

January 9, 2023 AERC Board meeting minutes

President Nick Kohut DVM, called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm E.S.T.

Board members present were Olin Balch DVM, Connie Caudill, Monica Chapman, Jessica Cobbley, Gunnar Frank, Susan Garlinghouse DVM, Bridget Helms, Dawn Hilliard, Susan Kasemeyer, Nick Kohut DVM, Bob Marshall DVM, Mike Maul, John Parke, Maribel Paulson, Naomi Preston, Tami Rougeau, Lisa Schneider, Christoph Schork, Mollie Krumlaw-Smith, Kelly Williams-Stehman, Jan Stevens, Vance Stine, Laurie Underwood and Tim Worden. Also present were Executive Director Kathleen Henkel and Legal Committee member Barbara Baris. Joining the call were Melissa Ribley DVM and Eric Rueter.

Connie Caudill made a motion to excuse Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss due to employment conflict, seconded by Olin Balch DVM. Motion passed. Stephanie Palmer DuRoss was able to join shortly after the meeting started.

Absent-Linda Rudolphi

Lisa Schneider made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded Susan Kasemeyer. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the December 12, 2022 meeting minutes was made by Vance Stine, seconded by Lisa Schneider. Motion passed.

Kathleen Henkel presented the membership report.

Membership as of 1/09/2022	2586
Membership as of 1/06/2023	2103
Sanction fees as of 1/06/2022	\$7,755
Sanction fees as of 1/06/2023	\$7,900
Rider fees 1/06/2022	\$260
Rider fees 1/06/2023	None recorded to date
New members as of 1/09/2022	119
New members as of 1/06/2023	137

Ethics Committee chair nomination

Nick Kohut nominated Susie Schomburg to Chair the Ethics Committee. Passed unanimously.

Emergency Junior sponsor motion

Laurie Underwood continued the discussion from the previous meeting concerning the clarification of the Junior Emergency Sponsor Rule 10, 10.4 and 10.1.4.2. Board members made some suggestions that may improve the intent and understanding of the rule. Laurie Underwood and the Rules Committee will revise the rule and bring it back for a vote at the February 13, 2023 meeting.

Strategic Plan updates

Nick Kohut DVM said the Governance Group will be meeting later this month.

John Parke from the Membership Group stated he will be devoting one of the Hot Topics meetings to membership issues. He is looking forward to having a panel of SE members to discuss what the region has done in order to bring in new members and retain their members.

Susan Garlinghouse DVM stated that she will once again start putting on her educational seminars. She will soon be speaking to the Ozark Endurance riders. She announced that she will be donating her speaker fee to the Western States Trail Fund and the AERC Trails Fund. She will be available to travel to all the regions.

Executive Session

Melissa Ribley DVM and Eric Rueter were excused at this time.

Jan Stevens made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter at 8:31 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Susan Kasemeyer. Motion passed.

Motion to come out of executive session was made by John Parke at 8:47 p.m. Seconded by Susan Kasemeyer. Motion passed.

Susan Kasemeyer made a motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Seconded by Lisa Schneider. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Caudill