

**Ride and Tie Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
Sept 14, 2006-Teleconference 1800 hours**

Present

Board Members: Don Betts (President), Rufus Schneider (Vice President), Dawn Hartsock (Secretary), Ted Ruprecht (Treasurer), Steve Anderson, Lani Newcomb, Don Strong, Jim Steere
Administration: Lisa Preston
Guest: Annie Betts

Absent

Nita Browning, Mary Tiscornia

Steve Anderson moved to approve minutes from 6.30.06 Board meeting, Jim Steere seconded. Unanimous verbal vote to approve previous minutes.

Reports

President's Report-Don Betts

R&T has joined the Horse Industry Council. This will put the R&T Association on their banner at over 240 tradeshow, give us a weblink and email newsletter access, and a 30 second spot on Horse TV.

Gary Zimmerman, executive president of the Arab Horse Association has discussed possibly taking over promoting and staging the Championship.

We need to evaluate the effect of the Sacramento expo; AERC convention is in February. Three Board members' terms will run out next year. Don and Ted are willing to serve again, Rufus is undecided.

Membership should be required to compete as one of our rules, which will be addressed by the sanctioning packet review, as it necessarily includes a rule review.

Novice awards are not always being given out.

Treasurer's Report-Ted Ruprecht-Race revenue should be kept separate from general funds. Signature card still not completed. Ted needs the Championship report from Rufus.

Sanctioning Report-Lani Newcomb-Reworking the packet with Dawn Hartsock, will be ready for next meeting. Lani pointed out that races do not follow existing rules strictly and this ought to be fixed.

Future Race Sites Report- Nita Browning, absent. No report.

Hall of Fame Report- Mary Tiscornia absent. No report.

Merchandising Report- Don Strong- menu of items on the website

(movingandgrooving.com) with special section for Race Directors. Don Betts would like to sell existing merchandise, possibly screening the word 'volunteer' over old race shirts

to give away, and sell old posters and buckles. Don Strong can handle mailing of these items. Don Strong will not vote on decisions regarding whether his company is used.

Statistics Report- Steve Anderson

2006 Total competitors to date: 160. Long Course: 105, Short Course: 55

In 17 races we had 310 participants.

If all members identified enter and complete the 2007 Championship, the following completion milestones may be reached:

Eligible for 5 completions = 6 people.

Eligible for 10 completions = 3 people

Eligible for 20 completions = 2 people

Eligible for 25 completions = 2 people

Sponsorship Report- Dawn Hartsock- Would like one-stop shopping for Race Directors to get merchandise, sponsorship info.

Championship report- Rufus Schneider will contact Chris Amaral.

Jim Steere- BC award Mary has not yet gotten with Jim on reworking the BC point system. Don Strong will email Jim on the BC points prior to the next meeting.

-Special Awards: Ted Ruprecht

Old Business

Director's Insurance. No report as Sid Sullivan was to do this. Ted Ruprecht will do it.

New Business

-Don Strong moved to approve joining HorseTV Industry Council. Steve Anderson seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

-Rufus Schneider opened discussion on the idea of banning perpetually unsuccessful competitors, as some members had asked her to bring this to the board. Many board members raised problems with the idea. No member supported it.

-Regarding increasing membership, Rufus Schneider suggested membership and race entry fees may be too low to garner sufficient respect.

-Don Strong raised Monterey Bay Horse Park will be completed in 2009 and would like to host a future Championship.

*Jim Steere left at 1848 hours.

*Ted Ruprecht left at 1912 hours.

Next Meeting scheduled for conference call 12/14/06@1800 PST

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Preston