

Minutes of the Ride and Tie Association

March 27, 2008

Telephone Conference

Present: Don Betts, Rufus Schneider, Ted Ruprecht, Mary Tiscornia, Pat & Nita Browning, Steve Anderson, Dawn Hartsock, Don Strong and Lani Newcomb (Annie Betts as minutes recorder)

Visitor: Dennis Miller, Championship Race Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Minutes from the November 8th meeting were approved

REPORTS:

2008 Championship – Dennis Miller

The land owners have given their permission for their trails to be used at the championship. The Forest Service Special Use Permit application is nearly complete. Dennis is meeting with local groups to coordinate trail use on the day of the Championship and to enlist their assistance in working on the trails and providing volunteers on race day. Joe Tomaselli has been checking out the trails. As of last weekend, they were still covered with snow. Dennis described the trails and locations of vet checks and discussion followed. Pat Browning will arrange a time to go to Taylorsville and meet with Dennis regarding the trails.

President's Report - Don Betts

We sent out permanent membership cards to lifetime and founding members.

This year's nominating committee made up of Annette Parsons, Sue Smythe, and Jane McGrath, approved the candidates for this year's Board of Directors election. They are: Dawn Hartsock, Don Strong, Cindy Brown and Melanie Weir. Ballots will be mailed out either in the May newsletter or at the same time.

I would like to make a list of past decisions by the Board of Directors for use in the future. Many items which have been decided, have been lost in past minutes. If you have minutes from Board of Directors meetings in the past, please copy them and send them to me, or write down items which have been voted on and the date and how they were decided, so I can make a simple list of them.

Treasurer's Report - Ted Ruprecht

We have \$57,449 in our account. Our CD matured, and earnings were \$2100 approximately.

Don Strong: I move that the treasurer, Ted Ruprecht, be instructed to reinvest \$40,000 in a certificate of deposit in a financial institute of his choosing. Lani Newcomb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ted has almost completed the tax info for Sid Sullivan. He will be sending it to him soon.

There is \$55, 533.68 in our Dodge Cox fund.

Championship Coordinator Report - Rufus Schneider

Rufus is working with Gist Silversmiths to create a new buckle for the championship.

Future Race Sites – Don Betts

We have two sites available for the Championship for the next two years.

2009 Cuneo Creek Campground in the Humboldt Redwoods. Chris Amaral, who put it on last year is willing to make the arrangements to get the site, permits, to mark the trails, and make arrangements with the caterers. We will need additional help from the Board of Directors.

2010: Steph Irving, Troutlake WA. Steph Irving has committed to taking on the 2010 Championship in Troutlake WA, at the site of the Pan Am games a couple of years ago.

Don Strong: I move that we accept and move ahead with plans to use these two sites for the Championship in 2009 and 2010. Seconded by Mary Tiscornia. Motion passed unanimously.

Achievement Awards - Dawn Hartsock

Steve Anderson is compiling results, and I am working on the awards.

Horse Hall of Fame - Mary Tiscornia

The Horse Hall of Fame Committee (Mary Tiscornia, Leah Mirsch and Steve Anderson) have developed a criteria for the Horse Hall of Fame. Horses, no longer competing, who have completed six championships, have finished in the top ten in at least three of them and have at least 800 career miles will be inducted into the Horse Hall of Fame. There are currently three horses ready for induction.

In the future we can consider giving special awards for other outstanding horses. Mary will write a short article for the newsletter requesting people who think their horse deserves special acknowledgement to send the information about their horse to Mary if there is interest, a second award, Award for Horse Contributing to the Sport of Ride & Tie may be developed.

Sponsor & Merchandise Report - Don Strong

Supracor, and Platinum Plus have agreed to sponsor the Championship again. Specialized Saddles will donate a saddle at cost (\$400) for our raffle. They will have a booth at our championship.

Statistics and Archives - Steve Anderson

Steve has sent the list of people who will be getting completion awards to Don Betts. He recommends that Don send a letter out to those people who are close to achieving an award to encourage them to attend the next Championship.

OLD BUSINESS:

Directors Insurance - Don Strong

Due to difficulty with the insurance company, we need to request another quote from another company.

Ted Ruprecht: I move that we repeal our motion of August 16 regarding directors' insurance and replace it with a motion that gives Don Strong and Don Betts the ability to go ahead with getting the director's insurance from another company. Mary Tiscornia seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Championship Race Director's Responsibilities - Dawn Hartsock

Don Betts and I have been working on a list of Race Directors Responsibilities. Some of the items will have a timeline. Suggestions from the other Board members have been included.

NEW BUSINESS: The new business items were covered in the reports.

Next Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2008

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Submitted by Annie Betts