

## Ride and Tie Board Meeting May 9, 2018

Members present: Janice Heltibridle, Steve Anderson, Greg Fellers, Steve Shaw, Lani Newcomb, Chris Amaral, Liz Perkin, Carrie Baris (joined at 7:02 PST), Courtney Krueger (joined at 7:25 PST)

Members absent: Gunilla Pratt, Mary Tiscornia, , Susan Smyth

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm PST by Janice Heltibridle

1. Board Minutes/Treasurer's Report from March 14, 2018 meeting: **Amaral made motion** to accept minutes as read, Newcomb 2nds, **minutes approved**
2. Committee Reports
  - a. Technology Committee: Krueger and Baris going to set up Facebook group, but will need to be talked about later when they are present. (R&T Business Page/advertising, Ultra Signup, update website/forms...) Were the issues Joanne Mitchell brought up due to technology? Also, Trish had mentioned updating website to a higher degree—but we would need to budget Trish's time for those updates. This is where we can use Ultra Signup and will not have to try to get all entry forms updated. Maybe just use Ultra Signup for Championship and leave it to independent ride managers to opt for Ultra Signup. Technology committee should look into this and see if ride managers would like to adopt Ultra Signup. Amaral: it's a good idea to move towards more modern ways of doing race registration. Anderson: Sue needs to remember to print out list of people who have paid before leaving for race camp site.
  - b. Treasurer's Report for May (attached)
    - i. Tooth Fairy Ledger: Last payment was made and no more payments will need to be made. Previously, we had discussed putting this into the endowment fund and Michelle had indicated this was how it should be used. **Newcomb motions** that the remaining money in the Tooth Fairy Fund be transferred to the general endowment fund. Amaral seconds. **Motion passed.** Fellers will talk to Michelle to make sure she knows this is how the rest of the fund is being used.
    - ii. R&T Suspension: The CA Board has added Steve Shaw as a contact person. They have cashed the check and if Shaw has not heard back from them about the suspension being lifted after 95 days, he will contact them.
3. Old Business
  - a. Championship preparation updates
    - i. World Championship: Sue Smyth is not present, but Shaw says she has contacted him about increasing meal numbers offered so ultra-runners can eat with us. Smyth has gotten 10 more entries from people she has never heard from before, so new people. Fellers has been chatting with her about vet checks and the course and has all of that figured out, Fellers says Smyth is hoping for a total of 50 teams.
    - ii. East Coast Championship: Barb Mathews doesn't have any updates, but it's still early for that race. She is getting some more donations.

Very rough estimate is maybe 25 teams. Perkin will be moving across country and can maybe help move some smaller boxes across to the East Coast.

- b. Nominations/Election
  - i. New Board Members to be announced at Annual Meeting/Championship
  - ii. BOD election of new officers at Championship: Perkin will not be on Board, so if anyone wants to take over as Secretary (or any other positions!), be thinking about those positions
- c. Equathons/Triathlons – Krueger was going to check with insurance about bikes with horses, so we'll table this for next meeting.

#### 4. New Business

- a. Identify a single Point of Contact to collect/review/edit input for Annette to update “40 Years of Madness”: Perkin volunteers to do this
- b. Publicize dates for:
  - i. board meetings (so members can submit questions/issues for discussion): post on website, put in newsletters, and on Facebook. Who is going to be the person who makes sure this gets done? Makes sense for Baris to do this on Facebook (post week before meeting to remind people). Heltibridle can take over the email list from Baris and she will be the email contact/blaster.
  - ii. updating database: Bob Heltibridle: need to contact all members so they can update their information online so stats are accurate. Maybe send everyone a blank form to fill out? Maybe in the newsletter? Shaw: make it a campaign—put notices on all fronts: email, newsletter, Facebook, maybe a direct mailer? Bob will create the form to send out in different ways.
  - iii. deadlines for newsletters (i.e. May 15 for June/July issue, July 15 for Aug/Sep issue...etc.): reach out to Gunilla about this, and then publicize widely so everyone knows. Put in a blurb inside front cover of each newsletter what the schedule is for the newsletters.
- c. Godfrey Sullivan's request to give R&T specific prizes to “Top 3” or “all” R&T participants at all events. Suggestions:
  - i. R&T water bottle, picture frame, hat: Shaw thinks this is a great idea but would like more time to think about this.
  - ii. RM given a budget of \$10 or \$20 per team to purchase completion award from R&T store
  - iii. Regional folks keep supply of items on hand for events
- d. 2019 World Championship – tentative locations/RMs: Heltibridle throwing this out for next year
  - i. Kings Mountain, SC – Tim Worden
  - ii. Ellamore, WV – Janice Heltibridle
  - iii. East Fork Stables, Jamestown, TN – Joanne Mitchell
  - iv. Other possibilities: Krueger brought up the possibility of running our Championship with the AERC National Championship (if it worked well). Newcomb mentioned that Ride and Tie often gets overshadowed with inclusion in the bigger events, the other events want to pick the dates and locations (AHA, for example). Shaw mentions that if others

join up with us (endurance or ultra), with us in control, it's usually been a better experience.

- v. We used to announce next year's location at end of current championship Board Meeting. Amaral: is there a mechanism in place for making a decision? Heltibridle: can ask people proposing to hold championship who really wants to hold it, will talk to Newcomb about other considerations. Will get this by June 15 and Board will discuss via email.
5. List of responsibilities of all Board member positions. Write up short summary of your responsibilities (both official, voted positions, as well as the unofficial positions such as race sanctioning). **Homework for all board members:** create even just a bullet list of your responsibilities and maybe a short description of how you do it. This way, people can take over easily if a person leaves the Board. Due by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. Shaw wanted to add that he is proud of and happy with the organization and how it's moving forward.
7. Adjourn

Next meeting - \*\*June 28, 6:00 Pacific/9:00 East Coast\*\* - Annual Meeting at Championship R&T, on-site in Georgetown, CA

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm PST by Janice Heltibridle