

# Agenda Board Meeting

June 16, 2011 at 11:00am PDT

**Attendance**: Melanie Weir, Ben Volk, Steve Anderson, Sue Smyth, Rufus Schneider, George Hall, Ted Ruprecht, Mary Tiscornia, Greg Fellers

Absent: Lani Newcomb, Sherrie Reimers, Steve Shaw

President – Melanie Weir
Vice-President – Ben Volk – Promotions
Treasurer – Steve Anderson – Statistics
Secretary – Sue Smyth – Sponsorship
Sanctioning Director – Lani Newcomb
Championship Awards – Rufus Schneider
Future Race Sites – George Hall
Achievement and Special Awards – Ted Ruprecht
Horse Hall of Fame – Mary Tiscornia
Head Veterinarian – Greg Fellers
Sherrie Reimers
Steve Shaw

Meeting called to order at 11:25am PDT

## I. Approval of May minutes

a. Motion to approve made by Steve Anderson; second by Mary Tiscornia. Motion passed, unanimous.

### II. Reports:

### **President - Melanie Weir**

- Discussion of additional bio-security protocol being implemented to address EHV-1 virus based on California Dept of Food and Agriculture recommendations.
- Expecting approx 27 teams for long course and 4 short course.
- Received donation from the Warren Hellman foundation
- Bud Johns unable to attend this year

### Vice President - Ben Volk

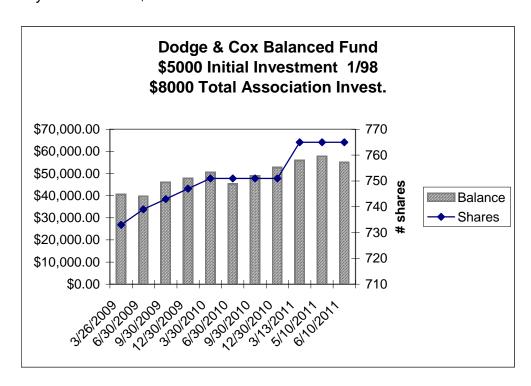
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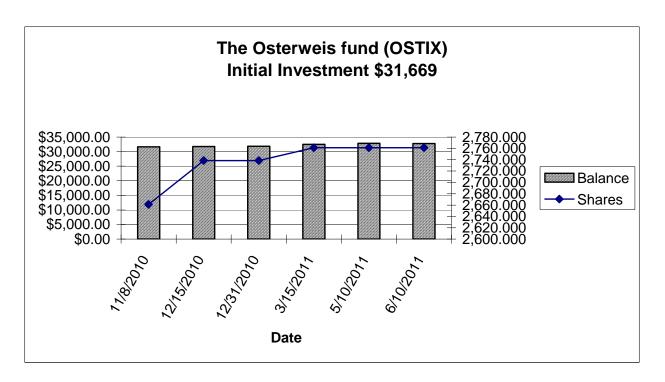
# **Secretary - Susan Smyth**

Horse Expo was very successful.

### **Treasurer - Steve Anderson**

Wells Fargo Balance: \$33,902 Dodge & Cox Balance: \$55,021 The Osterweis Fund: \$32,766 PayPal Balance: \$434.00





Discussion ensued about the investment accounts.

- Ted noticed the difference in Dodge Cox between shares vs. value, and how this has changed over time. The volume of shares has remained higher than the fund balance for several months now. And value is declining. How are these funds invested? What is the mix? Mary to talk to Steve S. and John Osterweis about the history of the Dodge Cox fund, and about these issues/questions.
- Also related to the Dodge Cox fund, each year we budget for a 5% withdrawal. Are we required to withdraw 5%? Melanie and Steve to discuss with Steve Shaw.
- Further discussion about Osterweis fund. Dividends are reinvested. How frequently are dividends reinvested? Same question, too, about share volume versus balance. This needs to be researched. Steve to find out.

#### Statistics - Steve Anderson

Members competing: 112
Race Entries: 134
Man/Man: 9
Woman/Man: 12
Woman/Woman: 25

# Future Race Sites – George Hall

Bandits Springs, 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in July, 2012

## Hall of Fame - Mary Tiscornia

No horses will qualify for this award next year.

## Ted Ruprecht

No report. See new business items d, e, and f.

## **Head Veterinarian - Greg Fellers**

No additional report other than announcement of veterinarians for the event (J Mero and Dick Root).

## Sanctioning Director: Lani Newcomb, DVM

No report.

## **Championship Awards – Rufus Schneider**

Awards not ready as the person doing them got confused on the date they were needed. Each person will have their award mailed, and get a certificate on race day.

### I) Old Business:

- a Report from Committee for Future Ride & Tie Association Funding— Melanie Weir
- b Sponsor Spotlight/On-line Education Program Sue Smyth
- c Allocation of Resources: Growth vs. Championship Melanie Weir
  - See item i under new business

### II) New Business

- a Election results/new board member: Sherrie Reimers from Texas Melanie Weir and Ben Volk were also re-elected.
- b Elect Association officers: Call for nominations.
  - Ted made a motion to continue with existing officers; seconded by Mary. Motion passed, unanimous.
- c B.C. Cash Prize
  - Melanie wanted to confirm that there was no expectation of a cash prize as there has been one in the past. Cash prize was done for one year only. Will we do a blanket instead? No, Supracor donated a pad and that will be provided for BC.
  - Barrie Grant provided \$300 cash prize for Pro/Am team
  - Rufus discussed that Pat Browning wants to provide award for 1<sup>st</sup> Am/Am team next year.
- d Ride & Tie Race Director Manual
  - Ted assembled a draft of a manual to be provided to race directors and AERC ride managers.
  - Reviewed draft to give feedback. Please send feedback to Ted.
- e Financial Oversight
  - Should we have a formal audit?

- What do we have in place to protect us as individuals? We have no formal procedures set up.
- Steve A. and Melanie to research any specific requirements for California non-profits. Also discuss with Steve Shaw.
- f Sanctioning confusion
  - Ted highlighted some inconsistencies in how we refer to sanctioned ride & ties in our materials. Some materials state that only ride & tie events that are 20 miles or longer are sanctioned. And yet we put in place Association insurance on shorter rides too, and we collect points data. So these are also sanctioned.
  - Melanie to look at clarification of sanctioning rules in the Sanctioning Agreement and Sanctioning Information documents.
- g Newsletter non-member mailing list
  - Follow up next meeting
- h AERC/Endurance News ad campaign
  - Proposal for another ad campaign. Follow-up next meeting.
- i Assistance program for new races
  - Melanie proposed that we put together a program to help support new ride & tie events. The costs can be prohibitive, especially since you never know how many teams will show up. The idea would be for stand-alone races only, and 1<sup>st</sup> time races only.
  - Consider waiving insurance, provided a small amount of cash to cover site, veterinarian and other costs.
  - Melanie to draw up ideas to be voted on. Discuss at next meeting.
- j Meeting schedule
  - Fourth Thursday at 18:30 PDT, starting in August.
  - Melanie to send schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 13:10