

## **August 21, 2008 (Teleconference)**

### **Ride and Tie Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Don Betts, (President), Steve Anderson, (Treasurer), Don Strong, Ted Ruprecht, Melanie Weir, Jim Steere, (Emeritus), Melissa Queen (Youth Representative), Greg Fellers (Head Veterinarian)

**Absent:** Pat/Nita Browning, Lani Newcomb, Rufus Schneider, Cindi Brown

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

The Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and corrections were made. The minutes were approved as corrected. (Motion: Mary Tiscornia, Second: Ted Ruprecht)

**President's Report--Don Betts:** Our tax payment was not sent in on time and we owe a fine to the IRS. Since Don was responsible for getting them in on time, he will personally pay the fine.

**Treasurer's Report—Steve Anderson:** The balance in the Wells Fargo checking account is \$13,148.20. There are checks outstanding which have not been cashed. When they are cashed our balance will be \$11,177.12. Steve has not yet received all the figures necessary to make a report on the championship. Ted has mailed Steve a spreadsheet which will be helpful to him in understanding what occurred during Ted's time as Treasurer.

**Achievement and Special Awards—Ted Ruprecht:** Ted would like to know if there is a budgeted amount for awards and if so, what it is. Discussion followed about what awards were given out this year and why the amount paid for them was so much less than the year before. Don Strong will ask his wife, Kearson, what was actually purchased and what was donated this year and this will be an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Sponsors and Merchandise—Don Strong:** Don suggests that we send something to the sponsors as a thank you for their donation. He thought a t-shirt from the championship for that year would be appropriate. Don Betts reported that the sponsors all receive thank you letters and copies of the newsletter in which their ads are run in addition to the Championship Program. Annie added that she tries to get a photo of the recipients of the prizes won and put it in the Championship Issue of the newsletter which follows the event. Melissa Queen suggested that we send a photo from the race, perhaps the race start, to the sponsors for them to put on their wall. This would promote our sport as well as thank them.

**Statistics and Archives—Steve Anderson:** Steve reports that as of this week, there have been 162 race participants from 115 different participants. There have been 13 Man/Man teams, 16 Man/Woman teams and 22 Woman/Woman teams. Steve is compiling statistics for the Horse Hall of Fame for 2009, 2010 and 2011.

**Website—Melanie Weir:** Melanie is working with Trish to get the website up to date. She has asked Trish to make changes and gradually they are being done. Melanie can

now make some of the changes herself. If errors or problems are noticed on the website, please contact Melanie and she will see that corrections are made.

**Head Veterinarian—Greg Fellers:** Greg is excited about being our new veterinarian and looks forward to working with the Association and at the Championship next year.

**Youth Representative—Melissa Queen:** Melissa, reporting from New Zealand is happy to be included in the Board meetings and is looking for ways to encourage young participants. Don Betts reports that he is offering a \$15 discount to riders 18 years old and younger at the Lost Mountain Ranch Ride & Tie in September.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Director's Insurance—Don Betts:** Don has received the insurance proposal for the Directors Insurance and will contact Don Strong for a final check to make sure everything is covered that we need covered before signing and sending in the payment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2007 Championship Saddle Raffle—Ted Ruprecht:** Ted has heard from the winner of the saddle raffled off at the 2007 Championship which was purchased from Annie George at Annie's Saddles. The winner of the saddle has still not received her saddle and has been told by Annie George that she will begin making it in December. Don Strong who has been the liaison between the Association and Annie George has spoken to Ms. George but has not heard directly from the winner. Discussion followed regarding the possible courses of action and it was decided that Don Strong will continue to work with the saddle maker and the winner. In the future the Association will not raffle off a saddle unless the saddle is there at the championship.

**Change of Signatures:** Ted Ruprecht moved that we add Steve Anderson to and remove Ted Ruprecht from the GARN Group Insurance and the Dodge-Cox fund and that Steve Anderson be added to the signature card for all existing CDs. Motion was seconded by Don Strong. Motion was accepted unanimously.

**Change in Association By-Laws:** Don Strong moved that we change the Ride and Tie Association By-Laws to make the Association's Head Veterinarian a voting member of the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Jim Steere and passed unanimously. Don Betts will find out what it will take to make the change.

**2009 Championship:** Don Betts reports that at next year's Championship there will be a limit of 50 teams due to camping space and popularity of the Cuneo Creek race site.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:05**

The next meeting will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM Pacific Time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Annie Betts