

Minutes
January 3, 2008 AERC-I Meeting

Conference call meeting January 3, 2008, 9:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Attendance: Carol Giles, Chair
Kathy Brunjes, Advisor
Betty Baker, Treasurer
Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance Director
Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Representative
Jan Stevens, Junior Committee
Cia Reis – East
Holly Ulyate - Mountain
Michele Roush – Pac North
Joe Mattingley – Central
Grace Ramsey – Central
Teresa Cross – Pac South
Carolyn Hock – Pac South

Absent: Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee
Mark Dial, Vice Chair (excused)
Art Priesz, USEF High Performance
Lynn Kenelly – East
Martha McMurray – Mountain (excused)
Hal Hall – Pac North

1. AGENDA

- Michele moved to approve the agenda for the January meeting and Carolyn seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.

2. MINUTES

- Joe moved to approve the December minutes as drafted and Michele seconded. The motion was approved.

3. TREASURERS REPORT – Betty Baker

- Betty did not receive an updated report from AERC so, as far as she knows, AERC-I's profit/loss remains approximately the same – i.e., a loss of approximately \$350.00.
- The committee discussed how to proceed regarding Robin Groves' failure to reimburse the committee for expenses incurred on her behalf. Carol will contact Robin directly to see what her position is and what can be done to resolve the issue. Carol will report back to the committee before any further action is taken.
- Betty reported that income received from the sale of merchandise occurring at rides and via internet sales does not appear in AERC's accounting to AERC-I. She will work with the office to clarify this.

- Betty reported that one of the CDs into which AERC-I placed some of its funds matured in December. She was unable to obtain information from the office regarding the interest earned and whether the original funds have been rolled over into another CD. She will continue working with the office to obtain information regarding this. She believes the interest should have been around \$225.00 making the interest earned for the year approximately \$700.00. This is the money earmarked for Youth Program.

4. Kirstin Kimbler. Recognition for winning the USEF Youth Sportsman Award and Youth Equestrian of the Year.

- The Committee extended its warmest congratulations to Kirstin for her accomplishments. Carolyn, who served on the USEF committee that made the final selection, reported that the Committee was extremely impressed with Kirstin's accomplishments.
- Kathy reported that last year's winner of the Youth Sportsman Award received a lifetime membership from her nominating discipline.
- Joe moved that AERC-I place a motion before the AERC Board that it award Kirstin Kimbler a lifetime membership in AERC in recognition of her accomplishments and as a thank you for her work in the AERC Youth Program. Carolyn seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

5. USEF UPDATE

A. Technical Committee. Mike Tomlinson – absent, no report.

B. Developing Rider Program. Michele Roush

- Nothing new to report.

C. High Performance Committee. Art Priesz – absent, no report

D. Active Athletics. Julie Bullock – absent no report

E Endurance Director's Report. Vonita Bowers

- Joe Mattingly was elected as the new Chair of the IHP Committee.
- Suzanne Hayes was appointed to fill the IHP Committee vacancy left by Art Priesz's resignation.
- 6-7 applicants for the Chef are currently being interviewed. It is anticipated that the final selection will be announced at the February USEF meetings to be held at the AERC convention.
- The National Team Training List has been released. This is comprised of the top 25 riders based on last year's ranking trials plus individuals on the winning Z-Tec team. Once the Chef is selected that person may name 5-10 additional wildcard riders to the list.
- Training sessions for the National Team will be scheduled. These sessions will most likely be open to auditors.
- Ranking Trials for next year have also been released. This list includes FEI rides as well national rides. Vonita reported that all Ride Managers contact to host ranking trials have been very cooperative.
- The National Team list and the Ranking Trial lists can be found in EN and on the USEF webpage under Breeds & Disciplines - Endurance".

- USEF Committee meetings will be held at the AERC convention Friday February 29th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. These meetings are all open to the general AERC membership.

6. CONVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

- Carol reported that the two AERC-I sessions are scheduled for Friday February 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00. The AERC-I meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 1st at 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Teresa reported that she has completed an inventory of AERC-I merchandise and will fax this to Betty. Jan reported that she has some AERC-I merchandise and will provide Betty with an inventory. Teresa moved to authorize Betty to spend up to \$2500.00 to replenish merchandise as she sees fit after reviewing the inventory. Michell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Hal has forwarded a work schedule for the AERC booth. Carol requested that any zone rep attending the convention sign up for a slot. Carol will also attempt to get coverage for the booth on Friday so everyone can attend the USEF meetings and the AERC-I sessions. Kirstin will work with Carol to try to find youth members willing to help out. It was suggested that AERC-I provide a portion of its earnings to the Youth Program in exchange for this service.
- The welcome reception is scheduled for Thursday February 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It will be held at the same location registration takes place. The committee felt that 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. was a better time as it would allow Board members to attend the reception. Carol will contact Kathleen to change the time. Holly moved to authorize Martha to spend \$700.00 on the reception (in addition to the \$700.00 to be donated by USEF). Michele seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Holly is working on two programs for use during convention and the regional awards.
- Carolyn will work with Vonita to finalize who will present the “Nuts and Bold of FEI riding” session. Kathy and Joe will work on obtaining a multi media presentation for the session promoting the 2010 WEG. They will also see if Art Priesz has information available regarding the trail. Kathy and Joe also agreed to sit on a panel that will discuss their experiences at international rides. Carol will get two additional people for this panel.

7. Resignations

- Joe has resigned his zone rep position so that he might focus on his new position as Chair of the IHP. Joe will contact a possible replacement for his position.

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