

Minutes of the Meeting of  
**AMERICAN ENDURANCE RIDE CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**  
Tuesday, June 1, 2010

The members of the American Endurance Ride Conference International Committee (the "AERC-I") of the American Endurance Ride Conference held a meeting via Conference Call at the time and on the day set forth as follows:

TIME: 6:12 p.m., PST  
DATE: June 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Hal V. Hall, Chair.

Roll Call was made and the following Committee Members were present at the meeting:

Grace Ramsey, Central Zone Representative  
Bill Stevens, Mountain Zone Representative  
Sue Hedgecock, Mountain Zone Representative  
Brad Green, Pacific North Zone Representative  
Michele Roush, Pacific North Zone Representative  
Barbara Thomas, Pacific South Zone Representative  
Teresa Cross, Pacific South Zone Representative  
Connie Caudill, President  
Kathleen Hinkle, AERC Executive Director  
Jan Stevens, AERC-I Junior Committee  
Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee  
Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Representative  
Kathy Brunjes, USEF Active Athletes Committee

The following Committee Members were absent:

Betty Baker, Treasurer  
Carol Giles, Advisor  
Mary Farris, East Zone Representative  
Jennifer Poling, East Zone Representative  
Lynn Kenelly, Vice Chair  
Jeremy Olson, Central Zone Representative  
Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance director  
Joe Mattingly, USEF High Performance

Mr. Hall announced that a quorum of the Committee was present. Mr. Hall also served as the recording secretary.

**I. Agenda**

There being no objections the agenda was **ACCEPTED** as presented.

**II. Minutes:**

Upon a **MOTION** duly made by Dr. Roush seconded by Dr. Green the March 16, 2010 meeting minutes were unanimously **APPROVED** as previously mailed.

### III. Treasurer's Update

Ms. Baker was not in attendance and, as a result, Mr. Hall presented the Treasurer's Report that addressed the following:

- A. The AERC Office accountant provided Ms. Baker with balances of the Checking Account and the Certificate of Deposit as of March 15, 2010, of approximately \$46,600 which is substantially the same as before including dues since December 1, 2009 and some interest income less typical Committee expenses such as conference calls and convention related income and expenses. **Action Item:** Mr. Hall indicated that a more detailed accounting will follow under separate email cover.
- B. Difficulties continue to exist with the AERC Office over the recording of certain USEF Reception reimbursement to the AERC-I account. **Action Item:** Mr. Hall intends to follow up with AERC Office accountant with the status of these receivables and the recording to the AERC-I account.
- C. As a follow up to the last meeting's action item, Mr. Hall contacted Mr. Roger Taylor, the AERC Treasurer, as well as Mr. Tony Benedetti, past AERC-I Committee Chair, to determine their understanding of the contribution amount from Mark Dees over 15 years ago. It appears that the donation of \$25,000 is not restricted as to purpose but instead the Committee maintained a policy of preserving the corpus and spending only the interest income. Ms. Hinkle was also consulted and confirmed this understanding of the contribution. Mr. Hall also thanked Ms. Cross, Ms. Ramsey, and Dr. Tomlinson for their insight to providing clarification on this matter.
- D. Mr. Hall informed the Committee that Ms. Baker has resigned as Treasurer after eight years. The Committee offered their appreciation for Ms. Baker contribution toward the improvements made by her efforts.

### IV. Chair Report

Mr. Hall reported upon the following:

- A. As reported in the last meeting, Mr. Hall announced the idea of developing a Spending Plan that would incorporate, among other things, one or more grants to be made available to FEI organizing event manager to help defray costs associated with such endurance contests in addition to the existing loan program that the Committee offers. Discussion followed and Mr. Stevens suggested another approach that would draw added attention to qualifying horses and riders by improving upon the Star system of FEI rides and that may not require much funding as providing grants. Mr. Hall suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee members who volunteered during the last meeting hold a subsequent meeting to form ideas into recommendation at the next meeting. Mr. Hall reminded everyone that any ideas that surface that has a financial impact would require approval from the AERC Board of Directors. **Action Item:** The individuals who had volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee meet subsequent to this meeting. Other members may volunteer as the committee moves forward with their ideas and suggestions.
- B. As reported in the last meeting, Mr. Hall indicated his intention of resigning as Chair of the Committee once a replacement has been found and officially appointed by the AERC Board of Directors. Mr. Hall stated Dr. Roush has accepted the position pending AERC Board of Director approval. Ms. Caudill indicated that a formal

motion from the Committee is not required to be presented to the Board. Once approved, Mr. Hall has agreed to assume the duties of Treasurer on an interim basis until which time a replacement has been located and approved by the Committee.

- C. Mr. Hall directed attention be given by those in attendance to the 2010 AERC-I Endurance News (EN) Articles Tentative Schedule. Dr. Roush indicated that Mr. Emmett Ross is willing to provide an article about the upcoming WEG in Kentucky, that Bill and Jan Stevens will likely draft something about the Ft. Howes Ride, Kirsten Kimbler and/or Jan Stevens would hopefully write about the junior program, and Becky Hart will prepare something later in the year regarding the outcome of the WEG. Ms. Thomas suggested something be written that profiles the teams that are competing at the WEG. Action Item:

**V. Vice Chair Report**

Ms. Kenelly was not in attendance and no report was given.

**VI. Committee Advisor Report**

Ms. Giles was not in attendance and no report was given.

**VII. Zone Representative Reports**

The following reports were given:

- A. Dr. Roush explained concerns raised by international rides over the FEI versus AERC entry fees of the Git R Done Ride scheduled for this April. She also reported that the Desert Gold rides scheduled for late November 2010 will be FEI sanctioned. In addition, there has been application received for a new FEI Ride in Northern California for October 30, 2010. There are also tentatively planning to have the next North American Endurance Team Challenge (NAETC) in 2011 on the west coast.

**VIII. USEF Advisor Updates**

- A. Technical Committee – Dr. Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee Chair, reported upon the following:
  - 1. The NAETC will be held in either September or October in 2011 in Northern California. **Action Item:** Ms. Cross suggested that the NAETC decision be announced and placed in the schedule of event in AERC Endurance News.
  - 2. There is a need to have Ride Organizers receive further training on aspects of hosting a FEI ride.
- B. International High Performance (IHP) – Mr. Mattingly, USEF International High Performance Committee Chair, was not in attendance and no report was provided.
- C. Endurance Director’s Report – Ms. Bowers, USEF Endurance Director, was not in attendance and no report was provided.
- D. Active Athletes Committee – Kathy Brunjes, USEF Active Athletes Committee Chair, reported upon the following:

1. There are USEF endurance related meetings planned for June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>.
2. Both Becky Hart and Vonita Bowers have been to all three Regional Selection Trial locations. There remains a need for volunteers, timers, vet scribes, etc. at the upcoming Selection Trials
3. The NAETC will be held in either September or October in 2011 in Northern California and will likely be advertised in the AERC Endurance News.
4. The 2011 Selection Procedures are currently being reviewed by the USEF High Performance Committee.
5. It is hoped that the NAETC will be held every year versus every other year.
6. As far back as 1999 the AERC-I Committee provided a sum of money that went to the USA World Endurance Championship or World Equestrian Games endurance team. This was a donation made to USEF to help support the AERC riders representing the United States at the WEC and/or WEG. Upon a **MOTION** duly made by Ms. Cross, seconded by Dr. Roush the following was unanimously **APPROVED**:

The AERC-International Committee recommends to the AERC Board of Directors that a donation of \$2,000 from the AERC-International account be made to the USEF for use by the USA Endurance Team at the upcoming World Equestrian Games this September 2010 in Lexington, Kentucky. The check disbursement is to be delivered to the USEF Endurance Director.

- E. USEF Youth Council Representative Report – Ms. Kimbler report upon the following:
  1. The Youth Sportsman Award nomination process was discussed. **Action Item:** Ms. Kimbler will send past procedures to Dr. Roush in order to coordinate the announcement and handling of nominations.
  2. Planning continues regarding the USEF's North American Young Riders Championship (NAJYRC) in July 2010 as part of North American Youth Equestrian Games.
  3. The Sportsman Charter Award was recently won by Ms. Kimbler. The Committee offered their congratulations.
  4. Ms. Kimbler indicated that her term ends at the end of this year as the USEF Youth Council Representative. **Action Item:** Seek likely replacement candidates for the USEF Youth Council Representative position.

## **IX. AERC Liaison Update**

- A. AERC President – Ms. Connie Caudill did not have anything to report.
- B. AERC Executive Director – Ms. Kathleen Henkel did not have anything to report.
- C. Competitions Committee Liaison – Dr. Roush reported that she did not have anything to report.
- D. AERC-I Young Rider Sub-Committee – Ms. Jan Stevens did not have anything to report.

## **X. Adjournment**

There was no other business brought before the Committee and upon **MOTION** duly made by Ms. Ramsey, seconded by Ms. Hedgecock, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:12 p.m., PST. The next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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Hal V. Hall, Chair  
AERC-I Committee