

Minutes for Ride & Tie Association Board Meeting

August 22, 2013

Attending: Ben Volk, Melanie Weir, Lani Newcomb, Steve Anderson, Gunilla Pratt, George Hall, Susan Smyth, Eve Blumfield, Chris Amaral, Greg Fellers, Eve Blumenfeld plus other members.

Ben called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

I. Reports

II. Old Business:

- a. Discussion ensued over Championship details.
- b. Press Relations – Eve Blumenfeld agreed to do Press Relations for the R&T Association. Carol Ruprecht held this position for many years
 - i. Elections – Ben Volk noted that Steve Anderson had already been re-elected at the 2012 Championship and Sue Smyth was actually up for election. It was moved by Steve Shaw and seconded by Mary Tiscornia that Sue Smyth be elected to another 3-year term. The vote was unanimous by all R&T members present. New Board Members Gunilla Pratt and Chris Amaral were welcomed to the Board.
 - ii. Officers were appointed as follows through July 12, 2014:
 1. Ben Volk – President
 2. Sue Smyth – Vice President
 3. Chris Amaral – Secretary
 4. Steve Anderson – Treasurer
 - iii. Board Members are as follows (3-year terms):
 1. Ben Volk – Term ends July 12, 2014
 2. Melanie Weir – Term ends July 12, 2014
 3. Sherrie Reimers – Term ends July 2014
 4. George Hall – Term ends July 2015
 5. Steve Anderson – Term ends July 2015
 6. Lani Newcomb – Term ends July 2015
 7. Sue Smyth – Term ends July 2016
 8. Chris Amaral – Term ends July 2016
 9. Gunilla Pratt – Term ends July 2016
 10. Mary Tiscornia – Emeritus
 11. Steve Shaw - Emeritus
- c. 2014 Championship – Georgetown, CA (Dru Barner Horse Camp) was selected and voted on by the membership as the location for the 2014 Championship. The date selected was July 12, 2014 and the event will be hosted by the Gold Country Endurance Riders. Sue Smyth took the lead to organize the 2014 Championship. Prize money will only be offered if someone specifically donates funds to be used for prize money.

- d. Scholarship Selection – Dr. Greg Fellers announced the recipient of the 2013 Ride & Tie \$1,000 Scholarship. The winner was Melinda Faubel from UC Davis. The Board voted to approve offering the R&T Scholarship again for 2014. Melanie Weir will administer the scholarship announcement and selection process. Ben Volk and Greg Fellers will serve as judges.

III. New Business:

- a. AERC Proposal - Ben gave a brief overview of a proposal put forth by a board member of AERC to merge R&T with AERC. The Board voted to table the proposal for further discussion.
- b. Members that have passed away – Jim Larimer and Del Ballard

IV. Lani motioned to adjourn. Chris seconded. Adjourned at 5:15 PM