

**Ride and Tie Association
Board of Directors Meeting
July 8, 2005**

Meeting held at the home of Beth and Ken Alkire, Libby, Montana.

Present: Don Betts, (President), Mary Tiscornia, (Vice President), Rufus Schneider, Nita Browning, John Osterweis, Dawn Hartsock, Laurie Wilson, Steve Shaw, Jim Steere and Annie Betts as scribe.

Absent: Thom Steere, Sid Sullivan (Treasurer) and Lani Newcomb

The meeting was called to order at 12:21 PM. Don gave copies of the Association By-laws to all board members.

Minutes from the Board Meeting in May were read and corrections were made to the wording of the definition of Novice and Amateur. The minutes as corrected were approved.

SEATING OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS: New board members, Dawn Hartsock (3 year term), Laurie Wilson, (3 year term) and Ted Ruprecht (2 year term) were seated. Re-elected Board Member, Mary Tiscornia was welcomed back and retiring Board member, John Osterweis was thanked for his years of service to the association.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: After some discussion about what was expected of a Vice President, Steve Shaw nominated Rufus Schneider to be Vice President. Laurie Wilson seconded the nomination. The board voted unanimously for Rufus.

PRESIDENT/ RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Don reports that there are currently 25 teams all paid up for the race. He is predicting at least 35 teams participating. The board made several positive comments about the race site and the wonderful hospitality of Gail and Jay Munro, in whose meadow the Championship Camp is located. They were also appreciative of the assistance given by Beth and Ken Alkire.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sid Sullivan was not present to give a report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Site for 2006 Championship: Don suggested that next year's championship should be in southern California as it has been 16 years since there has been one there. After discussion Jim moved that the race be held in Santa Ysabel, California (San Diego County) on June 17, 2006 with Rufus Schneider as race manager. Mary seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Site for 2007 Championship: Don suggested that the 2007 Championship should be held in northern California. Don suggested Taylorsville, Steve Shaw suggested Graham Hill in Santa Cruz, Ted Ruprecht suggested Cuneo Creek (near the Avenue of the Giants on the coast of California) and Jim Steere suggested a site near San Francisco. Nita moved that Don, Jim, Steve and Ted all research the possibilities of using these sites and present their findings at the next board meeting. John seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved.

Audit of Association Accounts: Steve has requested that the Association accounts be audited. Discussion followed. John suggested that a review rather than an audit would be preferable due to the expense of an audit. Laurie made a motion that Steve look into the cost of a review and/or an audit to be presented at the next board meeting. Jim seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Pat's Purse: Nita Browning requests that in the future the wording of the Pat's Purse Prize be changed to reflect that Pat's Purse will be given to the winning team if one person on the team has never won a championship.

Steve initiated a discussion about the relationship between AERC and the Ride and Tie Association. He would like to see an official liaison and a more official connection to AERC. Discussion followed and concerns were voiced about whether or not a closer connection would benefit or harm this association. No motion was made and no decision was forthcoming.

Discussion continued about the upcoming championship:

-- Photographers from Horse-TV will be filming the event and the association will get a copy and rights to the dvd produced. The \$2000 allotted to be used at Don's discretion for filming will not be needed.

--Concern about logging and crewless teams was expressed by Ted.

--Jim had some concerns about the race start and getting the teams across Pipecreek Road. Don told him about his traffic control plan.

■ John was in favor of a controlled start but Jim said it wasn't necessary with the traffic plan on the road.

■ ---The usefulness of a trot-by was reviewed. Jim believes it useless from the perspective of a veterinarian.

The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2005 at 6 PM by telephone conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49.

Respectfully Submitted,
Annie Betts
July 9, 2005