

**Minutes**  
**AERC-I Conference Call**  
**Tuesday, June 3, 2008**  
**9:00 p.m. Eastern (6:00 p.m. Pacific, 7:00 p.m., Mountain, 8:00 p.m. Central)**

Attendance: Carol Giles, Chair  
Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance Director  
Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Representative  
Jan Stevens, Junior Committee  
Cia Reis – East  
Lynn Kenelly – East  
Martha McMurray – Mountain (excused)  
Holly Ulyate - Mountain  
Hal Hall – Pac North  
Jeremy Olson – Central  
Teresa Cross – Pac South  
Carolyn Hock – Pac South

Absent: Kathy Brunjes, Advisor  
Betty Baker, Treasurer (excused)  
Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee  
Joe Mattingly, USEF High Performance (excused)  
Michele Roush – Pac North (excused)  
Grace Ramsey – Central

**1. AGENDA**

- Martha moved to approve the agenda for the June 3, 2008 meeting. Teresa seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.

**2. MINUTES**

- Lynn moved to approve the May minutes as drafted and Carolyn seconded. The motion was approved.

**3. TREASURERS REPORT – Betty Baker**

- Betty reported to Carol that the ending balance in the AERC-I checking account as of 4/30/08 was \$12,514.15. The profit and loss statement showed total income of \$5,816.84 as of 5/29/08. Total expenses for the same period were \$3,045.33.

**4. USEF UPDATE**

- Technical committee – Mike Tomlinson - absent
- IHP Developing Rider Program – Report from Mike, Michele – absent
- International High Performance – Joe Mattingly – absent
- Active Athletes – Julie Bullock - absent
- Endurance Director’s Report – Vonita Bowers

- Vonita reported that the WEG has signed a Discipline Manager for the Endurance portion of the 2010 WEG.
- 30+ horse/rider teams have applied to compete at the 2008 WEC.
- Work continues on a Pan Am/North American Championship
- All the USEF endurance committees have reviewed and commented on the proposed FEI rule changes. Those comments will be forwarded to this committee.

**5. FUNDING FOR FEI RIDES – APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS X 2**

- AERC-I received an application from the Goethe Challenge seeking \$800.00 through the AERC-I loan program. Cia and Lynn both support this application; this is an established ride with excellent ride management and should receive sufficient support from FEI riders to be financially worthwhile. Lynn moved that we approve the loan application for \$800.00. Martha seconded and the motion passed unanimously
- AERC-I received an application from the Git-R-Done ride seeking \$800.00 through the AERC-I loan program. Carolyn and Teresa both support this application; this is an established ride with excellent ride management and the course will be conducive to riders receiving their COC. Carolyn moved that we approve the loan application for \$800.00. Holly seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Carol will contact Betty to have the checks written to the applicants. She will also verify with the applicants that they understand this is a loan and must be repaid no later than 30 days after the ride.

**6. AERC COMPETITION COMMITTEE LIASON**

- Carol explained that the chair of the AERC Competitions Committee asked that a liaison from AERC-I be appointed to the Competitions Committee. The chair asked that the person be particularly knowledgeable about the current status of events in FEI. It was felt by both Carol and the Chair of the competitions Committee that the best candidate was Michele since she serves on the USEF Technical Committee. Michele has agreed to serve in this capacity.

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

- Jan reports they continue to work on the trail and continue organizing the Apex clinic. She is unsure at this time how many entries there may be. She continues to work on the junior rider/AERC sponsor issue.

**8. USEF Youth Council Rep – Kirsten Kimble**

- Kirstin asks that the zone reps seek out youth in their region and encourage them to apply for the USEF Sportsman Award. Details are in this month's EN.

**9. Procedures revision.**

- Teresa reports that, depending on the format that is decided upon for a Pan Am/North American Championship, the major issue AERC-I will face is whether to maintain the current zones or to change to regions that mirror the AERC regions. Also, in light of the evolving responsibilities being assumed by the USEF committees, AERC-I should consider what role it will play in promoting international riding. Some issues that committee members felt we should focus on include: (1) dissemination of information to riders; (2) FEI ride manager support; (3) rider development with particular focus on young riders; and (4) obtaining more support from AERC. Vonita reports that some of the other grassroots groups have particularly effective high performance committee. She will see if she can get some of their working documents for this committee to review. Carol asks that all zone reps consider what they see as AERC-Is future role. This discussion will be continued in the future.

Due to a lack of time, Carol asked that the remainder of the agenda be tabled and the meeting was concluded.