rides.

Rule 5 of Introductory Rides to read: "All equines must be at least 48 months old at the time of the ride." with the original Rules 5, 6 and 7 to be renumbered 6, 7 and 8.

Office personnel have noted that Ride Managers and riders have expressed confusion over the age requirements of equines to be entered in Introductory Rides. This rule will clear up any confusion. Motion passed unanimously.

John Parke updated the Board on the progress of the supporting organization- AERC Legacy Foundation. John Parke decided to revise the bylaws since the lawyer that was hired seemed to be moving slow. John Parke has written two different revisions of the bylaws, one with two Board members and the other has a third member- Mike Maul. (Mike Maul has agreed to serve on this Board). Mollie Krumlaw-Smith said she would get everything sent off tomorrow. The question was asked about getting some of our fees refunded due to unsatisfactory service. John Parke felt we should certainly try. Olin Balch DVM thought we may want to vote to support Mike Maul. Mollie Krumlaw-Smith stated that they would bring this before the Board at the convention. Olin Balch DVM felt that was a great idea and supported this move. Just waiting for the organization to become a 501c3, which could take anywhere from 6 weeks to 6 months.

Monica Chapman reviewed the Action items.

Connie Caudill made a motion to adjourn at 9:30pm, seconded Lisa Schneider. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Caudill