

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

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

Absent: Carol Giles – Chair (Excused)  
Jeremy Olson – Central  
Grace Ramsey – Central  
Martha McMurray – Mountain  
Carolyn Hock – Pac South

**1. Agenda**

- Teresa moved to approve the agenda for the October 7, 2008 meeting. Holly seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.

**2. Minutes**

- Hal moved to approve the October minutes. Holly seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.

**3. Treasurer's Report – Betty Baker**

- Betty reported on the financial status of the committee.

**4. Loan Application – Lynn Kennelly**

- Teresa moved to approve the loan application from the Vermont 100. Cia seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**5. Zone Rep Replacement**

- Hal moved to accept Dinah Rojak as the replacement for Lynn Kennelly as east zone rep. Michele seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved.

**6. WEG Update – Emmett Ross**

- Emmitt reports that the WEG course is developing nicely. It will not be a totally flat, fast course, as he is incorporating a lot of creek crossings. He anticipates the winning time will be around 18 km/hr. The start and finish will be on the polo park at the horse park.
- Qualifications for the ride have yet to be determined, but Emmett anticipates that they will include 3\* ride plus a COC in the range of 11 hours.
- The technical delegate has not been selected yet.

**7. Test Event – Emmett Ross/Tony Benedetti**

- The test event will be held on Wednesday Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be a 4\* championship ride run concurrently with a 3\* national event with a projected 80-90 horses competing.
- Horse/riders for the zones would be picked from the ranking list. Becky Hart would then pick her 6 horses to field in the NAEC and the rest would compete in the Challenge ride.
- The test event will be run like the old Pan American Championship/North American Championship. It will be called the North American Endurance Challenge. There will also be a 75-mile ride for foreign riders only.

**8. Splitting of East Zone – Tony Benedetti**

- The IHP is recommending that AERC-I consider voting to split the current East Zone into North East and South East with Virginia being the dividing line (Virginia would be included in the SE). This would allow the US to send an additional 6-8 horse to the Challenge ride. IHP would like this committee to vote on this change at our Nov. meeting.
- Teresa reminded the committee of the need to revise its mission statement.
- No USEF approval is needed for AERC-I to make this change

**9. IHP – Joe Mattingly**

- IHP dues will change next year to \$35.00 per ride with no cap. This will need to be paid for every FEI ride entered.

**10. Endurance Director’s Report – Vonita Bowers**

- The schedule for endurance at the USEF annual meeting will be Friday from 2-5 pm in Ohio. AERC-I and USEF meetings at the AERC convention are being scheduled for Sunday afternoon due to complaints about the meetings conflicting with AERC speakers/meetings at last years’ convention.
- No word on the new FEI rules.

**11. USEF Junior Committee – Jan Stevens**

- Jan reports that all riders under 18 will have to pay full USEF membership dues starting in 2009. No junior discount will be available.

The remainder of the agenda was tabled and the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m. pacific time.