

March 6, 2021 AERC General Session Board Meeting minutes

President Nick Kohut DVM called the meeting to order at 11am EST

Board members present Board members present were Olin Balch DVM, Michael Campbell, Connie Caudill, Monica Chapman, Jessica Cobbley, Dawn Hilliard, Susan Garlinghouse DVM, Susan Kasemeyer, Nick Kohut DVM, Bob Marshall DVM, Mike Maul, Angie Mikkelson, John Parke, Maribel Paulson, Naomi Preston, Heather Reynolds, Lisa Schneider, Andrew Gerhard, Christoph Schork, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Jan Stevens, Vance Stine, and Tim Worden. Also present were Executive Director Kathleen Henkel and Kyra DeMartini. Also present were newly elected Board members Laurie Underwood, Kelly Williams-Stehman and Tami Rougeau. Robert Ribley was on the call to swear in the new elected officers and Board members.

Jessica Cobbley made a motion to accept the agenda, Susan Garlinghouse DVM seconded, Motion passed.

John Parke made a motion to excuse – Chalice Coward – family emergency; Gordie Cowan – medical issue and Stephanie Palmer-Duross employment conflict. Susan Garlinghouse DVM seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The AERC Statistical report reviewed by Kathleen Henkel:

Membership 2/28/2020 3418

Membership 3/6/2021 3364

Sanction fees 3/6/20 \$11,280.00

Sanction fees 3/6/21 \$ 8,990.00

Rider fees 3/6/20 \$5112.00

Rider fees 3/6/21 \$4190.00

New members as of 2/28/20 198

New members as of 3/6/2021 251

Nick Kohut DVM, thanked Heather Reynolds and Gordie Cowan, who will be leaving the Board, for their past service and dedication to AERC.

Robert Ribley swore in the newly elected and re-elected Directors at Large- Christoph Schork, Olin Balch DVM, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Robert Marshall DVM, Mike Maul, Tim Worden, Laurie Underwood and Tami Rougeau.

Nick welcomed the new members.

Lisa Schneider moved to re-elect the whole slate of current officers- Nick Kohut DVM- President, Michael Campbell- Vice President, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith- Treasurer and Connie Caudill- Secretary. Olin Balch DVM seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Ribley swore in the Officers.

An open discussion was held between the Board members and the AERC members. Good ideas concerning rides and ride managers were floated around.

Lisa Schneider would like to see more work done on the strategic plan during the midyear meeting and would like to have a date determined soon. Nick Kohut DVM stated that would be on the agenda.

430 people have signed up for the convention this year which is close to the numbers at the end of the in person conventions.

Vance Stine made a motion to adjourn a 11:39 am EST, Susan Garlinghouse DVM seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Caudill