

Minutes
AERC-I Conference Call
Tuesday, August 5, 2008
9:00 p.m. Eastern (6:00 p.m. Pacific, 7:00 p.m., Mountain, 8:00 p.m. Central)

Attendance: Betty Baker, Treasurer
Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Representative
Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance Director
Jan Stevens, Junior Committee
Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee
Lynn Kenelly – East
Cia Reis - East
Holly Ulyate - Mountain
Michele Roush – Pac North
Hal Hall – Pac North
Teresa Cross – Pac South

Absent: Carol Giles, Chair
Kathy Brunjes, Advisor
Jeremy Olson – Central
Carolyn Hock – Pac South
Joe Mattingly, USEF High Performance
Martha McMurray – Mountain
Grace Ramsey – Central

1. AGENDA

- Teresa moved to approve the agenda for the August 5, 2008 meeting. Holly seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.

2. MINUTES

- Lynn moved to approve the July minutes as corrected. Cia seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.

3. TREASURERS REPORT – Betty Baker

- Betty presented the proposed 2009 budget. It was noted that money to be donated to the WEG was not included. Following discussion, Teresa moved to accept the budget as presented and Lynn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. USEF UPDATE

- Technical committee – Mike Tomlinson
- International High Performance – Joe Mattingly
 - The IHP is still working with private landowners to try to put together a preride for the 2010 WEG. Joe encouraged the zone reps to encourage good ride managers to sanction their rides FEI.
- Active Athletes – Julie Bullock - absent

- Endurance Director's Report – Vonita Bowers - attached

5. ZONE ELECTIONS

- There was some discussion about whether elections were to be held this year or next. Carol will check into this upon her return.

6. AERC COMPETITION COMMITTEE LIASON - Michele

- There has been no activity with the Competition.

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

- It was reported that the NAYRC was a great success. Kirsten asked for reimbursement for the banner they purchased for the athletes parade, A motion was made and seconded to purchase this banner.

8. USEF Youth Council Rep – Kirsten Kimble

- Nothing reported in addition to the NAYRC.

9. Report From Zone Reps

- .No significant issues reported on.

Director's Update

8/05/08

1. The West Coast Training Session took place in July near Reno, NV. The attendees were unable to complete all breezers as planned due to smoke from the Yosemite Fire.

2. The Young Riders Competition held in conjunction with the North American Young Riders Championships was a success. The Young Riders Championship Event is like a WEG for Young Riders. Young Riders Competed in Reining, Show Jumping, Eventing, and Dressage.

The Endurance event was 75 miles. The young riders finished 8 of 10 and all were in COC time. Discussion is ongoing as to whether to become a full participant next year. The NAJYRC will likely take place once more at the Colorado Horse Park. Below is a press release:

Endurance Riders Premiere in CEIY3*

Jessica DiCamillo, 15, of Las Cruces, New Mexico and her horse Crestwood Premiere, an 8-year-old Arabian Mare, finished the 75 mile course in Parker, Colorado in 7 hours and 48 minutes. In a race to the finish, Crestwood Premiere just nosed out CHF Adios, ridden by Caitlin Massman. Finishing third was Jennifer Stevens riding Phil.

The competition was held in conjunction with the 2008 NAJYRC. Enduring high temperatures, 8 of the 10 Young Riders completed the course and their horses passed the five Veterinary inspections during and after the race.

DiCamillo made it a clean sweep with her mare "Woody" by then winning the coveted Best Condition Award. High Vet score went to Dixie Love, ridden by Frances Chase- Dunn of Riverside, California. The 10 year old Arabian Mare is owned by Grace Ramsey, and has a perfect record of 62 starts and 62 completions.

Order of Overall Finish

Rider/Horse/Age/Home/Ride Time

Jessica DiCamillo/Crestwood Premiere/15/Las Cruces, NM/7:48:30

Caitlin Massman/CHF Adios/17/Dubuque, IA/7:48:32

Jennifer Stevens/Phil/17/Ashland, MT/8:14:42

Heather Stevens/RSA Count LaQuen/20/Ashland, MT/8:14:46

Kirsten Kimbler/Junior CAHR/19/Aberdeen, SD/8:29:44

Jordan Fleege/RCF Blade Runner/17/Dubuque, IA/8:37:55

Elizabeth Russell/DJB Double Trouble/17/Kingwood, TX/9:21:41

Frances Chase-Dunn/Dixie Love/18/Riverside, CA/9:21:43

Eliminations:

Morgan Conner/Whistledinn/16/Litchfield, AZ/Lameness

Ashlee Van Raalte/Serloki/21/Scales Mound, IL/Lameness

3. Athlete elections will take place this fall. Athletes have the nomination form and may nominate riders to represent them who have been on a World or WEG squad in the past 10 years. We are urging the athletes to nominate fellow athletes who have a keen interest in being an active member of the Eligible Athletes Committee. The new Athletes will begin their terms in January.
4. Final plans for selecting, preparing and shipping Horse/Rider Combos for Malaysia are underway. Nominated Entries will be announced By August 20th. A final training session is planned for September, and the Definite Entries will be named by September 15th. Horses will ship around October 15th, and the competition is November 8-9.
5. The fall officials course has been cancelled, due to difficulties getting a course director. The FEI has asked the federations to wait until after the new rules are released to hold future courses.
6. The most recent tentative ride schedule is attached.