

AERC Board meeting minutes May 9, 2022

President Nick Kohut DVM called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. EDT

Board members present were Olin Balch DVM, Connie Caudill, Monica Chapman, Jessica Cobbley, Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss, Gunnar Frank, Susan Garlinghouse, Bridgett Helms, Dawn Hilliard, Susan Kasemeyer, DVM, Nick Kohut DVM, Bob Marshall DVM, Mike Maul, Maribel Paulson, Naomi Preston, Tami Rougeau, Linda Rudolphi, Lisa Schneider, Christoph Schork, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Kelly Williams-Stehman, Jan Stevens, Laurie Underwood, Tim Worden.

Also present were Executive Director Kathleen Henkel and Kyra DeMartini and Legal Committee members Dee McDonald and Barbara Baris.

Absent- John Parke and Vance Stine

A motion to excuse Olin Balch DVM from the April 11, 2022 Board meeting was made by Connie Caudill, seconded by Susan Garlinghouse DVM. Motion passed with one abstention.

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

Susan Garlinghouse DVM, made a motion to approve April 11, 2022 minutes, seconded by Christoph Schork. Motion passed.

Nick Kohut DVM notified the Board of the Executive Committee's approval of a 75-mile ride to the already sanctioned Fort Howes ride in Montana.

Membership report was presented by Kathleen Henkel.

Membership as of 5/5/2021	4095
Membership as of 5/6/2022	3965
Sanction fees 5/6/2021	\$ 9,955.00
Sanction fees 5/6/2022	\$11,200.00
Rider fees 5/6/2021	\$13,017.00
Rider fees 5/6/2022	\$14,659.00
New members as of 5/6/2021	426
New members as of 5/6/2022	351

Monica Chapman presented a motion from the Executive Committee.

Motion to increase the fire liability insurance limit from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000.

This motion will bring AERC's liability insurance limits to the requirements of the USFS. The annual premium increase for fire suppression to \$1,000,000 coverage is \$2500.00. Since we are doing this a few months into the policy the premium would be \$1935.94. The funding would come out of the AERC General Fund.

AERC could have USFS permits rejected if we don't carry the right amount of insurance. Increasing the insurance limits ensures that our current rides on USFS property can continue as planned.

After a brief discussion in which members were assured that that this policy would cover all rides on both public and private lands. Motion from Committee passed unanimously.

Connie Caudill presented a motion from the AERC-I Committee.

Motion re AERC Young Rider Championship Participant Support

The AERC International Committee would like to help support the AERC Young Riders who are participating at this year's AERC Young Rider Championship. The AERC International Committee requests up to \$500 from the AERC International funds to be divided up between the entrants of this year's event after the event has occurred. Last year, through sponsorship and additional funding, all of the participants were able to ride for free. Currently there are 10 potential entrants and the entry fee is \$150/rider. The AERC Office would mail checks to the riders who participate after the event.

During discussion the Board clarified that if only a few riders enter, only up to actual entry fee would be reimbursed and all funds left of the \$500 would stay in the AERC-I funds.

Motion from committee passed unanimously.

Susan Garlinghouse DVM moved to go into executive session to discuss a legal issue at 8:17 p.m., Susan Kasemeyer seconded. Motion passed.

Naomi Preston made a motion, seconded by Tami Rougeau, to come out of executive session at 9:10 p.m.

Lisa Schneider made a motion at 9:12 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Jessica Cobbley. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Caudill