

Minutes of the Meeting of
AMERICAN ENDURANCE RIDE CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 4, 2011

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: January 4, 2011

- 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/advisors 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
Mike Tomlinson, USEF Technical Committee
Grace Ramsey, Central Zone Representative
Wes Elford, DVM, Central Zone Representative
Mary Farris, East Zone Representative
Jennifer Poling, East Zone Representative
Vonita Bowers, USEF Endurance director
Joe Mattingly, USEF High Performance

The following Committee Members/advisors were absent:

Kathleen Henkel, AERC Executive Director
Kirsten Kimbler, USEF Youth Council Representative
Hal V. Hall, Advisor & financial consultant
Brad Green, Pacific North Zone 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 Dr Elford, seconded by Ms Kenelly, the agenda was **ACCEPTED**.

- IV. Minutes:**

Upon a **MOTION** duly made by Ms Thomas, seconded by Ms Hedgecock the Nov 7, 2010 meeting minutes were unanimously **APPROVED** as previously mailed.

V. Treasurer's Update

Mr. Hall was not present on the call. Ms Brunjes made a note that the item on the financial report entitled "USEF Donation," is, in reality, a donation made from AERC International, specifically to the 2010 US WEG Endurance team. The verbiage should be corrected to so reflect this distinction. Dr Roush will follow up on this item.

VI. USEF Advisor Updates

- A. Technical Committee – Dr. Tomlinson reported that there is not much new with NAETC. The ad is in January's EN.
- There will be officials' courses (TD/steward) held in conjunction with 2011 AERC convention. This will be an advanced course, not open to people who are not already FEI officials.
 - There will not be a veterinary course offered at AERC convention, due to time conflicts with the AERC veterinary CE program. There may be an endurance-specific veterinary course offered in conjunction with the 2011 AAEP convention in San Antonio.
 - The USEF annual meeting is coming up quickly, the weekend of January 22.
 - It is time to start thinking about the 2012 FEI ride schedule.
- B. International High Performance (IHP) – Mr. Mattingly reported that the IHP committee had a very productive in-person meeting at the end of November in Chicago. The meeting targeted not only the future of the Chef position (current chef contract was not renewed), but also the cultural and practical process for the future of the endurance IHP program. The discussion was focused around the results of the survey sent to all WEG participants. The next step is for finalization of the process, to be determined at meetings at the USEF annual meeting in Lexington Jan 22, 8-10 AM. Call-in capability will be available.
- There is an endurance futurity program under development.
 - The new chef selection process will be discussed at USEF annual meeting, then at AERC convention, there will be preliminary discussion with candidates. The selection sub-committee consists of Tony Benedetti, Linda Howard, Kathy Brunjes and Joe Mattingly. They will forward the names of three candidates for consideration to the entire IHP committee. It is planned to hold candidate interviews in May or June, with selection of the new chef shortly thereafter.
 - It should be noted that the program under Chef Becky Hart was overall successful and positive in moving forward with program development.
- C. Endurance Director's Report – Ms. Bowers encourages the zone reps to call or email her for answers to NAETC questions. Her work number is 859 825 6001, and her cell is 859 321 7267. Her email is vbowers@usef.org
- The NAJYR championships July 2011 will be 2*, but will be held in conjunction with the entire Young Riders Championships, as a whole.
 - Don't forget to renew your memberships. USEF, USEF officials (if you renewed your general membership for three years, you still need to renew your officials' licenses each year), USET Foundation. Membership in the USET Foundation is important, when it comes to distribution of funds. Riders need to have their paperwork, including FEI registrations, done well before they start a competition.

- D. Active Athletes Committee: Ms Brunjes thanked everyone for voting for her. She was re-elected to the USEF board
 - The Active Athletes Advisory committee continues to discuss the budget process and unspecified corporate sponsorship fund allocation. She will share the summary of these items with the committee.
 - The Maggy Price Endurance Excellence Award is given to the athlete who accumulates the most number of points over the competition year, cumulatively, not just from the best two rides, as for the rider ranking list
 - Four riders will be attending this years' President's Cup: Jan Worthington, Ceci Stasiuk and Deborah Reich by OC invitation, and Valerie Kanavy by USEF selection.

- 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 the young riders division is open to those riders 14-21 years of age. 14 year olds need a letter of emancipation from AERC.

VIII. Committee Advisor Report

Mr Hall was not present on the call

IX. AERC Liaison Update

- A. AERC President – Ms. Caudill noted that after the announcement of the East Zone split, Valerie Kanavy emailed out a very helpful letter to all the AERC members in the new zones, inclusive, detailing the FEI process and some of the intricacies and cost expectations for riders wishing to attend the NAETC.
- 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. If anyone has material for the AERC I page in Endurance News, it will be welcomed. Please submit to Michele
- B. Zone reps should start thinking about zone staff for NAETC. In particular, the chefs d'equipe should be chosen as soon as possible so that fund raising and planning can begin.
- C. Congratulations to Ms Stevens for moving onto the USEF Board as the AERC Affiliate member. The process will be official very soon

XI. 2011 AERC convention

- i. Speaker to be a panel of Mike Tomlinson, Tony Benedetti, and Kassandra DiMaggio, regarding the NAETC and nuts and bolts of FEI riding and qualifications

- ii. Merchandise. Dr Roush read the inventory list from Ms Cross. Ms Stevens indicated that she had found additional inventory amongst the Ft Howes equipment. It was determined that there is not enough inventory in stock. Ms Cross, Ms Stevens, and Ms Hedgecock will undertake to find out who was the previous supplier (Amanda Taylor's husband, Larry) and possibly work with him to create a new order for this year. There was a motion from Ms Farris, seconded by Ms Hedgecock and Dr Elford, to approve spending of up to \$1500 for new merchandise. Ms Caudill indicated that submission of these minutes to the AERC office would enable the board to approve this budget item. Many ideas as to differing logos and items (towels, sweatshirts, thermoses, T-shirts) were discussed. However, the discussion had to be cut short due to lack of time before the meeting hour ended.
- iii. Zone reps are asked to volunteer for convention booth duty. A schedule will be sent round.
- iv. Sunday morning was discussed for the AERC I meeting at convention. Zone reps were asked to submit their preferred time/day to Dr Roush by the end of the week.

XII. Zone Rep reports

Ms Hedgecock is concerned over how to pull her zone together for the NAETC. She is welcome to call Dr Roush for ideas. It would also be a good idea to speak with people who have been there in previous years.

Dr Elford expressed concern over how FEI vets are selected to work FEI rides. He would like to make sure that all vets are getting opportunities to work rides to keep their licenses current. Dr Roush will submit this concern to the USEF Technical committee.

XIII. Other business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:12 Pacific with a motion by Ms Hedgecock, seconded by Ms Thomas.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Roush
AERC-I Committee Chair