

**Ride and Tie Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
March 15, 2007-Teleconference, called to order 1805 hours**

Present

Board Members: Don Betts (President), Rufus Schneider arrived 1850 (Vice President), Dawn Hartsock (Secretary), Ted Ruprecht (Treasurer), Steve Anderson, Nita Browning, Lani Newcomb, Steve Shaw, Jim Steere, Don Strong, Mary Tiscornia
Administration: Lisa Preston
Guests: Chris Amaral, Annie Betts

Steve Anderson moved to approve minutes from 12/14/06 Board meeting. Mary Tiscornia seconded. Unanimous verbal vote to approve previous minutes.

Reports

2007 Championship Race Report-Chris Amaral

The special event permit process is underway for getting the Cuneo Creek site for our Championship. Race clocks are secured. The vet checks will be 2-3 miles from camp in the overflow parking lot. A shuttle will be available for crew. The course is being designed with a goal of high completion ratio. The long course will be 33-35 miles and the short course, 16-18. Coin operated hot showers are available. Bring quarters! The finish will be in sight of camp, but without the final creek crossing.

Chris says he would like help with awards, other give-aways and will need more volunteers. Vendors setting up at the camp include a running shop and various tack sales. Chris will be using a local photographer who makes CDs of all the pictures for sale at the Championship. He hopes to find a horseshoer to be available at ride camp.

There is no cell phone reception in camp. Chris is looking into getting local ham operators to operate check points and emergency communication. Chris is planning entertainment Saturday night. Jim Steere is working on getting additional vets.

Don Betts added that the Board of Directors' meeting with officer elections will be held at 11 AM Thursday and the General Membership meeting will be at 2 PM on Thursday.

Ted Ruprecht reports that Bud Johns will attend the Championship. He mentioned that there are no RV hookups at the horse camp but the nearby campground has hook-ups.

President's Report-Don Betts

-New service on conference calls should save money. Last bill was \$540, this one should be less than \$150.

-120 handbooks were mailed in January to members of the Association; 190 March newsletters (with renewal reminders as needed) plus 25 complimentary newsletters were mailed out in March.

-We have three Board of Director's candidates for the upcoming election. In the future we should consider protecting geographical diversity. For example, if Rufus hadn't decided to remain on the Board, there might not have been anyone representing southern California on the Board.

-In January, Don and Annie attended the AERC conference in Henrietta, Oklahoma. Even though we arrived in time for the ice storm, those attending were very interested in learning about Ride & Tie. There will be a new race in Texas in April (Hog Scramble).

-Don has no recent news on the possibility of having the 2010 Championship at the FEI in Lexington, KY.

Treasurer's Report-Ted Ruprecht

Ted reported that he recorded a \$328.60 telephone expenditure from 2006 onto the 2007. Steve Shaw requested hard balances on Race, Administration and Endowment accounts. Ted placed some funds into CDs, pointed out we should get a stipend from the endowment fund. Mary will speak to John Osterweis on reports and stipends. Steve Shaw advised that the Board of Directors must request the stipend. It is supposed to take 5% per year. The last endowment transfer was in 2001. Don Betts advised changing signatory names on the Dodge Cox account is on new business.

Sanctioning Report-Lani Newcomb

2007 has 24 events with 11 extra race days due to multi-day events and may have more still to be sanctioned in

the Northwest. Insurance for renewal is due April 1st, so sanctioning is best done by then.

Championship Coordinator-Rufus Schneider

Rufus will call Chris Amaral on the buckles and also advise him on what items sold best at 06 Championship.

Future Race Sites Report- Nita Browning

Nita had nothing new to report but Don Betts reported John Osterweis is working on a site near Prineville, OR.

Achievement Awards Report- Dawn Hartsock-

Dawn is looking into leather halters with brass nameplates for horses and polar fleece jackets for human competitors. The first set of water bottles for Pro/Am teams have been printed and distributed to Race Directors.

Special Awards- Ted Ruprecht—

The certificates and pins awarded previously were nice awards, done by Don Strong, will be done again.

Horse Hall of Fame Report- Mary Tiscornia

Currently to be considered for the Horse Hall of Fame a horse must be nominated by the rider and must be retired from ride & tie racing. She feels that the qualifications are too stringent. Rufus agreed, saying even Justin didn't qualify. Mary will work to develop new qualifications and the Board will review them.

Merchandising Report- Don Strong-

Platinum Performance, Ride magazine and Big Stone, which publishes Trail Runner, are sponsoring the Championship. Some of these sponsors are also buying advertising space. Hi-Tack, Griffins and Easyboot are other possible sponsors.

Statistics Report- Steve Anderson

Steve presented the list of persons eligible for multi-championship pins and awards. Competitors being recognized as having completed 5, 10, 15 or 20 years of Ride & Tie Championships are

25 Years: George Hall and Jim Howard; 20 Years: Don Betts and Steve Shaw; 15 years: Curt Riffle;

10 years: Frank Lieberman, Melissa Ribley, Thom Steere, Sid Sullivan and Laurie Wilson;

5 years: Jonnie Alper, Jerome Beauchamp, Doyle Eggers, Jonathon Jordan, Rick Noer, Lari Shea and Melanie Weir.

Old Business

Director's Insurance. Don Strong advised a \$5,000 deductible for a non-profit like the Association would cost about \$1,250 and recommended getting this Directors and Officers' insurance. Nita was in favor of getting a hard quote. Don Strong, Ted Ruprecht and Don Betts will work to get a quote for the next Board meeting.

New Business

1) The budget was submitted by Ted Ruprecht. Don Strong motioned to approve, Steve Anderson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

2) Don reports that Leah Mirsch's name needs to be removed from the Dodge Cox signature card and Don Betts and Ted Ruprecht need to be added. Nita Browning so moved. Steve Anderson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3) Don Strong asked about the Best Condition award criteria. Jim Steere will review the current form and make recommendations at the next board meeting.

Adjourned 1923 hours

Next Meeting scheduled for conference call 5/15/07@1800 PST

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Preston