Minutes
April 1, 2008 AERC-I Meeting

Conference call meeting April 1, 2008, 9:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Attendance: Carol Giles, Chair
Kathy Brunjes, Advisor
Betty Baker, Treasurer
Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance Director
Joe Mattingly, USEF High Performance
Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Representative
Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee
Jan Stevens, Junior Committee
Lynn Kenelly – East
Holly Ulyate - Mountain
Michele Roush – Pac North
Hal Hall – Pac North
Grace Ramsey – Central
Jeremy Olson - Central
Teresa Cross – Pac South
Carolyn Hock – Pac South

Absent: Cia Reis - East
Martha McMurray – Mountain

1. **AGENDA**
   - Grace moved to approve the agenda for the April 1 meeting and Hal seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.

2. **MINUTES**
   - Hal moved to approve the January minutes as drafted and Grace seconded. The motion was approved.

3. **TREASURERS REPORT – Betty Baker**
   - Betty received an updated report from AERC, current as of March 1, 2008. AERC-I has $12,000.00 in its checking account plus $25,000 invested in two CDs, which have earned $197.00 in interest this fiscal year. To date we have brought in approximately $5,300 in sales and dues. Our expenses have been $1,400 for merchandise. Convention expenses have not yet been debited.
   - Betty and Kirsten submitted a draft junior budget. Carolyn, Jan and Kirstin will work to set up goals and a plan for the development of the youth program and a more detailed budget to support that plan. AERC-I would like to have this completed in the next several months so that it can be submitted to the AERC board along with the AERC-I budget. Once this budget is developed, fundraising options can be discussed further.

- A group of individuals have come forward and volunteered to reimburse the committee for expenses incurred on behalf of Robin Groves at last year's convention. Carol will submit the exact figure to this group.

4. USEF UPDATE

A. Technical Committee. Mike Tomlinson

- The Technical Committee is working on lining up various officials' courses for 2009. It is also working with the IHP Committee to develop a list of 2009 FEI rides that will be the most beneficial in preparing a team for the 2010 WEG.

B. Developing Rider Program. Michele Roush

- Mike and Michele continue to work on this program, but have nothing new to report.

C. High Performance Committee and USEF Endurance Director's Report. Joe Mattingly and Vonita Bowers.

- The IHP committee wants to set up a consistent schedule of FEI rides around the country. They are working with Chef Becky Hart to determine what will best serve the interests of individuals seeking to make the WEG team.
- They are beginning work on a 4 year plan and supporting budget.
- It has been proposed that USEF sponsor an award to promote CEI ** rides (50-75 mile rides). Work will continue on developing such a program.
- The FEI rule changes outlined by Art at convention are very preliminary. FEI will send out a definitive proposal to the various governing bodies in the next month or so. We will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule changes at that time. It is important to remember that every country will be submitting comments.
- The IHP recognizes the need to organize either a North American Championship or a Pan American Championship. It is actively working to hold such an event in 2009.
- Jan Stevens has offered to help any ride manager who chooses to put on an FEI ride. All of the committees thank Jan for her help.

D. Active Athletics. Julie Bullock – absent no report

5. CONVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

- Carol asked that Carolyn and Martha draft a bullet list of items relating to the activities they organized at convention. This would be used by other committee members asked to take on similar responsibilities. Carol also thanked all of the committee members for their great work in making the AERC-I portions of convention a huge success.

6. WELCOME JEREMY OLSON

- Carol welcomed Jeremy Olson as the new zone rep for the Central Region.

7. RESIGNATION OF MARK DIAL

- Carol reported that Mark Dial resigned as Vice Chair of AERC-I. She asked that all zone reps consider who might make a good replacement and send her proposed names.
- It was asked whether Mark intended to also resign his position on the Technical Committee. Since the Vice Chair is appointed to the technical committee upon the recommendation of AERC-I, it will be up to AERC-I to decide if Mark should remain in that position. Carol will attempt to contact Mark to see if he wishes to continuing serving

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8. NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2008 AND DEMONSTRATION EVENT

- Jan reported that plans for this event are moving forward nicely. A saddle has been donated for the first place winner of the event. Entry fees have been reduced to $180.00. Various dances and parties are also being organized, but a time schedule is not yet available
- An APEX clinic for the young riders attending the event is being organized for the weekend before the ride. A discussion was held as to whether this is the best time for such a clinic. While it is recognized that it places an additional time burden on those attending, it was felt that such a clinic would be beneficial for those who are able to attend.

9. USEF YOUTH COUNCIL REP – KIRSTEN KIMBLER

- Kirsten reported that John Crandall will speak at the 2009 USEF convention.

Due to the time, Carol asked for a motion to suspend the remainder of the agenda and adjourn the meeting. Hal so moved and Grace seconded. The meeting was then adjourned.