

Minutes
AERC-I Conference Call
Tuesday, September 2, 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
Betty Baker, Treasurer
Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Representative
Jan Stevens, Junior Committee
Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee
Joe Mattingly, USEF High Performance
Jeremy Olson – Central
Grace Ramsey – Central
Lynn Kenelly – East
Cia Reis - East
Holly Ulyate - Mountain
Martha McMurray – Mountain
Hal Hall – Pac North
Teresa Cross – Pac South

Absent: Kathy Brunjes, Advisor
Carolyn Hock – Pac South
Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance Director (excused)
Michele Roush – Pac North

- 1. Agenda**
 - Jeremy moved to approve the agenda for the September 2, 2008 meeting. Cia seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.

- 2. Minutes**
 - Hal moved to approve the August minutes as corrected. Cia seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.

- 3. Treasurer's Report – Betty Baker**
 - Betty reported that the FEI loan funds approved by the committee have been paid and received by the ride managers.
 - Kirstin has forwarded the monies received by the youth fund raising efforts. These funds have not yet been added to the youth budget.
 - The AERC-I 2009 budget was sent to the board. We have not received any indication that the board had questions or concerns regarding the budget.
 - AERC-I currently has \$13,650 in its checking accounts plus the \$25,000 in its CDs. We are showing a profit of approximately \$300 to date this year.

- 4. USEF Update**
 - Technical committee – Mike Tomlinson

- Plans are being made to determine what types of officials' classes are needed and to schedule and plan those classes.
- International High Performance – Joe Mattingly
 - There is a training session scheduled in Florida for those riders nominated for Malaysia. The final horse/rider combinations will leave from Florida.
 - USEF will send out new ballots as some eligible individuals were inadvertently left off the lists.
 - Work continues on the North American Championship. They will submit an application for the ride soon. It is hoped that it will be combined with the WEG preride in Kentucky on September 27, 2008.
 - The IHP is working on selection procedures for the North American Championship, the Pan Am and the WEG. It hopes to have these competed by this fall.
- Active Athletes – Julie Bullock - absent
- Endurance Director's Report – Vonita Bowers – absent
- IHP Developing Rider Program – Mike, Michele, Lynn, Hal
 - Hal reports that the committee is working to move the project forward and he anticipates that it will make a more substantive report next month.

5. Zone Elections

- Not required until 2009. Carol listed those zone reps whose terms will expire at that time.

6. AERC Competition Committee Liaison – Michele - absent

7. Youth Sportsman Nomination

- The committee reviewed the submitted nomination materials. After discussion, Grace moved to nominate Jennifer Stevens as the AERC nominee for the USEF Youth Sportsman Award. Martha seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8. USEF Youth Council Rep – Kirstin Kimbler

- Kirstin reports that she has been working closely with Vonita to get lots of publicity on the recent the NAYRC.
- The Youth Council is busy planning the upcoming convention. Several excellent seminars are planned.
- Kirstin is working on a coloring book featuring all the various breed and equestrian disciplines available. The hope is that this will ultimately be published. The Youth Council is also starting a line of clothing that will be available for purchase.
- Kirstin asked all the zone reps to actively encourage youth in their region to attend the USEF Youth convention. Joe commented on the very worthwhile activities planned.

9. **Vice Chair Position**
 - Carol reported that Lynn has agreed to accept the Vice Chair position. It is anticipated that Dinah Rojak will agree to take over Lynn's zone rep position. Carol will follow up with Dinah.
10. **Goals/Activities/Directions from AERC Board to AERC-I**
 - None
11. **Report From Zone Reps**
 - The zone reps reported on various rides in their regions and what type of rider response has been observed.
 - Zone reps asked when we can expect to see the new FEI rules. Joe indicated that the new rules were supposed to have been issued the 1st of September, so he hopes to receive and distribute them as soon as possible.
12. **Reception 2010 WEG**
 - Carol will try to talk with Emmett regarding the idea that AERC-I host an endurance reception at the WEG.
13. **Revision of AERC-I procedure booklet**
 - It was agreed that AERC-I and the USEF IHP Committee need to work together to decide what mission AERC-I should serve. It was decided to wait to undertake this until we see what the new FEI rules.
14. **Open Discussion**
 - Carol asked that zone reps start thinking about topics for convention.