

Minutes of the Meeting of
AMERICAN ENDURANCE RIDE CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 7, 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: September 7, 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
Mary Farris, East Zone Representative
Jennifer Poling, East Zone Representative
Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance director
Jan Stevens, AERC-I Junior Committee
Kathy Brunjes, USEF Active Athletes Committee
Joe Mattingly, USEF High Performance
Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee
Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Representative

The following Committee Members were absent:

Grace Ramsey, Central Zone Representative
Brad Green, Pacific North Zone Representative
Jeremy Olson, Central Zone Representative
Kathleen Henkel, AERC Executive Director
Connie Caudill, AERC President
Hal V. Hall, Advisor & financial consultant

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 Mr Stevens, seconded by Ms Thomas, the agenda was **ACCEPTED** with one change: the addition of a loan grant application from the Buck Meadows Boogie 2011 ride, brought forward by Ms Cross..

IV. Minutes:

Upon a **MOTION** duly made by Ms Thomas, seconded by Mr Stevens the Aug 3, 2010 meeting minutes were unanimously **APPROVED** as previously mailed.

V. Treasurer's Update

Mr. Hall was not present on the call.

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 officials' courses (TD/steward) held in conjunction with 2011 AERC convention. There will be no veterinary course offered at that time.

- B. International High Performance (IHP) – Mr. Mattingly, USEF International High Performance Committee Chair, reported that The Endurance Rider Ranking list procedures will be updated before the start of the next competition year.

- C. Endurance Director's Report – Ms. Bowers reported that:
 - the WEG team is currently at Shaker Village, near Lexington, Kentucky, and things are going well
 - Final selection will be on Sept 17 and the horses move into the WEG barns on the 24th
 - Vonita is working on WEG volunteer uniforms. People will have to buy the clothing themselves, but Vonita is working hard to make the cost reasonable. Same with accommodations for the 40-50 volunteers
 - Canada has not yet scheduled any rides for the 2011 season, but Vonita will soon send out the tentative calendar for US rides
 - Young Riders Championship for 2011 will be a full championship without additional qualifications required

- D. Active Athletes Committee: Ms Brunjes reported that There may be a joint committee meeting on the 13th of September. Vonita will send details. Shaker Village info from the team can be found on Heather's blog at reynoldsracing.us. John Long reported that ticket sales for WEG have increased, and are now projected to be at 90% of originally anticipated target sales. WEG is reserving \$1.5 million of day passes for those people who may decide to attend at the last minute. Ticket sales are currently averaging \$75-100,000 per day. WEG has also picked up a new sponsor for \$750,000. It is the high end clothing company that designed Princess Haya's wedding dress. WEG expects 350,000 attendees, and they are in the process of fine-tuning security. Due to drop in interest in professional golfing, NBC has allotted 2 more hours to WEG coverage on Oct 3.

- E. USEF Youth Council Representative Report – Ms. Kimbler asked zone reps to encourage application for the Youth Sportsman's Charter. Apps due Oct 1. She also encouraged them to be on the lookout for an eligible youth for the USEF Youth Council Rep, as her term is expiring.

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

- A. Ms Stevens reported that, despite a heat index of 103, the Young Riders Championship was successful. There were 14 starters and 10 finishers. East team took the gold, Central the silver, and Mountain West took the bronze. The East team went through 1114 pounds of ice for five horses.
- B. She reiterated the exciting news that the NAJYRC will be 4* next year

VIII. Committee Advisor Report

No report

IX. AERC Liaison Update

- A. AERC President – Ms. Caudill was not on the call
- 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.
- C.

X. Chair Report

Dr Roush reported upon the following:

- A. Jeremy Olson was reminded in person about tonight’s call, but failed to call in. He has expressed interest in remaining on the committee, but says it is difficult for him, since he lives half the time in the Middle East. Dr Roush will look into the procedure for replacing his position.
- B. Ms Cross moved to recommend Dr Roush to continue as chair of the committee. Ms Farris seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- C. Ms Thomas moved to recommend Ms Kenelly to continue as Vice Chair. Ms Cross seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Jennifer Poling volunteered to step up to take the lead on the WEG welcome reception. There was much discussion about possible ideas. Ms Cross made the motion to spend up to \$1000, and to request matching funds from AERC general fund, as this reception would be designed to showcase AERC rides, as well as enable all the riders to meet each other. Ms Thomas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

XI. WEG Banner

Ms Cross reported that she has not found the old banner, but she will continue to look. The committee took no further action regarding the purchase of a new one.

XII. WEG Festival discipline appreciation day

The matter was dropped. Ms Caudill had related to Dr Roush that AERC is not interested in participating.

XIII. Loan Grant Application: Buck Meadows

Ms Cross presented the application to the committee. This is an established ride with experienced officials signed up. All looks to be in order. Ms Cross made the motion to grant the loan of \$500 for FEI fees due now. Ms Kenelly seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, with Ms Cross abstaining.

XIV. Loan Grant Application: Patriots Day at Lake Almanor

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XV. East Zone Split

The zone reps have been active in discussing the issue. They are debating the location of the possible split, and whether it should occur along AERC regional lines, or if it should be made so that Virginia moves to the SE. There are currently 38 AERC I members in the NE region, and 59 in the SE. There is some trouble differentiating those who move to Florida for the winter. Virginia has 13 members. The numbers may change after WEG, but a decision should probably be made before the start of next competition year, so that the NAETC will fall under the new zones, if the East zone does, indeed, decide to split.

X. At this time, Mr Stevens made a motion to table the rest of the agenda and adjourn the meeting, due to time constraints. Ms Kenelly seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PST.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Roush
AERC-I Committee Chair