

AERC Board of Directors Conference Call November 14, 2016

President Michael Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:03 PST.

In attendance were Michael Campbell, Lisa Schneider, Susan Garlinghouse, Monica Chapman, Sue Keith, Connie Caudill, Carla Richardson, Christoph Schork, Jan Stevens, Janet Tipton, Nick Kohut, Olin Balch, Paul Latiolais, John Parke, Andrew Gerhard, Jody Wyatt, Roger Taylor, Barbara Reinke, Duane Barnett, Susan Kasemeyer, Tom Bache, Mike Maul, Terry Woolley-Howe and Sarah Holloway (youth representative).

Excusals were requested for Mollie Krumlaw-Smith (illness) and Christoph Schork (out of country)

Roger Taylor made a motion to accept the agenda, Susan Garlinghouse seconded. Motion passed.

Connie made a motion to excuse Mollie Krumlaw-Smith and Christoph Schork. Susan Garlinghouse seconded. Motion passed.

D&O insurance - Kathleen Henkel - Ms. Henkel reported that Equishure would not accept AERC's request to increase coverage to \$2M at this time. Coverage will remain at \$1M for the time being.

Membership report - Kathleen

Membership as of 10/26/15:	5229
Membership as of 11/09/16:	5146
Sanction fees as of 11/4/15:	\$15,675.00
Sanction fees as of 11/4/16:	\$16,270.00
Rider fees as of 11/4/15:	\$83,305.50
Rider fees as of 11/4/16:	\$77,260.00
New members as of 10/26/15:	728
New members as of 11/9/16:	670

Report will resume next month.

Business before the board:

Trails Committee motion - Monica Chapman introduced a motion providing a grant to support the repair of an eight mile portion of damaged trail in Duluth, Minnesota. Coming from committee, motion does not require a second. Motion passed.

Motion - Co-sanctioning EDRA - John Parke introduced motion, recommended further discussion and then deferred motion to another date. Diane Leschler has not yet responded to request for information in regards to liability insurance. There was discussion and comment from around the room. John Parke made a motion to defer the motion to a future date pending further information and input from our liability carrier. Roger Taylor seconded. Motion to defer passed.

Motion - Amendment to co-sanction motion - Steph Teeter. Withdrawn.

Motion - Concurrent Event policy Clarification - Tom Bache. John Parke seconded the motion. Tom Bache introduced and explained motion's intent. Discussion and comments from around the room. Steph made a motion to change the language from Sanctioning Director to Sanctioning Committee. Tom Bache, as motion

author, accepted the change without vote. After further discussion, Paul Latiolais made a motion to defer. John Parke seconded. Motion to defer passed.

Jan Stevens submitted a report in regards to the NAJYRC - Ms. Stevens explained that the championship is considered a "mini WEG". FEI has approved possibly splitting the endurance portion away from the rest of the disciplines. A cost input of \$5000 per discipline was proposed. AERC-I has already collected \$13K from this year's event, cancelled due to an insufficient number of countries participating. Entry fees are expected to be \$600. The event is expected to be approved as a Team 2-star event, which would then open up the event to nearly all young riders in North America, and may relieve requirements for entrants from Mexico or Canada. The event is currently scheduled entire event at Kentucky Horse Park.

Mary Howell asked a question about pending Summers litigation. John described general time lines and procedures 30 days to motion to demur, or strike or defend. Kathleen Henkel confirmed that relevant documents had been promptly forwarded to the insurance carrier.

There being no other business before the board, Roger Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Connie Caudill seconded. Motion passed.

Michael Campbell adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m. PST.

MOTIONS

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name Magney Snively - Equestrian trail project- Duluth, MN

Proposing Committee

TRAILS AND LAND MANAGEMENT

Date of Motion November BOD meeting

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

Proposed Motion The project is to make 8 miles of existing cross country ski trails sustainable for equestrian use.

Budget effect/impact - None

FUNDS FROM DEDICATED TRAILS GRANT FUND

Benefit and/or Impact to Membership and/or the AERC. We are hoping to host another ride in the near future once trail work is completed. The Spirit Mountain Endurance and Competitive ride was here from 1998 - 2005. And most importantly, it WILL STRENGTHEN THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL LANDMANAGEMENT.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget)

MINIMAL

Committees consulted and/or affected

TRAILS AND LAND MANAGEMENT

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial) Quoted by: Matthew Daly SAS+Associates

219 West First Street, Suite 350 Duluth, MN 55802

The price of a typical culvert installed is approximately \$350, we will need 16. $350 \times 16 = \$5,600$

Will also need 2 larger culverts which should cost approximately \$450 installed. $450 \times 2 = \$900.00$

Requesting \$5,000.00

Supporting approvals (proposing committee, participating committees)

TRAILS AND LAND MANAGEMENT

MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name: Co-sanctioning AERC rides with EDRA

Proposing Committee

AERC BOD member John Parke is proposing the motion.

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD): November 14, 2016

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording)

Resolved that the AERC recognizes the Equine Distance Riding Association (“EDRA”) as an endurance riding organization for which ride managers may co-sanction concurrently held endurance rides with the AERC subject to the requirements, pursuant to existing AERC policy, that all endurance entrants be cross entered in the AERC event, that AERC Rules take precedence if there is a conflict between AERC Rules and EDRA rules, and that ride managers must collect and/or pay fees as determined by AERC.

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

Whether EDRA rides may be co-sanctioned with the AERC is an important question for NW riders and ride managers that should be settled as soon as possible. The founding members of EDRA are long time, well known endurance riders who have generally shown a responsible commitment to the sport of endurance riding. They have the experience to properly and safely conduct endurance rides. They have produced bylaws and rules that are compatible with the AERC’s and are mostly complete, with the exception of a prohibited substance rule. The author of this motion is willing to assist EDRA with drafting a prohibited substance rule and is confident an acceptable rule is forthcoming. The AERC should take the lead in resolving this dual sanctioning issue, reducing tensions and confusion among NW members and ride managers, and move on to more strategic

concerns.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate)

Minimal.

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

Passage of the motion will grant NW ride managers flexibility, preserve rides, avoid conflicts between organizations, provide more rides for AERC members and encourage them to stay in the AERC.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget): Minimum

Committees consulted and/or affected: None yet

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial): Immediately notify NW RM's, EDRA and PNER

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

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

Motion amendment to co-sanction amendment, above:

"Resolved that the AERC recognizes the Equine Distance Riding Association ("EDRA") as an endurance riding organization for which ride managers may co-sanction concurrently held endurance rides with the AERC subject to the requirements, pursuant to existing AERC policy, that all endurance entrants be cross entered in the AERC event, that AERC Rules take precedence if there is a conflict between AERC Rules and EDRA rules, and that ride managers must collect and/or pay fees as determined by AERC."

Specifically:

change "an endurance riding organization" to "a trail riding organization";

- to change "may co-sanction concurrently held endurance rides" to "may concurrently hold distance events";
- and to strike from the motion: ", that all endurance entrants be cross entered in the AERC event, that AERC Rules take precedence if there is a conflict between AERC Rules and EDRA rules, and that ride managers must collect and/or pay fees as determined by AERC"

and to read as follows:

Resolved that the AERC approves the Equine Distance Riding Association ("EDRA") as a trail riding organization for which ride managers may concurrently hold distance events with the AERC subject to the requirements, pursuant to existing AERC policy, to be in effect during the 2017 AERC ride season .

Mindful that there is precedence in AERC policy for categorizing a time distance event (race) as 'trail riding organization' as exemplified by Ride & Tie.

Mindful that there is an important difference between AERC and EDRA that would complicate co-sanctioning in the traditional sense (allowance of rides events between 35 and 49 miles).

Mindful that EDRA has not yet conducted any events and it is premature for AERC to recognize it as a valid endurance organization, worth of granting co-sanction.

Respectfully,

Steph Teeter, NW Director

*** AERC Board of Directors
MOTION PROPOSAL

Motion Name: Concurrent Event Policy Clarification

Proposing Committee

Date of Motion (Date to be presented to BOD): November 14, 2016

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

Proposed Motion (use exact wording)

Since AERC Ride Managers (RMs) organize and conduct events that are often in remote locations and always require substantial financial and human resources; it is hereby

Resolved that AERC RMs have the discretion, subject to approval by the Sanctioning Director, to ease provision of necessary resources by organizing and conducting concurrent events governed by separate rules on the condition that there is no interference with the proper conduct of the AERC-sanctioned event or events.

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

AERC's current position on concurrent events is stated in a Motion Passed at March 7, 2013 Annual Convention Meeting of the BOD:

AERC POSITION ON CONCURRENT RIDES: AERC Bylaw 4.04 allows a ride to be sanctioned at the discretion of the AERC Board or its delegated agent. AERC's official position on concurrently held endurance rides with an endurance organization recognized by AERC requires that all endurance entrants be cross entered in the AERC event, agree that AERC Rules take precedent if there is a conflict between AERC Rules and the organization rules, and the ride management must collect and/or pay fees as determined by AERC. At the discretion of AERC or its designated agent, existing competitive Trail Ride Organizations such as ECTRA, SEDRA, OCTRA, AHA, RIDE & TIE, NATRC, UMECRA, and other trail riding organizations that meet the approval of the AERC BOD may be held concurrently with an AERC Sanctioned Ride and be governed by the rules of their own respective organizations. AERC Sanctioning may be rescinded before, during, or after the Ride for violation of this policy or as circumstances warrant..

The proposed Motion does not contradict this 2013 Policy, but rather clarifies and generalizes it. An independent ride on the same course at the same time would clearly interfere with the AERC ride. The 2013 Policy says that other types of concurrent events can be approved "at the discretion of AERC or its designated agent," but the

criteria for approval is unclear. The Proposed Motion clarifies and simplifies the 2013 Policy by stating that the “designated agent” is the Sanctioning Director and the key requirement is that approval requires assurance that the concurrent event will not interfere with the AERC event(s). AERC rides are conducted in a wide variety of situations, so a one-size-fits-all definition of “interfere” seems impractical. Hence, it seems best to allow the Regional Sanctioning Directors to work it out with their RMs. However, the Ride Manager and Competition Committees may wish to develop appropriate guidelines.

Budget effect/impact (Attach spreadsheet if appropriate): Minimal

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

This Motion increases RM flexibility to enhance the quality and financial viability of their events. This should provide more opportunities to showcase endurance riding and thereby increase membership.

Impact on AERC Office (Work load, budget): Minimal

Committees consulted and/or affected: None yet

Implementation plan (Schedule, resources, financial)

Inform RMs and Sanctioning Directors.

Supporting materials and Supporting Approvals

None yet, but support from RM and Competition Committees is being solicited.