

## February 13, 2023 AERC Board meeting minutes

President Nick Kohut DVM called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. E.T.

Board members present were Connie Caudill, Jessica Cobbley, Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss, Gunnar Frank, Maureen Fehrs DVM, 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, Vance Stine, Laurie Underwood and Tim Worden. Also present was Executive Director Kathleen Henkel. Incoming Board members Melissa Ribley DVM and Eric Rueter joined the call.

Absent - Olin Balch DVM

Susan Kasemeyer moved to accept the agenda which was seconded by Vance Stine. Motion passed.

Lisa Schneider made a motion to excuse Monica Chapman who was attending the Hike the Hill meetings in Washington DC and Jan Stevens who was out of cell range. Seconded by Connie Caudill. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Lisa Schneider to approve the January 9, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Naomi Preston. Motion passed.

Kathleen Henkel reviewed the membership report with the Board.

Membership as of 2/11/2022	3113
Membership as of 2/10/2023	2798
Sanction fees as of 2/10/2022	\$9,415
Sanction fees as of 2/10/2023	\$10,135
Rider fees as of 2/10/2022	\$3,561
Rider fees as of 2/10/2023	\$4,281
New members as of 2/11/2022	184
New members as of 2/10/2023	198

### Motion – Rules and Bylaws Committee Revision of the Junior Emergency Sponsor Rules

Tim Worden revisited the motion proposal from the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the revision of Rule 10. The Rules Committee gave consideration to the comments from the committees that submitted suggestions.

### **Rule 10**

**10.** All Junior riders must be accompanied by an adult sponsor (18 years or older) through the completion of the ride. The Junior and sponsor must ride together at all times, including entering and leaving all control checks at the same time, the only exception being that at the finish, a Junior riding a 50-mile or greater distance ride may finish within the same minute or within one minute on either side of the sponsor's finishing time.

**10.4** The sponsor must be an adult and must be duly entered as a competitor in the event, and sponsorship must be documented on the ride entry form.

**10.4.1.2** In the event that the pre-registered sponsor of the Junior is unable to continue, and if no other willing entered adult sponsors in any distance and on the same loop of trail are available, the Junior may be sponsored by un-entered adult rider(s) through the completion of the ride with ride management and control judge approval. The Junior would receive a completion only. The un-entered sponsor will receive no points or credit for mileage. The Junior may also be sponsored by an adult on foot with the approval of ride management. Any unentered sponsor must be either a current Member or a Single Event Member (also commonly known as “day member”).

**10.4.1.3** In order to ensure equine welfare and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 2, any equine being ridden by an un-entered sponsor shall receive a substantive physical examination by the control judge of metabolic and mechanical parameters at all control checks and, if practical, before the equine is ridden by the un-entered sponsor. Any equine being ridden by an un-entered sponsor may be disqualified from participation during the ride by the control judge. Any equine being ridden by an un-entered sponsor must also receive a veterinary safety check at the finish.

The motion from the committee passed unanimously.

#### New Board member

Nick Kohut DVM, welcomed MW Regional Board member, Maureen Fehrs DVM who is replacing Linda Rudolphi due to her resignation.

#### Strategic Plan updates

Nick Kohut DVM stated the Governance group had met recently and were continuing to make progress.

There were no other group updates.

#### Board Member Responsibilities

John Parke discussed with the Board some of the responsibilities that are expected from Board members. The Board is governed by the California Corporations Code as well as the AERC Bylaws. The steps that were reviewed will help the Board run more efficiently.

Susan Garlinghouse DVM updated the Board on future endurance seminars (in and out of the country) where she will be speaking.

At 9:13 p.m. E.T. John Parke moved to adjourn, seconded by Susan Garlinghouse DVM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Caudill