

**Ride and Tie Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 15, 2005**

**Meeting held as Conference Call**

**Present: Steve Shaw, Jim Steeres, Don Betts (President), Laurie Wilson, Mary Tiscornia, Dawn Hartsock, Ted Ruprecht, Lani Newcomb  
Absent: Sid Sullivan (Treasurer), Rufus Schneider (Vice President), Pat Browning**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM (Pacific Time)  
The minutes from the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Don and Annie purchased a new color laser printer, which they will use to print the newsletter. With the board's approval, they will charge the Association for the paper and ink. Steve Shaw moved that Don and Annie should charge whatever they deem appropriate. The board approved the motion.
- We will be sending the newsletter out through a new bulk mailing company. We will let the board members know when the newsletter is mailed and the board members will let us know when it arrives. In that way we will know if using the bulk mailing system is timely.
- New Ride & Tie Association flyers need to be printed with slight rewording and a new address.
- Don has started two online forums for discussion. One is for the Board of Directors only so that they can discuss items prior to the meetings. The second is for public use and discussion of Ride and Tie. It is Don's hope that this second discussion forum will lead to a sharing of information about rides, training and other Ride & Tie issues as well as providing support for those starting in Ride & Tie.
- Don will be sending out the 'invitations' to the 2006 Championship in January.

**Treasurer's Report** (Including report on all 3 bank accounts): Sid Sullivan was not present.

**2006 Race Directors Report:** Rufus Schneider was not present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Association Financial Review:** Steve Shaw. Steve has contacted three different firms in Idaho area and none will provide an estimate to do a simple review. Steve offered to make a simple internal review at no cost to the Association. Ted Ruprecht moved that Steve be allowed to do a simple review of our financial affairs. The motion was approved.

**Race Sites for 2007 Championship:** At past meetings Don Betts had suggested a site near Taylorsville, CA, Ted Ruprecht suggested a Cuneo Creek, CA site, and Jim Steere believed a site near San Francisco should be considered.

Ted reports no new information. Cuneo Creek has good facilities. The race director would be Chris Amaral. They have not approached the park because it is so early. Don encouraged Ted to approach the park.

Jim Steere reported that there are good trails and good camping at Cooley Ranch near Healdsburg, CA. He will be talking to the contact person next week and will report back to the board in February. There were some suggestions made about possible race directors who live in that area.

**Short Course Recognition:** (Dawn Hartsock) In discussion with Ride & Tie competitors Dawn has found a need for more recognition for those who participate in the short course events. Possible recognition would include division points, yearly awards and sanctioning the events. Dawn will write up a proposal for recognition of the short course and post it in the Association Board's forum for more discussion. No motion made.

**Insurance Costs for Championship:** (Lani Newcomb) Lani has had difficulty contacting Sid Sullivan to get the information needed. Continued until next meeting

**Payment for Championship Race Directors:** (Mary Tiscornia) Continued until next meeting

**Finish Line Clock:** (Laurie Wilson) Don reported that a new finish line clock would cost \$2630. Ted does not believe the Association needs to own their own clock, but could borrow or rent one for the Championship. Ted offered to be in charge of finding one for the 2006 Championship. Steve reported a possible donation source for a clock and will discuss the possibility with Ted. No motion needed.

**Board of Directors Positions for 2006:** Don Betts reported that the following board members will be ending their terms in 2006: Pat Browning, Lani Newcomb and Sid Sullivan. Don has asked Doyle Eggers to chair an election committee to assist with finding new board members. Persons wishing to serve on the Ride and Tie Association Board of Directors should contact Doyle Eggers. No motion needed

**Conventions in 2006:**

- Pacific Northwest Endurance Riders, Portland, OR, January 27-29 \$85 (Don and Annie Betts)
- Main Event , Vancouver WA February 17, 18, & 19 \$200 (Don and Annie Betts)
- Western States Horse Expo, Sacramento, June 9, 10, 11 \$700 (Don Strong) – Includes booth, outside horse stall and 10 minutes of demonstration time in one of the arenas.

There are three conventions being held in 2006 at which members have volunteered to have a booth. Ted moved that the board approve all three conventions. Mary seconded the motion. Approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TITLE CHANGE:** Don reports that Sharen McColl would like to have her title changed to Office Worker. The board unanimously agreed that the change could be made.

**ONLINE BOARD MEETINGS:** Don introduced the idea of having board meetings online to save the association approximately \$350 per meeting. Discussion followed. It was suggested that using the new Board of Directors forum would cut down on the length of the meetings. No motion was made.

**UTILITY TRAILER ACCIDENT REPORT:** Don reported that an accident occurred to the Association trailer while it was being hauled to San Diego. No injuries occurred, and the trailer has been repaired at Leucadia Auto Body. Rufus will pick up the trailer. The insurance company of the driver who ran into the trailer will pay for the repairs. No motion necessary.

**NEW ADDRESS FOR THE ASSOCIATION:** The Ride and Tie Association, P.O. Box 835, Alpine, CA 91903

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 6 PM Pacific Time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Betts for Sharen McColl