

Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Joanne Mitchell, Courtney Krueger, Janice Heltibridle, Greg Fellers, Sara Boelt, Carrie Baris, Steve Anderson, Rufus Schneider, Susan Smyth

Members absent: Steve Shaw, Gunilla Pratt, Chris Amaral, Mary Tiscornia

Called to order at 9:05pm EC

Minutes from July 11th - Greg motion to accept minutes, second from Courtney, minutes are accepted

2019 World Championships - Questions from Joanne Mitchell about paying vet (Greg Fellers), Greg answered that support for championship will come from the association. Discussion of travel arrangements for vet and scribe. UT vet school will come to be treatment vet. Becky Pearman wants to photograph. Schedule (subject to change) fun ride Friday afternoon, long course on Saturday, short course on Sunday. Dates: August 16 - August 18, 2019. Questions about buckles and other awards. Karen Isaacs in charge of extra horses. Sponsorship meetings are being considered. Board meeting will be Thursday, August 15. Awards discussed - shirts, hats, artwork, sponsors on the shirt, etc.

#### Committee Reports

Technology - Website is up and running, was running slowly, but has been fixed. Janice is taking care of email issues.

Treasurer's Report - Tax board suspension removed, insurance issues cleared up. Stand alone events \$20, with another event, an additional \$45. Courtney will get in touch with Janet to make sure this correct, some board members think this is the opposite.

Ad Hoc Committee for Godfrey Sullivan donation - Chris Amaral will email the board a report on promo stuff since he could not attend the meeting tonight. Keepers of the swag responsible for maintaining inventory of items and distribution to race managers will be: Ben Volk, Gunilla Pratt, Susan Smyth and Janice Heltibridle.

Ad Hoc Committee for Awards/Buckles for championship - Ben Volk had a laser plaque with an adhesive back engraved with names, locations and affixed to the back of his championship buckle. Looks very professional. Cost per buckle was \$8.50. Is an additional cost for buckle to have personalization attached to the buckle, but something to consider. Explanation of how "forever" buckles work and costs to competitors needs to be simplified and presented to board for decision. Deferred until next meeting.

Nominating committee appointed - Gunilla, Chris, and Sara. Janice will share draft timeline via email.

Jim Steere Memorial Scholarship - POC is Melinda Faubel Newton. Review team is Greg, Chris, and A. Vale. Discussion of moving deadline for submittals to January. Amount of award raised to \$2,000. Discussion of locating and sharing previous winners' scholarship essays for prospective applicants to review.

Old Business -

Description of duties - Janice has updated the description of each duty. Need to reassign Website Coordinator duties previously performed by Liz Perkin. Proposed advertising in next newsletter to see if there is a member who would be available to help. (9/16 - Liz confirmed with Janice that she is willing to keep performing this function for the foreseeable future.)

Mentors - who is available to mentor and what are the duties associated with the job? Janice tried to contact previous mentors and did not get a very good response. With the people who did respond, we now have a list of each person's abilities and what they are willing to do. Rufus suggested adding the following to the list of responsibilities - Training individuals how to care for their animals. Janice will send out follow-up emails to those who did not respond to try to get a better handle on who is still willing to be a mentor.

2019 Western Regional Championship - Bandit Springs, OR - July 13, 2019 (Tevis is on the 20th.)

2020 50th Anniversary Race - Cuneo Creek/Sequoia Ward - date tba

New Business -

Insurance coverage and ride manager fees - do we need to increase fees? Currently charging per event, instead of an umbrella fee. Courtney is going to verify fees with Janet and get back to the board. The current policy is in place until spring.

Buckle inventory - new order needed of the forever buckle. There are 68 remaining. Defer to next meeting to discuss actually ordering.

Any other topics? Coolest R&T is coming up! Overnight party to follow.

Adjourn - 10:09pm EST, Motion to close the meeting - Courtney, Second - Rufus

Next meeting - November 14 6pm EC, 9pm Pacific