

July 10, 2014 Minutes

We called to order a bit late after visiting around the table. Ben welcomed members from the east region to the meeting.

Old Business:

- 1.) 2014 Championship – Sue filled in some of the final details.
- 2.) 2015 Championship Locations – The Lily Glenn location discussed at the previous board meeting was confirmed as the 2015 site with Chris Amaral to be the race director. An early July date was proposed to beat late summer heat at the site and to allow those with school children or teaching to not crowd end of year activities. This date will work for Dr Fellers as well.
 - a. Big South Fork R&T, Jamestown, TN director Joanne Mitchell made a strong argument for having the championships at BSF given the growing number of competitors in the east. Recognizing that the organization was not yet ready for that and jump and recognizing the passion for the sport there Ben offered the introduction of a new event, The Eastern Region Ride and Tie Championships. This was approved by the board and is to include support from the R&T Association in an amount to be determined. A tentative date was set for early Sept.
- 3.) Equathon Rules (Amaral) reviewed and explained for the event to be held Sunday.
- 4.) Scholarship Award Selection was announced with the winning paper to be published in the Association newsletter.
- 5.) AERC Update (Amaral) – Position papers were near completion on a joint effort with AERC members

IV) New Business

- a Thank-you to outgoing Board Members, Weir and Reimers (Volk)
- b Induct New Board Members, Kirsten Seyferth, Janice Heltibridle, Ben Volk
- c Nomination and Election of 2014-2015 Officers (Volk)
- d Appoint/Confirm Committee Positions: Website (Kirsten Seyferth), Membership (Kat Swigart), Scholarship (Gunilla Pratt), Sponsorship/Advertising (Susan Smyth),
- e Next Meeting September 25, 2014 at 6:30 PM PST (Hall/Amaral), Fundrasing/Endowment (Osterweiss/Volk), Media Relations