

## AERC Board meeting minutes July 12, 2021

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, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Jessica Cobbley, Dawn Hilliard, Susan Garlinghouse DVM, Nick Kohut DVM, Bob Marshall DVM, Mike Maul, Angie Mikkelson, 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 Legal Committee members Barbara Baris and Dee McDonald, Executive Director Kathleen Henkel, and Kyra DeMartini.

Motion to excuse Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss due to being out of cell range was made by Olin Balch DVM and seconded by Connie Caudill. Motion passed.

Absent: Chalice Coward.

Lisa Schneider made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Vance Stine. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the June 21, 2021, board meeting minutes was made by Lisa Schneider, seconded by Tim Worden. Motion passed.

Connie Caudill presented for the Sanctioning Committee a motion for approval of a newer Pioneer Ride. Trace the Trails Pioneer Ride to be held November 12-14, 2021, in the Central Region with ride manager Kerry Lowrey. Sanctioning Director Michael Campbell and the Sanctioning Committee have approved the ride. Motion from committee passed.

Barbara Baris presented a motion from the Legal Committee.

*Motion Name-* Addition of volunteer Paralegal to assist the Legal Committee.

*Proposed Motion-* The Legal Committee would like to be able to add Paralegals to the committee to help with research and to add to the discussions.

*Background, analysis and benefit-* The Committee would like more feedback and people who are readily available to research information as needed.

*Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization -*More efficient Legal Committee. Motion from Committee passed unanimously.

Connie Caudill presented a motion from the National Championship Committee.

*Motion Name-* Old Dominion location for the 2022 AERC National Championship

*Proposed Motion-* The National Championship Committee would like to put forth the Old Dominion ride with Diane Connolly as ride manager for the 2022 NC Ride. The Committee felt that this iconic ride will be a great site for the 2022 NC Ride. Ride dates - Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> will be the NC rides with Friday June the 10<sup>th</sup> as the open ride.

The ride manager has requested to run a Ride & Tie on the same day as the 100.

*Background, analysis and benefit-* The committee has been delighted with the momentum and rider enthusiasm that has been generated from the previous two NC rides and felt that by having the ride hosted by the iconic Old Dominion ride that the excitement may continue. The OD Committee is committed to putting on a first-class ride, and they are an organization that is 150 members strong. They hosted the NC

ride in 2015. That ride had 27 entries with 18 completing in the 100 with winning time of 12 hours and 14 minutes. The 50-mile ride had 42 entries with 33 completing in a winning time of 5 hours and 12 minutes. Diane has been the ride manager for 5 years. The trail is one continuous loop, all checks out of camp.

*Budget effect/impact-* \$5,000 to ride management to offset ride vet expenses. Completion awards for all entered in the NC ride. (\$100 for belt buckles in the 100 and \$25.00 for the buckles in the 50). AERC also provides other awards to be given at the convention.

*Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC Organization -* The 2019 ride was held in the West, (CA), the 2021 ride was held in the Mountain region (MT) and this ride would be held in the East (VA). This gives all members an opportunity to ride in the NC by moving it across the country. West-Central- East.

*Impact on AERC Office (Workload, budget) -* Advertise and help the ride manager write articles. Purchase awards.

After a brief discussion, the motion from the Committee passed unanimously.

Mollie Krumlaw-Smith gave an update on the Strategic Plan from the Finance Group.

The AERC Legacy Foundation (ALF) has been a large part of the plan and she was able to report that it has been completed. AERC transferred \$10,000 seed money in the account and since that time \$11,440.25 has been contributed with another \$500 more to be deposited. The account now has a total of \$22,005.25. The seed money will be repaid to the AERC operational account when the balance hits \$25,000.

By the midyear Board meeting, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith will have more details on the budget, which has already been accepted.

At 8:19 pm Nick Kohut DVM took the Board into executive session to discuss legal matters.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:30pm.

There was a short discussion on the delay of the posting of the revised Bylaws. Kyra DeMartini stated they were waiting on the signature of the secretary but had that in her possession now and will post them on the website in addition to a notification in the Updates section on the Home page.

At 9:04 pm John Parke moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Susan Kasemeyer. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Caudill