

Ride and Tie Association Board Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2014, 6:30 P.M. PST

In attendance via phone: Ben Volk, Sue Smyth, Steve Anderson, Chris Amaral, Melanie Weir, Gunilla Pratt, Greg Fellers, Mary Tiscornia, Lani Newcomb, George Hall. Absent: Sherrie Reimers, Steve Shaw

Ben called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM PST.

1.) Approve Minutes:

Gunilla made a motion to approve January 23, 2014 minutes as presented, Mary seconded, all in favor, no dissent.

2.) Reports:

- Ben opened discussion for the board members that are up for re-election. There are 3 spots to fill. Chris nominated Ben who has agreed to serve another term. Kirsten Seyferth and Eve Blumenfeld's names were also offered. Some of our east coast members have inquired about representation on the board. Lani will see if there is truly anyone willing to serve. Nominees are needed by April 10, 2014.
- Sue reported the camping info for the championships will be put up on the website. Each campsite will be responsible for their individual fees over the course of championship week. She is beginning to gather volunteers including UC Davis vet students. Tracy Bakewell is gathering awards.
- Steve reviewed the treasurer's report.
- Dr Feller's reported Larry Gass DVM will be joining the vet team for the championships with Loomis Basin Equine Clinic serving as the treatment vets. If needed Gunilla's neighbor and Dr Rob Lydon may be available.
- Chris was unaware his name was associated with drafting Equithon rules. He had nothing to report.

3.) Old Business:

A: Press relations – Sue will not be available for the set up at the Cal Horse Expo this year and with no one to lead that event it was decided to let it pass for a year. Much interest and excitement was generated there and the Association hopes to be there next year.

B: 2014 Championships: See VP report.

C: 2015 Champs location – Discussed Donner Ski Area or Ashland, OR

D: Tooth Fairy Fund is closing out at more than \$12,000. There was a brief discussion about who Michele Roush DVM is relative to the sport of Ride & Tie and why this person was the recipient of this generosity.

E: Equathon Rules: Briefly discussed.

F: Scholarship update: Publishing essays in newsletter. Dr Fellers commented on the high quality as well as increasing number of submissions.

G: AERC Proposal: Steph Teeter AERC director at large, international level endurance rider and race director for many endurance events joined at 7:30. She was given a brief history of Ride & Tie. Tom Bache joined at 7:57 with an amazing story. He joined the call from his hospital bed after having a cardiac event and a stint placed that very afternoon. Tom offered that a draft to present could be co-written by himself and an R&T board member to present to the R&T board and if considerations and concerns were met then be presented to AERC. Chris volunteered to start the process with Tom. Ride & Tie Board members voiced many of their concerns which had been gathered and is attached to the agenda for this meeting. Chris would forward those to Tom. Steph & Tom left the meeting and after a bit more discussion the topic was tabled and Ben adjourned the meeting at 8:30. The next meeting is May 22, 2014 at 6:30 PST.