

**Ride and Tie Association  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
November 13, 2008-Teleconference, called to order 1804 hours**

**Present**

Board Members: Don Betts, Ted Ruprecht, Greg Fellers, Steve Anderson, Nita Browning, Mary Tiscornia, Cindy Brown and Melanie Weir. Melissa Queen at 1840 hours  
Administration: Lisa Preston  
Guests: Annie Betts

Not Present: Lani Newcomb, Don Strong, Rufus Schneider

There was a discussion to amend previous minutes from August to list the corrections to the June Minutes. The changes were to correct the Treasurer's report to show the Association Income as a negative \$6,985 and the Association Net income as a negative \$4293. There was an additional correction to list the holder of the CD as Coast Central Credit Union. It was also noted by Greg Fellers that Mary Tiscornia was not listed as present at the August meeting though she was present.

Mary Tiscornia made a motion to approve amended minutes, Nita Browning seconded. Unanimous verbal vote, motion carried.

**Reports**

President's Report-Don Betts

Don noted we have the same membership now as we had in 2007, thus haven't grown in 2008. He wants to work now to improve attendance at 2010 Championship which will be the 40<sup>th</sup> annual. He hopes to get sponsors early and begin an ad campaign following the 2009 Championship. He would also like to put a 1/3 page ad in the Trail Runner magazine's 2009 calendar issue. He would like to hear more ideas for promotion from the Board. Cindy suggested she would check with Silverlite Trailers for sponsorship.

Director's & Officer's insurance is paid and in effect.

Terms end next June for Lani Newcomb, Steve Anderson and Nita Browning. They will advise Don ASAP if they wish to stand for re-election.

We need a Life or Founding member to be on the Nominating Committee. Don asked Board for recommendations.

Chris Amaral has reported to Don that Championship 2009 planning is going well, with permits underway and local merchants being lined up for the dinner and T shirts.

Treasurer's Report-Steve Anderson

Balance of Dodge & Cox Fund: \$50,008.76  
Checking account Balance: \$1,891.66  
Check #2362 outstanding from 6/28/08 \$550.00 (once check clears, balance is \$1,341.66)

**Championship 2008**

**Income**

Entries: \$2,650  
Meals: \$315.00  
Shirt Sales: \$440.00  
Drawing: \$460.00  
**Total: \$3,865.00**

**Expenses**

Prize Money: \$6,400.00

Vets:	\$2,450.00
Buckles:	\$2,257.00
Food:	\$3,790.25
Drug Fees:	\$140.00
Saddle:	\$450.00
Awards:	\$1,464.49
Campground	\$1,200.00
Championship Expenses, Dennis Miller:	\$1,896.30
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$20,040.04</b>

Ted Ruprecht added that the Association has two CDs: \$10,083 and \$40,681. Both will end in the spring of 2009.

Future Race Sites Report- Nita Browning

We need 2011 site. Nita will check with Rufus for ideas. Tejon Ranch is not an option.

Sponsorship Report- there was no report as Don Strong was not present

Statistics Report- Steve Anderson

People/Human	176
Horses	101
Man/Man	23 Teams
Woman/Man	36
Woman/Woman	48

Website Report-Melanie Weir

The 2009 schedule is posted, as is early information on the 2009 Championship.

There is also a new sponsor: Cool Riders.

Promotions Report- Cindy Brown

Cindy says she could man a booth at the Scottsdale Arabian show. Other site suggested were the Horse Expo in Tacoma, Washington, Sacramento, California and the AERC Convention, and Equine Affaire in Pomona, CA.

Horse Hall of Fame Report- Mary Tiscornia

Mary will check with Melanie off line for more ideas. Mark Richtman's horse Ely, who died just before the last Championship, will be the 2009 horse and Willy will be the 2010 horse. She will work on an article for the Newsletter advising members on qualifications and method for nominating a horse. Ted brought up that there is also interest in having an award for horses that have made significant contributions, but whose records would not take them to the Hall of Fame. Melanie suggested a small group prepare a recommendation on how to do this and present to the board at the next meeting. Melanie will schedule a meeting with Mary, Ted and Steve.

Veterinarian Report-Greg Fellers

Greg will probably have four vets for the Championship, trying to use only vets who have previously worked R&Ts. He is open to recommendations on which vets to use.

He is also open to comments on the Best Condition Score sheet, which is available on-line in the Sanctioning Packet.

Greg will look for a contact method for Bill Bentham for Nita and Steve.

Youth Report-Melissa Queen

She has nothing to report at this time.

## **No Old Business**

### **New Business**

1) Repeal the motion carried at the last meeting on the Head Vet being a voting member of the Board, as it was in conflict. All are already in agreement. Motion made by Mary Tiscornia, seconded by Melanie Weir, verbal vote carried motion unanimously.

2) Must get photos of all finishers with their prizes for sponsors at the 2009 Championship. Sponsors also should receive Championship T shirts if there are any left over.

3) Per Ted, the Association needs to review budgeting, so as not to rely on philanthropy. Melanie suggested this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

4) Ted suggested hosting the Championship in the fall, closer to the end of the race season. Don advised that the three years the race was in the Euer Valley area in the Fall are when the number of teams entered dropped from the previous 45-60 down to the low 30s, and the Championship has never recovered its attendance back to the levels it had before those years. Greg suggested this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

5) Ted made a motion to allow Don Betts to spend up to \$900 for an appropriate advertisement in Trail Runner magazine. Steve seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous verbal vote.

Adjourned 1902 hours

Next Meeting scheduled for telephone conference call 3/12/09@1800 PST

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Preston