

AERC BOD Meeting January 10, 2022, 8 p.m. ET

President Nick Kohut DVM called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. ET.

Board members present were Olin Balch DVM, Michael Campbell, Connie Caudill, Monica Chapman, Susan Kasemeyer, Jessica Cobbley, Dawn Hilliard, Susan Garlinghouse DVM, Nick Kohut DVM, Bob Marshall DVM, Mike Maul, Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss, 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 Legal Committee members Barbara Baris and Dee McDonald.

Absent- Chalice Coward and Angie Mikkelson.

Jan Steven made a motion, seconded by Susan Garlinghouse DVM to approve the agenda. Motion passed

Vance Stine made a motion to excuse John Parke from the December BOD meeting due to stormy weather conditions. Susan Kasemeyer seconded. Motion passed

A motion to approve the October, November and December Board meeting minutes was made by Lisa Schneider, seconded by Mollie Krumlaw-Smith. Motion passed

Kathleen Henkel presented the statistical report-

Rider fees as of January 2020	\$ 399
Rider fees as of January 2021	1371
Rider fees as of January 2022	260
Sanction fees for 2020 (last month of 2019)	\$7585
Sanction fees for 2021 (last month of 2020)	\$5955
Sanction fees for 2022 (last month of 2021)	\$7815
Membership January 2021:	2512
Membership January 2022:	2594
New Members in 2021 during January:	107
New Members in 2022 during January:	124

After a brief discussion concerning the date of the February meeting falling on Valentine day, it was decided that the meeting date will be changed to Tuesday February 15, 2022.

Budget approval-

Mollie Krumlaw-Smith held a discussion on the 2022 budget. She stated that the budget is conservative based on a slight decrease in membership. Board members suggested some possible cost saving ideas that will be reviewed by the office.

The launch of ALF was discussed. Mollie Krumlaw-Smith conveyed that ALF would not have a budget until spending starts. John Parke agreed to discuss ALF during the General Session at the convention in

hopes to generate interest in the program. The Board is looking forward to seeing a marketing plan for ALF including a website. Kyra DeMartini stated that there would be a booth for ALF at the convention. Monica Chapman made a motion to approve the 2022 budget, seconded by Susan Garlinghouse DVM. Motion passed unanimously.

Sanctioning motion-

Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss presented a motion on behalf of the Sanctioning Committee on the approval of a first year Pioneer ride in the SW region.

The Caballo Sin Nombre ride to be held on May 27-29, 2022. Each day will be 25, 50 with start times of 8am and 7am respectively, with the last day having a 55 mile ride. Location is near Navajo Lake, NM.

Ride Manager will be Annie Nicholson.

Motion from committee passed unanimously.

Reminder - Strategic Plan updates – Quarterly reports from committee chairs due 3/3/22 at convention meeting.

Executive Session-

At 8:40 pm Susan Garlinghouse made a motion to go into executive session for legal discussion, Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss seconded. Motion passed.

At 9:18 pm John Parke made a motion to exit executive session, Christoph Schork seconded. Motion passed.

John Parke moved to adjourn at 9:19 pm, Susan Kasemeyer seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by
Connie Caudill