

Board Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2008

Telephone Conference

Present: Don Betts, Don Strong, Dawn Hartsock, Ted Ruprecht, Steve Shaw, Lani Newcomb, Steve Anderson, Nita Browning, and Lisa Preston

Visitor: Dennis Miller, Championship Race Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Reports:

2008 Championship – Dennis Miller

Tentative agreement has been reached with the person renting the area for the start and finish. We have a food wagon that will serve breakfasts, lunch, snacks, and dinner. The entire trail has been checked. The forest service plowed off the last major snow remaining on the roads. Thursday pot-luck dinner and awards dinner have been arranged. Thursday pot-luck meat may be buffalo.

President – Don Betts

There will be 2 new board members in June. Unless there are write in candidates the new board members will be Melanie Weir and Cindy Brown. There are several items that will be on the June Board Meeting agenda. I will be sending them out by email so that we can discuss them prior to the June meeting.

Treasurer - Ted Ruprecht

There is \$51,007 in the Dodge Cox fund. This is a drop of \$4,500 since the first of the year due to the drop in stock values. We have a new CD with Coast Federal for \$40,000 at 2.6% which matures in 6 months. Our Wells Fargo CD just matured at \$15,510. Our checking account balance at Wells Fargo is \$14,260. Ted was given permission to save out \$5,000 for the General fund from the Wells Fargo CD and to reinvest the balance of \$10,000 as he sees fit.

Sanctioning Director - Lani Newcomb

We have 34 race days schedule for this year. Some of the sanctioning forms are not yet complete.

Championship Coordinator - Rufus Schneider

Future Race Sites - Nita Browning

Requested input from anyone having a possible future race site. Steve Shaw said he will be checking out Cooley Ranch and reporting back.

Achievement Awards - Dawn Hartsock

Awards are being prepared. They will be presented after the General Meeting on June 19th. Dawn asked for help in identifying juniors, members under 18.

Special Awards - Ted Ruprecht

Special awards are being planned.

Horse Hall of Fame – Steve Anderson

Three horses have been selected for induction into the Horse Hall of Fame over the next three year.

Sponsor & Merchandise - Don Strong

We have the same sponsors as last year with the addition of Specialized Saddles. He will get the logos to Annie Betts for the Newsletter and Dennis Miller for the participants shirts.

Statistics and Archives - Steve Anderson

Steve is working on getting the Stats for this year up to date and submitted to Annie for the Participant Guide and Trish Gibbs for the web site.

Old Business:

1. **Directors Insurance - Don Strong** We have a new person, Kelli Sutton, that we are working with to acquire the insurance. We are still in the process.
2. **Championship Race Responsibilities - Dawn Hartsock** There were two additions: Participants Photographer and Sponsors, to the Responsibilities list. It was moved that it be accepted and used as our guide for this and future year's Championship races. Moved and Seconded by Don Strong, Nita Browning and approved unanimously.

New Business:

1. Approve change to Rule 17

17. A team has not completed the race until both human teammates and their horse have fully crossed the finish line.

Moved and seconded by Ted Ruprecht, Don Strong, and approved unanimously.

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

Submitted by Don Betts