

Minutes of the Meeting of
AMERICAN ENDURANCE RIDE CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 9, 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: 6:00 p.m., PST
DATE: November 9, 2010

- I.** The meeting was called to order by Michele Roush, Chair, at 6:02 PM Pacific time
II. Roll Call was made and the following Committee Members were present at the meeting:

Michele Roush, Chair
Teresa Cross, Pacific South Zone Representative
Lynn Kenelly, Vice Chair
Bill Stevens, Mountain Zone Representative
Sue Hedgecock, Mountain Zone Representative
Barbara Thomas, Pacific South Zone Representative
Jan Stevens, AERC-I Junior Committee
Kathy Brunjes, USEF Active Athletes Committee
Connie Caudill, AERC President
Hal V. Hall, Advisor & financial consultant
Brad Green, Pacific North Zone Representative
Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee
Grace Ramsey, Central Zone Representative

The following Committee Members were absent:

Wes Elford, DVM, Central Zone Representative
Kathleen Henkel, AERC Executive Director
Mary Farris, East Zone Representative
Jennifer Poling, East Zone Representative
Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance director
Joe Mattingly, USEF High Performance
Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Representative

Dr Roush announced that a quorum of the Committee was present, eventually. She also served as the recording secretary.

- III. Agenda**
Upon a **MOTION** duly made by Ms Thomas, seconded by Dr Green, the agenda was **ACCEPTED**.

- IV. Minutes:**

Upon a **MOTION** duly made by Ms Cross, seconded by Mr Stevens the Oct 5, 2010 meeting minutes were unanimously **APPROVED** as previously mailed.

V. Treasurer's Update

Mr. Hall gave a summary report of the October financial statement. The CD has not been rolled over, due to the fact that interest rates are not improving. The financial sub-committee will meet to address this issue.

VI. USEF Advisor Updates

- A. Technical Committee – Dr. Tomlinson announced that September 24, 2011, is the date for the NAETC (in California), and it is anticipated that 60-100 riders will participate. It will be a wonderful opportunity for many riders to gain championship-level FEI experience, and will not be limited to just five riders, as WEG will be. Riders need to start thinking now about getting horses qualified for this! There will be a total of 12 riders from each zone offered entries. This will include up to three teams of four riders per zone. Also, Canada East, Canada West, and Mexico will be offered entry for 12 rider/squad. There may be other foreign riders. Ms Stevens suggested offering a Young Riders division. Squad selection will come from the rider ranking list, but team selection will most likely be up to the zones to determine. Suggestions are most welcome, and can be sent to either Dr Tomlinson or Dr Roush for forwarding to the appropriate committees.
 - There will be officials' courses (TD/steward) held in conjunction with 2011 AERC convention. The status of the veterinary course is still in question, but most likely will not be offered, due to time conflicts with the AERC Veterinary CE program.
 - The USEF budget will soon be approved, and will be the same as it has been for the past couple of years.

- B. International High Performance (IHP) – Mr. Mattingly was not present, however, Ms Brunjes reported for him that there was a joint meeting of the Athletes and High Performance committees Nov 8, and items discussed were: 2011 ride calendar, ERRL procedures, NAETC, the need to repopulate both the USEF endurance veterinary panel and the selection committee. People are encouraged to submit potential names for consideration.

- C. Endurance Director's Report – Ms. Bowers was not present on the call

- D. Active Athletes Committee: Ms Brunjes reported that she was on the Athletes advisory committee meeting, during which time the budget was discussed. The HP budget will decrease by \$48,000, due to sponsorship fund allocation changes. An explanation of the allocation process is in the works
 - The endurance High Performance committee will meet Nov 20 and 21 to discuss WEG evaluation and procedures going forward. There was a very high response rate to the WEG survey (56 respondents of 65 surveys solicited), and Mr Mattingly is in the process of compiling the results of the survey.

- E. USEF Youth Council Representative Report – Ms. Kimbler was not present on the call.

VII. AERC I Young Rider Sub-Committee – Jan Stevens

Ms Stevens reported that Ms Bowers is working on the NAJYC, but that there is nothing new to report

VIII. Committee Advisor Report

Mr Hall reported that he attended the Oct 30 Lake Almanor FEI ride. The weather was good for riding, but was cold and rainy off and on. There were only two riders who achieved a current CoC time on the 160 km ride.

IX. AERC Liaison Update

- A. AERC President – Ms. Caudill suggested that if the NAETC wishes to have AERC sanctioning, it should be applied for ASAP, as it will require special sanctioning consideration
- A. AERC Executive Director – Ms. Henkel not on the call
- B. Competitions Committee Liaison – Dr. Roush reported that she did not have anything to report.

X. Chair Report

Dr Roush reported upon the following:

- A. Thank you to everyone who worked hard and participated in the nomination and selection process for the USEF AERC affiliates board position
- B. Convention:
 - Ms Cross has the merchandise. She will bring it to the Desert Gold ride for Dr Roush to pick up. Dr Roush will make a list of the inventory and report back to the committee
 - Holly is working on a slide show for convention
 - the topic of a reception was brought up, but consensus seems to be that since so much money went out this year for the WEG reception, it may be prudent to skip the AERC convention reception
 - potential speaker topic is NAETC, with a Q&A session as well, for NAETC and also for general questions
 - Ms Thomas suggested an out of discipline speaker. The committee has time to think about this.
- C. Endurance News page: Dr Roush welcomes any ideas for articles/topics for future issues. Ms Hedgecock suggested details of NAETC be published

XI. East Zone Split

Unfortunately, neither East Zone rep was in attendance. However, thanks to much work by Ms Farris, Dr Roush was able to present the ideas put forth for the split. These included the proposed demarcation line, a trial period, and a declare by date for riders to declare themselves either in the north or the south. After much discussion, including whether or not the issue should be decided upon with neither East Zone rep in attendance, Ms Cross made a motion and Ms Hedgecock seconded, thus:

1. Demarcation lines: the same as AERC, as it relates to Virginia and North Carolina, from that line continue along the Kentucky / West

Virginia line. (Kentucky and Tennessee falling in the South as far as the time line lands). Indiana and Ohio to fall into the Northeast zone.

2. Trial period of one year. At the end of the year, the split will be reassessed and a decision will be made to either extend the trial period, dissolve the split, or continue the split.
3. Declare by date will be the same as AERC (June?)
4. The established zone reps will split themselves (one north, one south), and will not be obligated to fill the second zone rep position during the trial period. Each newly created zone will have two votes, even if only one zone rep.

The motion passed unanimously.

XII. 2011 AERC convention

Covered earlier

XIII. Zone Rep reports

There were none

XIV. Other business

Ms Cross brought up the West FEI ride series (Buck Meadows in April 2011, Shine Only in May 2011, and Lake Almanor July 2011), and stated that there are already awards for finishing horses. The awards consist of stars for halter or bridle. Each horse that completes a 1* competition will receive one star concho. Upon completion of a 2* competition, the horse will receive a second star concho, and so on. Ms Cross would welcome additional donations for awards. The Pac North and Mountain zones, especially, might consider this, since they are the closest zones, geographically.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:06 Pacific.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Roush
AERC-I Committee Chair