

**Minutes**  
**AERC-I Conference Call**  
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**Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

**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**  
**Betty Baker – Treasurer**  
**Mike Tomlinson - USEF Technical Committee**  
**Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance Director (excused)**  
**Kirsten Kimbler – USEF Youth Council Representative**  
**Jeremy Olson – Central**  
**Grace Ramsey – Central**  
**Martha McMurray – Mountain**  
**Hal Hall – Pac North**  
**Michele Roush – Pac North**  
**Teresa Cross – Pac South**  
**Carolyn Hock – Pac South**  
**Dinah Rojak - East**

**Absent:**

**Carol Giles – Chair (excused)**  
**Joe Mattingly - USEF High Performance**  
**Jan Stevens – Junior Committee**  
**Holly Ulyate – Mountain**  
**Cia Reis – East**

1. **Agenda:** Michele moved to approve the agenda for the December 2, 2008 meeting. Carolyn seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** Betty makes correction to Dec 2 minutes that we have \$13,489.00 not \$1,349.00 in cash and roughly \$25,000 in CDs. Hal moves to approve the corrected minutes and Michele seconded and the motion passes unanimously
3. **Treasurer's Report – Betty Baker**
  - Betty reported that AERC-I has \$13490.00 in cash plus \$25,000 in CDs. To date, our income has been \$8,200 with expenses of \$6,574 for a net profit of \$1,634.
  - One FEI loan has been repaid. We have two loans outstanding.
  - Betty continues to work with USEF to collect their contribution to the welcome reception.
  - Teresa Cross and Jeremy Olson will work to resolve two outstanding debts currently owed to AERC-I (one for plane fare and one for merchandise). The committee will continue to monitor this.

4. **USEF Update – Technical Committee – Mike Tomlinson**
  - There will be a level 2 stewards' course at the Galt House February 22-24 following the AERC convention.
  - There will also be a meeting of all endurance officials at the upcoming USEF convention and they will discuss new rules via phone conference Friday 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
5. **USEF Update – High Performance Committee – Joe Mattingly – Absent**
6. **USEF Update – Developing Rider Program**
  - No activity until further notice.
7. **USEF Update – Endurance Director's Report – Vonita Bowers**
  - The Directors Report (see attached) reviews all current information – nothing pressing to review at this time.
8. **USEF Update – USEF Youth Council Rep – Kirsten Kimbler**
  - Kirsten discussed the upcoming youth portion of the USEF convention. She requested \$300 from the youth budget to be split evenly amongst the participating youth to help offset costs to attend. Hal moves to give \$300 for this purpose. Grace seconds and the motion passes unanimously. Kirsten will keep Betty updated on the fund disbursement.
9. **Competitions Committee Liaison – Michele Roush**
  - Michele reports there is no activity.
10. **Convention**
  - Hal will work on the work schedule for the booth
  - Becky Hart and Emmett are our speakers. Suggested times for them to speak are 3-4 pm on Friday and 4:15-5:00 on Saturday. Carol/Lynn will follow-up with them to see which slot works best for them and will contact Kathleen to have them placed on the agenda.
  - Lynn moved to direct Betty to spend \$2000 to resupply merchandise supply using the horse head USA Endurance logo. Hal seconded and the motion passes unanimously. It was decided to go primarily with collared polo shirts. Betty will give us some color choices in time to get the merchandise for convention. Betty will have the inventory dropped shipped to Lynn who will bring it to convention.
  - Teresa suggested a 2 tier price for AERC-I merchandise for riders to take with them to out of country competition. Although there was overall agreement with the concept, this price tier will need to be developed before being implemented.
  - It was suggested to move the recognition of international riders to the Thursday evening welcome reception.

- Carol/Lynn will contact Holly to see if she will organize a slide show for the reception.
- Welcome reception: Martha is in contact with the hotel and is taking care of arrangements. We discussed having merchandise at the Welcome reception to sell while we have a captive audience.

**11. AERC-I Booklet**

- A discussion was held regarding the AERC-I chair and vice chair positions and who might be willing to serve.
- A discussion was held regarding the zone boundaries and whether they should be the same as the AERC zones. Additional discussion was held about the decline in western FEI rides/participation and what can be done to increase participation.

The remainder of the agenda was tabled, and the meeting was adjourned.

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**Director's Update January 6, 2009**

The Athlete Elections have been completed. The following are the Athletes elected to the Eligible Athletes Committee 2009-2012:

Kathy Brunjes

Carol Giles

Valerie Kanavy

Heather Reynolds

Jeremy Reynolds

Stephen Rojek

Michele Roush

Christoph Schork

Meg Sleeper

Marcia Smith

Stephanie Teeter

Three of these Committee members will be elected by the members to serve on the High Performance Committee as Athlete Representatives.

The AERC's Technical Committee Recommendations have been forwarded to Mr. O' Connor for appointment.

The new FEI Rules for Endurance have been circulated and are on the USEF Endurance page and the FEI website [www.horsesport.org](http://www.horsesport.org). There are also three other documents that are companions to the rules document. Those are posted just below the rules on both websites.

The procedures for the 2009 Pan American Championships are in their final stages of approval. The competition is April 24-26 in Costa Azul, Uruguay. It is a 120km race, and the qualification is the same as that listed for the Junior/Young Rider World Championships on the FEI website. There is no Athlete funding available. This information has been circulated to members of the Rider Ranking List.

The North American Planning is moving forward. The 4\* Competition has been dropped, since there is no nations qualifying in the new FEI Rules. The Team Challenge CEI3\* is planned for October 14.

The Endurance Committees will meet at the USEF Convention Jan. 16. The meetings are open. The primary agenda items are Selectors and Vet Panel for 2009-2010, Discussion of the past World Championship, and discussion of the High Performance Program going forward. The new Athletes committee will be seated. The new Technical Committee is not seated until March. Any of those new Technical members are invited to sit in on meetings between now and March. In addition to the meetings, the Youth Convention will be going on, and the Maggy Price Endurance Excellence Trophy will be awarded to Valerie Kanavy at the Pegasus Awards Dinner Saturday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>.

The AERC Convention meetings will be Sunday Afternoon from 1 to 5:00.

The Officials Course will be held beginning Sunday evening and continuing through Tuesday. For more information regarding the course, contact Mary Smith at [msmith@usef.org](mailto:msmith@usef.org).