

Minutes for Ride & Tie Association Board Meeting

September 26 2013

Attending: Ben Volk, Melanie Weir, Lani Newcomb, Steve Anderson, Gunilla Pratt, George Hall, Susan Smythe, Eve Blumfield, Chris Amaral

Ben called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM

I. Reports

II. Old Business:

- a. A review of the lessons learned & best practices from the Ride & tie Championship was conducted.
 - i. Steve Anderson will handle the registration spreadsheet at the championships until further notice.
 - ii. The need for an earlier start was discussed.
 - iii. The benefits of a second vet check as an element of strategy was discussed with general agreement when it is at all feasible. The second vet check had been eliminated by the race director hosting in conjunction with an endurance ride.
 - iv. Course lengths were reviewed and the general agreement that the Fort Bragg course could have been lengthened had we been permitted.
 - v. The benefits and detractions of mating with an endurance ride event were discussed.
 - vi. Getting maps earlier to competitors was desired.
 - vii. Getting a proposed budget from the race director prior to approval was put forth. The 2013 championship was without this and the association bore the brunt of that.
 - viii. Susan assured all that the 2014 course will be 35 miles or very close to it and the short course 20 miles.
 - ix. Lonnie wondered along with Chris about the need for short courses with so few participants. This year only two teams were entered in the short course.
 - x. The idea of having a Equiathon on Sunday after the championship was put forth.
 - xi. Insurance concerns were raised. Lonnie offered that Equiathon was not that different from Ride & Tie. No bicycles would be allowed.
 - xii. Ben encouraged multi sport events partnering with R&T.
 - xiii. For 2014 Champs race director will be Gold Country Riders. Sue asked participant guide be put out in newsletter.
 - xiv. Shirts – There were too many smalls leftover, consider a local business source for championships.
 - xv. Individual photos vs. disc will be race manager's choice.

III. New Business:

- a. Ben gave a brief overview of a proposal put forth by a board member of AERC. The proposal which was distributed prior to the last meeting initiated discussion about Ride and Tie Members becoming part of AERC and the reverse. This was tabled until board members had a chance to further contemplate the offer.
- b. Tooth fairy fund already had over \$1,000 in it.
- c. Leslie Ordway was almost ready to put out newsletter to 477 members.
- d. The VP reports that there is now an inventory list of trailer contents and trailer has been renovated.
- e. Last year the Association had 36 events and 60 event days.
- f. A sensational gift from one of our board members Gunilla Pratt and her husband has been the donation of \$3,000 for prize money at the 2014 championships
- g. The AERC proposal from Tom Bache was tabled until a future meeting. Steve proposed no decision, Lonnie seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- h. Melanie Weir brought forth a concern over our Insurance Coverage.
 - i. No bodily injury coverage during events only liability
 - ii. No ride has that coverage
 - iii. There will be some inquiry with the AERC insurance coordinator. Is the race director and board covered or not?
 - iv. Melanie wants to include info in ride managers packet
 - v. Lonnie will ask for clarification from our carrier
 - vi. Discussion will be continued at next meeting 11/14/2013.

IV. Lonnie motioned to adjourn. Steve seconded. Adjourned at 7:55 PM