

May 10, 2021 AERC board conference call minutes

President Nick Kohut DVM called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm EDT.

Board members present were Olin Balch DVM, Michael Campbell, Connie Caudill, Monica Chapman, Jessica Cobbley, Dawn Hilliard, Susan Kasemeyer, Nick Kohut DVM, Bob Marshall DVM, Mike Maul, Angie Mikkelson, John Parke, Maribel Paulson, Naomi Preston, Tami Rougeau, Lisa Schneider, Christoph Schork, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Kelly Williams-Stehman, Jan Stevens, Vance Stine, Laurie Underwood, Tim Worden.

Also present were Executive Director Kathleen Henkel and Kyra DeMartini and joining later-Legal Committee member Barbara Baris.

A motion was made to accept the agenda by Michael Campbell, seconded by Vance Stine. Motion passed.

Olin Balch DVM made a motion to excuse – Chalice Coward, Susan Garlinghouse DVM who were in flight, Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss employment conflict. Seconded by Connie Caudill. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Christoph Schork and seconded by Susan Kasemeyer to approve the April 13 board meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Kathleen Henkel presented the Statistical report-

Membership on 5/10/19	4189
Membership on 6/15/20	3808
Membership on 5/10/21	4128
Sanction fees as of 5/10/2020	\$11,790
Sanction fees as of 5/10/2021	9,955
Rider fees as of 5/10/20	\$ 9,057
Rider fees as of 5/10/21	\$13,017
New members as of 5/10/19	341
New members as of 6/15/20	268
New members as of 5/10/21	433

Connie Caudill discussed a motion from the Sanctioning Committee for approval of a first-year pioneer ride, the Lily Plain Pioneer, July 2-4, 2021, in the MW region, Tracy Vollman is the ride manager, and the ride takes place in Saskatchewan. It was mistakenly omitted from the last agenda. Ride will be a 25/50, 30/55, and a 25/50 with a 75 and 100 also on the last day. Head control judge is Art King. The Motion passed.

Jan Stevens presented a motion from the AERC International Committee to support the AERC Young Rider Championship with Entry Fee Assistance.

The AERC International Committee will donate \$500 to the 2021 AERC Young Rider Championship to be used to help defray the cost of entry for the Young Riders participating.

Budget effect/impact - \$500 from the AERC International Committee Funds.

This will help to offset entry fees for the Young Riders participating in the inaugural AERC Young Rider Championship. Payment will be made to the organizer, who will then reduce the entry fee depending on entry numbers. Motion passed with two abstentions.

The second motion from the AERC-I Committee was put forth by Connie Caudill. AERC-I will support United States and Canadian Teams at 2021 World Endurance Championships (Seniors and Young Riders).

Proposed Motion-The AERC International Committee, in keeping with past tradition and in compliance with the committee's mission statement, agrees to provide financial support in the amount of \$300 per rider, for maintenance of horses for the 2021 Senior World Endurance Championship and the 2021 Young Rider World Endurance Championship. The funds are to be used for daily horse care related expenses. This reimbursement of said expenses is available to those senior riders who have been AERC International members since 2019 (this requirement is waived for young riders) who are representing the United States or Canada and whose horses are not sold while at the WEC events. The payments will be disbursed to the riders as reimbursements after the events.

Budget effect- \$300 per qualified rider per the motion, which will come from the AERC International Funds with a maximum of five riders per team.

A thorough discussion was held on the motion. A fact that was brought to the Board's attention by the AERC Treasurer, Mollie Krulaw-Smith, was that the funds would be coming directly from the AERC-I account and all funds in that account were either donated specifically for AERC international or were raised by the AERC-I Committee. The Board is not required to approve budget requests from the Committee, but it was mentioned that the Board should defer spending to the committee. The Committee was specific in the motion that the funds would not be distributed unless the horse returned home and was not sold at the competition. There is currently one rider who qualifies for the funding in the senior division and possibly five to six in the young rider division.

Olin Balch DVM felt that AERC disaffiliated from USEF for a reason so did not think this was consistent with what we support. Olin Balch DVM made a motion for a roll call vote. There was no second so the Motion failed.

The Motion from the AERC-I Committee passed with one no vote and one abstention.

Jan Stevens presented a Motion from the National Championship Committee requesting the addition of a Ride & Tie competition to the NC 2021 rides.

The 2021 AERC National Championship hosts, Bill and Jan Stevens, have been asked to add a Ride and Tie competition to the event. The Ride and Tie would be held on Monday, June 14, 2021, which is the day after the AERC 100 Mile National Championship, and the day before the AERC Young Rider Championship.

The Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Campbell brought from the Rules Committee a discussion regarding a helmet policy for all riders under age 18. Michael Campbell asked the Board members if all riders under the age of 18 should wear a helmet or just junior riders? During the discussion, the majority of the Board felt all riders under the age of 18 should be required to wear helmets. Nick Kohut DVM asked that Michael Campbell and the Rules Committee work on a rule making helmets mandatory for riders under age 18.

Nick Kohut made a motion to have the Board go into Executive Session at 8:55 to discuss legal issues, seconded by Vance Stine.

Motion by Susan Kasemeyer to come out of executive session at 9:57pm, seconded by Mollie Krumlaw-Smith. The Motion passed.

Nick Kohut DVM stated that the Board will be getting back on track with our strategic plan. He will be sending out the reassigned groups and also assign the new Board members into a group. He will also send the most recent Strategic Plan to the Board. He has asked that each group meet before the June meeting and that the group leaders be prepared to present their current status and how they will prioritize their goals.

Susan Kasemeyer made a motion to adjourn at 10:11 pm seconded by Vance Stine. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Caudill

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MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name **AERC Young Rider Championship Entry Fee Assistance**

Proposing Committee AERC International Committee

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) May 10, 2021

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording) AERC International Committee will donate \$500 to the 2021 AERC Young Rider Championship to be used to help defray the cost of entry for the riders participating.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving) Currently the entry fee is set at \$175 per rider to participate in the event. It is the desire of the small working group (Annie Whelan, Connie Caudill, Lynn Kenelly, Bill Stevens and Jan Stevens) to reduce this amount to between \$100-\$125 per rider. Although it is hard to estimate how many riders will participate, the amount of \$500 will help to reduce the cost of the entry fee.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate) \$500 from the AERC International Committee Funds

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization It will help to offset entry fees for the Young Riders participating in the inaugural AERC Young Rider Championship.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget) Nominal

Committees consulted and/or affected AERC International

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial) Payment will be made to the organizer who will then reduce the entry fee from \$175 to \$100 or \$125 depending on entry numbers.

Supporting materials (List of any other documents and/or spreadsheets) N/A

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees) AERC International Committee

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MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name **AERC International Support of United States and Canadian Teams at 2021 World Endurance Championships (Senior and Young Rider)**

Proposing Committee AERC International

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) May 10, 2021

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording) The AERC International Committee, in keeping with past tradition and in compliance with the committee's mission statement, agrees to provide financial support in the amount of \$300 per rider, for maintenance of horses for the 2021 Senior World Endurance Championship and the 2021 Young Rider World Endurance Championship. The funds are to be used for daily horse care related expenses. This reimbursement of said expenses is available to those senior riders who have been AERC International members since 2019 (this requirement is excluded for young riders) who are representing the United States or Canada and whose horses are not sold while at the WEC events. The payments will be disbursed to the riders as reimbursements after the events.

Background, analysis and benefit (describe the problem this motion is solving) The AERC International Committee wishes to help support our riders (AERC International members) at the 2021 World Endurance Championship for Seniors and the 2021 World Endurance Championship for Young Riders. In the past the AERC International Committee has helped the riders by providing funding for their various needs while representing their teams.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate) \$300/rider who qualifies as per the motion will come from the AERC International Funds with a maximum of five riders per team.

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization To help show support for AERC riders who are representing the United States and Canada.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget) Providing payment to those who qualify after the events to those who qualify.

Committees consulted and/or affected AERC International Committee

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial) Payments will be made after the events to those who qualify as per the motion.

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

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees) AERC International Committee

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MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name **Ride and Tie at 2021 AERC National Championship**

Proposing Committee National Championship Committee

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD) May 10, 2021

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording) The 2021 AERC National Championship hosts, Bill and Jan Stevens, have been asked to add Ride and Tie competitions to the event. The events would be held on Monday June 14, 2021 – the day after the AERC 100 Mile National Championship – day before the AERC Young Rider Championship.

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

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate) None

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization Offering our membership and the Ride and Tie Association membership an event to participate in.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget) None

Committees consulted and/or affected AERC National Championship Committee

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial) Additional secretarial work, additional vetting, and additional costs will be handled by the organizer of the AERC National Championship

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

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees) N/A