

June 21, 2021 AERC Board Conference Call Minutes:

AERC President Nick Kohut DVM called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm EDT

Board members present were Olin Balch DVM, Michael Campbell, Connie Caudill, Monica Chapman, Susan Kasemeyer, Jessica Cobbley, Chalice Coward, Dawn Hilliard, Susan Garlinghouse DVM, Nick Kohut DVM, Bob Marshall DVM, Mike Maul, Angie Mikkelson, Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss, John Parke, Maribel Paulson, Naomi Preston, Tami Rougeau, Lisa Schneider, Christoph Schork, Kelly Williams-Stehman, Jan Stevens, Vance Stine, Laurie Underwood, and Tim Worden. Also present were Executive Director Kathleen Henkel and Kyra DeMartini.

Connie Caudill made a motion to accept the agenda seconded by Christoph Schork. Motion passed.

Lisa Schneider made a motion which was seconded by Olin Balch DVM to excuse Mollie Krumlaw-Smith who is at her ride camp and out of cell range. Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the May 10, 2021, board meeting minutes by Lisa Schneider, seconded by Michael Campbell. Motion passed with one abstention.

Kathleen Henkel reviewed the Statistical report:

Membership on 6/19/19	4377
Membership on 6/25/20	3853
Membership on 6/21/21	4329
Sanction fees as of 6/21/2020	\$11,880
Sanction fees as of 6/21/2021	\$10,240
Rider fees as of 6/21/20	\$9,447
Rider fees as of 6/21/21	\$23,842
New members as of 6/19/19	413
New members as of 6/25/20	279
New members of 6/21/21	492

Kathleen Henkel made the announcement that the recent bylaws revision vote passed with 78% approval. She will put an announcement on the website.

Connie Caudill presented a motion from the Sanctioning Committee:

Proposed Motion-

Remove the requirement that Ride Managers apply for approval from the Sanctioning Committee to have their ride sanctioned. Ride Managers will be responsible to follow all state, county, and local requirements in order to be in good standing for insurance purposes. Most areas are open to recreational events, but ride managers will be responsible for making sure they are in compliance with all regulations. Effective immediately. Motion from the committee passed unanimously.

Michael Campbell presented a motion from the Rules Committee:

Proposed Motion-

Members of all AERC Committees are required to be current members in good standing in AERC. Current committee members are required to renew their membership within 30 days of the start of the AERC ride season which is on the first day of December. New members are required to renew their membership or become members of AERC within 30 days of joining the Committee. Members may not take part in Committee discussions or voting until after their AERC membership is approved.

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization

Promotes commitment to AERC of all Committee members. Committees advise the AERC Board of Directors in regard to their specific Committee charters. Effective immediately; office time is the only cost involved. Motion from committee passed unanimously.

A motion from the Trails and Land Management Committee was presented by Dawn Hilliard:

Motion Name- Caja Del Rio Trail Grant request for gates

Proposed Motion-

The Trails and Land Management Committee moves that AERC, using designated Trails grants, fund the installation of 15 metal livestock gates in USFS and BLM portions of the Caja del Rio, a portion of the Santa Fe National Forest (Santa Fe, NM). Funds requested: Up to \$3,500.

Background, analysis, and benefit: These gates would replace wire range gates that are commonly wired shut and that present safety issues to riders. These gates are on trails used by the Caja del Rio endurance ride (2004-2018, to return in 2022). The gates would also build goodwill with the local Caja del Rio La Majada grazing association and would aid in grazing management. Funds will come from dedicated Trails Grant fund.

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization: Metal gates will improve the safety for riders and equines during the AERC event held there. AERC contributions to the Caja keeps endurance riders (and recreational riding needs) in the forefront with our local land managers. Signage will be provided on each gate stating that the gates have been provided through an AERC grant. AERC Members use these trails to condition. Motion from committee passed unanimously.

Nick Kohut DVM, asked for an update on the Strategic Plan from each group.

Mollie Krumlaw-Smith will present the Finance Groups implementation plan at the July meeting.

Lisa Schneider reviewed the work done by the Governance group on the implementation plan.

Kathleen Henkel reviewed the Membership group initiatives and noted the numbers have been revised to be more realistic.

Monica Chapman updated the Board on the Trails implementation plan.

Kyra DeMartini reviewed the Education group implementation plan.

Laurie Underwood discussed the Welfare Group plan, which resulted in a good discussion.

Lisa Schneider requested adding to next month's agenda a discussion on post-ride metabolic checks like the Tevis metabolic safety check. Input will be needed from the Veterinary and Ride Managers committees.

Nick Kohut DVM stated that the Strategic planning groups will give updates on their work at the Midyear Board meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn by John Parke, seconded by Susan Kasemeyer. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Caudill