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## Ride and Tie Association Board Meeting March 24, 2011

Present: **Melanie Weir, Steve Anderson, Sue Smyth, Lani Newcomb, Rufus Schneider, George Hall, Ben Volk**

Absent: Ted Ruprecht, Mary Tiscornia, Greg Fellers, Regan Volk, Steve Shaw

- I. Meeting called to order at 18:30PST
- II. Approve March Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve minutes made by Lani Newcomb; second, Steve Andersen. Motion passed, unanimous.
- III. Reports

### **President – Melanie Weir**

#### Membership

- 27 new members to date
- 118 members of 328 (36%) have renewed so far
  - I excluded lifetime and founding members and complimentary memberships from the total.

#### Membership Growth Activities

- Equine Affaire  
Equine Affaire seemed to be quite successful this year. We have 6 newcomers planning to do the Bar H Ride & Tie that came from Equine Affaire. It looks like we have 19 teams coming to Bar H, which is a Pro Am race (so lots of new folks!).
- AERC Convention  
Many thanks to Dennis Miller for getting the booth set up. The booth looked great. Sue and Steve S. have more of a report since they were there.
- Endurance News Ads  
All four ads have been completed, and two published so far. Let me know if you would like me to e-mail them to you (if you do not receive Endurance News Magazine).
- Endurance Ride Manager Education  
I have not been able to take action on this due to too many conflicting priorities. Ted volunteered to assist but I have not been able to follow-up,

and don't expect to be able to until after Championship. Will someone be willing to work with Ted to begin working on/assembling materials that can be assembled to be something like an AERC Ride Manager's Ride & Tie Kit?

### Championship Committee

- Invitations have been mailed
- Art work completed
- Buckles: Discussion under on new business
- Camp opens on Sunday this year, not Saturday, and then only a small part of the camp. The rest of the camp opens on Monday.

### Scholarship

I asked one of our members to put together a spreadsheet of veterinary schools' addresses (mailing and e-mail) so that Dr. Fellars can help spread the work about the Scholarship. A letter should be sent out to all the schools shortly. Dr. Fellars has drafted it. See also new business.

### Member Issue

Some of us were dealing with an issue with one of our members during the last few weeks. This person was not allowed to return to the Bar H Ride & Tie at the request of both the landowner and the veterinarian. This was a result of behavior at last year's ride & tie when this person's horse was badly injured.

It seemed appropriate to alert the member in advance because it would be bad to show up at the event and then be told. It did not go over well and this person initially threatened to come anyway. However after a large number of back-and-forth e-mails it appears to have been settled. The Bar H Ride & Tie race director, the Bar H Ride & tie vet, Don Betts, and I were all involved. Dr. Fellars and Ben have been copied on all of the correspondence.

Related topic of discussion under New Business: Does The Ride and Tie Association need a more formal protest policy similar to the one in place at AERC?

### **Vice President – Ben Volk**

- The Pacific Northwest Endurance Ride (PNER) Convention in Portland on January 21-22, 2011 went well. We had the booth manned for the entire conference and picked up a few new members as well as re-signed some existing members. Folks working the booth included: Steph Irving, Tim Rubin, Annette Parsons, Jim Clover, Autumn and Heidi Larson, Steve Anderson, Becky and Melissa Fiedler and Ben Volk. We got lots of good PR for participating in the PNER Conference.
- Received the "Additional Insured" Certificate from Charlotte Bailey for the AERC National Conference in Reno, NV March 4-5, 2011. Will expect a full report from Melanie.

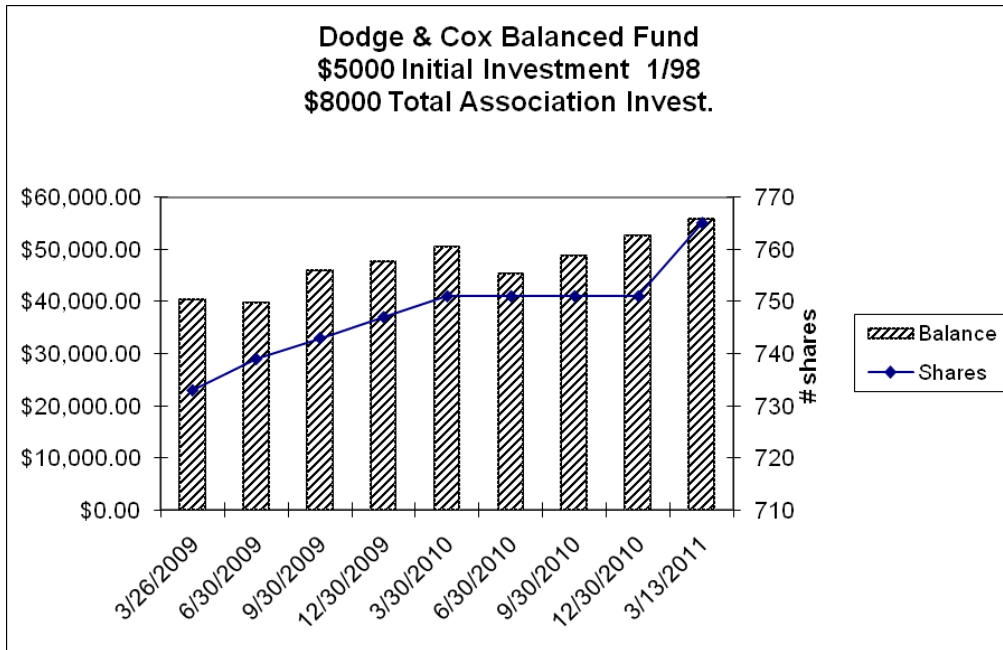
- Held Ride and Tie practices on February 13, 20, and 27<sup>th</sup> in Kennewick at Ira Hickman's House.
- Have had a lot of interest in the Home on the Range R&T Scheduled on March 26, 2011. Will be helping mark the course on March 20, 2011.

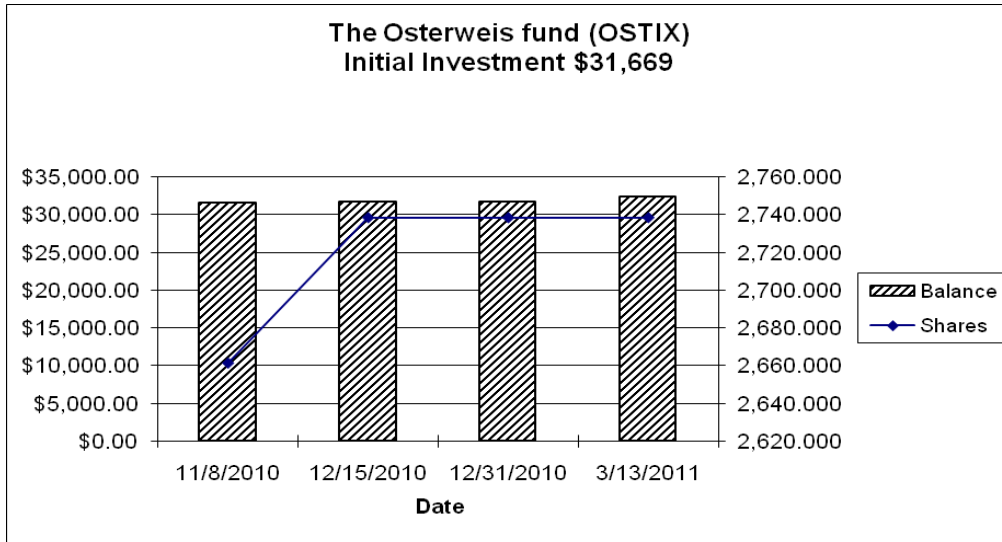
**Treasurer – Steve Anderson**

Steve Anderson: See agenda (page 4) Legal tax document. Done and filed. Renewal filed. F100 filed. No team points for Pro am. New information: non-profit acct. number mailing June 1993. Weir, parson, Andersen . Getting a copy. 45-6A IRS form. To obtain original

Accounts:

Wells Fargo checking account:	\$37,686.00
Dodge & Cox:	\$55,901.00
Osterweis Strategic Income Fund:	\$32,395.00
PayPal	\$ 527.48





Important legal/tax documents and when to file:

- Federal and State Income taxes (990EZ, CA199): by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual Registration Renewal Fee Report (RRF-1): after tax forms are done. (~\$25.00)
- State of California, Statement of Information (SI-100): Due 5/31 (\$20)

**Statistics – Steve Anderson**

No race results at this time.

**Secretary’s Report (Sponsorships): Sue Smyth**

No report.

**Sponsors and Merchandise: Sue Smyth, Don Strong**

No report.

**Sanctioning Director: Lani Newcomb, DVM**

No report.

**Championship Awards – Rufus Schneider**

No report.

**Future Race Sites – George Hall**

Need to finalize a site (or sites) by Board meeting in May; or vote at members meeting in June.

- 2013: Jack Brooks horse camp. Officially, 1.3 miles dirt road to get in. minor complication. No Dogs. 40 pipe corrals, adjacent 10+10. Cost Fri-Sat \$ 250.00, \$5.00 per day vehicles. Building. Sam McDonald Park. (amenities: Electricity, showers, micro, freezer). Pescadero watershed, fire roads, trail, redwood and Oaks. 10-12 mile loop. 16 mile loop.
- 2013 Bandit Springs

- 2013 Euer Valley. Aug/Sept.
- Cooley Ranch
- 2012- Big Bear.
- 2012 location to be selected at May meeting or voted on at championship

### **Horse Hall of Fame – Mary Tiscornia**

No report.

### **Achievement and Special Awards – Ted Ruprecht**

No report.

### **Head Veterinarian – Greg Fellers**

- My article that was in this past RAT Newsletter concerning Guidelines for Vetting Ride & Ties will be reprinted in the AERC Veterinary Newsletter this spring. This publication goes out to all vets across the country who work endurance rides or who compete in endurance. I believe this is over 350 veterinarians.
- Dr. Dick Root, Benton City, WA is confirmed to be on our staff for the Championships. He worked last year at Mt. Adams.
- Dr. Mike Witt, Redwood Valley, CA (close to Willets) has promised to check the date for me and get back to me ASAP. He has not confirmed as yet.

### **III. Old Business**

#### **a. Report from Committee for Future Ride & Tie Association Funding– Melanie Weir**

- No activity

#### **b. Jim Steere Award – Sue Smyth**

- To honor Jim Steere we will change the name of the veterinary scholarship to the Ride and Tie Association Jim Steere Memorial Veterinarian Scholarship.
- Veterinarian students from various school submit articles that will be reviewed and voted on by scholarship committee. Committee consists of Don Betts, Greg Fellers, Melanie Weir. 2010 Scholarship went to Logan Potts (\$1000.00).

#### **c. Sponsor Spotlight/On-line Education Program – Sue Smyth, Don Strong**

- No activity at this time.

#### **d. Allocation of Resources: Growth vs. Championship – Melanie Weir**

- No activity at this time

#### IV. New Business

- a. Championship Buckles:
  - Discussion on buckles includes information from Rufus re: MTM and Gist: related to smaller belt buckle bronzed and price not of significant difference. See email. Questions regarding: Should we change provider, Order enough as usual, Pre order or keep doing what we're doing. Following discussion decision was made to keep doing what we are currently doing.
  - Ben Volk moved to maintain the status quo, Lani Newcomb seconded the motion. Motion passed, unanimous.
- b. Discussion: Donating Funds for Rehabilitation of the corrals at Cuneo Creek
  - Cost \$2000.00. Humboldt Redwoods Interpretive Association has thus far raised \$1500.00.
  - Ben made a motion to donate \$250.00. Susan Smyth seconded the motion. Motion passed, unanimous.
- c. Discuss Need For Formal Protest Procedure
  - Discussion regarding establishing a more formal protest procedure; something similar to that of the AERC. Also discussed concerns surrounding potential impact. We have an informal policy currently, established in Rule #16. Do we need something more formalized? At this time the board feels that Rule 16 is sufficient. No motion to pursue a more formal procedure.
- d. Allocating a portion of a recent donation to complete funding of the Veterinary Scholarship
  - Discussed whether to allocate \$375 to the Veterinary Scholarship from Leslie Yates' donation. Leslie specified that the Board is to spend the money as it sees fit (not just limited to funding the Championship).
- e. Discussion of reimbursement for Championship prizes (item added during meeting)
  - The Board discussed whether or not the Association would be willing to provide cash to purchase championship prizes up front. It was determined that it would not be appropriate to do this; that we must present receipts for reimbursement. Another option is to ask vendors to bill the Association directly.

Meeting adjourned @ 20:16 PST.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2011 at 18:30 PST