

Ride and Tie Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2005
Teleconference

Meeting called to order at 6:11PM

Present: Don Betts, Steve Shaw, Sid Sullivan, Thom Steere, Jim Steere, Mary Tiscornia, Lani Newcomb, Nita Browning

Absent: Jon Osterweis, Rufus Schneider

Minutes of December 4, 2004 were read and adjusted to include: Funds for 2005 Race will be approved once a budget for that race is submitted. Motion to approve minutes, Nita, second, Lani, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sid: Copies of Financial Reports for both Race and Association have been received by all Board Members. Discussion of various accounts were held and three minor errors were noted that Sid will correct. Copies of Taxes are ready, Federal, and State, which Don will review and sign. Copies will be sent to all board members. Sid noted that the 2005 Budget is not correctly displayed to show the new venue and that will be revised with Don and a Balance Sheet will be compiled to show the entire balances of all accounts, Race and Association. The Insurance renewal needs to be finalized and is in the process of being done.

President's Report: Don: AERC Convention booth was staffed by Steve Anderson, Linda Anderson, Liz Carey and Alina Vale. Race completion pins have been sent out to all appropriate members. In addition, 120 generic pins are being distributed to members to assist in Public Relations and Education. The March/April newsletter is going out in the next weeks and Sharon is making extra copies, those to go out to the media as well as other affiliated organizations. Deadline for submissions to the May/June issue is May 15th. Don reported that we have three new educational mentors: Rachel Toor in Montana, Terry Pintane in Colorado, and Debbie and Dave Wagner in Utah.

Race Director, Don: The 2005 Race and Education Forum will be 35 miles and all vet checks will be in camp. Steve Shaw transported the race and materials trailer up to Seattle.

Jim Steere reported that he has contacted a group of skilled vets to assist and educate. There will be a Thursday potluck again, an Indian skills demonstration, Blue Grass group for the banquet and the Margarita Party hosted by Steve Shaw.

A one day membership was OK'D for participants in the Championship. In the past a Competitor's Membership was necessary. This will reduce Association revenue but may increase participation in the Race and Educational forum. Ride purses was discussed. There will be \$1,000 for each category, MM, MW, WW as well as Corky's Purse for the first team with an amateur, and Pat's purse for a winning team that includes a prior non-winning amateur (as defining in the media materials already sent out.)

Board Members: Don. There are 4 openings for the Board of Directors. John O. is not running again. A nominations committee of George Hall and Don Roth will submit a slate of nominees for ballot. Ballots will go out in the May June newsletter for current members to vote on.

Don Betts has asked the Board to think of obtaining something special for a past president, as a thank you for his service as well as for all of the time he spends as a mentor and Race Director currently.

Next Meeting will be a teleconference when the Race Budget and Balance Sheet is available.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectively Submitted: Steve Shaw