

The Ride & Tie Association

11/14 – 9pm EST/6pm PT

Members Present: Rufus Schneider, Ben Volk, Gunilla Pratt, Janice Heltibridle, Courtney Krueger, Carrie Baris, Sara Boelt, Susan Smyth

Members Absent: Greg Fellers, Steve Anderson, Steve Shaw, Chris Amaral, Mary Tiscornia

Board Minutes from 9.12 - Motion to approve minutes: Courtney Krueger, Second: Sara Boelt, minutes are approved

2019 World Championship - no updates from Joanne Mitchell, August 17 - Jamestown, TN.

Discussion of newsletter/handbook. Handbook will come out at the end of the January. Next bulletin is December, then March. Can we get a list of 2019 event dates for the newsletter to send to Gunilla?

Committee Reports:

Technology - Need to update officers and race dates on website. Possibility of another person to have access to make changes on the website. Need to set up a conversation between Trish (website manager) and the technology committee to discuss updates.

Treasurer's Report - Not prepared.

Ad Hoc Committee - Godfrey Sullivan swag update - discussion of hats and pins to be distributed to all regions - Ben.

Ad Hoc Committee - Awards/Buckles for Championships - Lani asked to head committee. Janice will ask committee to present proposal at next board meeting on January 10th for board's vote.

Jim Steere Memorial Scholarship - Greg Fellers reports that Melinda has contacted 10 schools and working on getting proper contact information on more. Greg has provided her with copies of 5 past essays from Newsletter archives to provide as examples. Has already started to receive some inquiries.

Mentors - Janice will send out updated list at conclusion of this evening's meeting. If anyone is in contact with those listed who did not respond and can provide updates on whether they want to remain a mentor or be removed, please let Janice know.

2019 Western Regional Championship - Bandit Springs, Oregon - July 13-14, 2019 - budget will be similar to the last regional championship. Will be held in conjunction with two day endurance ride. Will probably offer ride and tie both days as well.

2020 50th anniversary race (Cuneo Creek/Sequoia Ward) - no date yet.

Insurance coverage/Ride Manager Sanctioning Fees - Ride Managers given free membership the year they put on a ride since they have to be a member to put on a ride for insurance reasons. Put membership form in race director packet. Motion: Courtney, Second: Rufus. Approved, none opposed. Courtney investigated insurance for a ride for the day before and/or

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after the actual ride. Found out that ride managers or board members are insured, but not participants. So we need to put this on the liability forms so that participants know that. Waiver is already on the membership forms and ride forms. Discussion of having the insurance agent look over our forms to make sure they are up to date waivers are acceptable. Next item to discuss, our (ride and tie organization) cost of insurance is - \$45 flat fee per day, one time \$20 fee for each landowner. We currently charge differently, \$100 max per ride. Do we want to stay with that? First and second landowner included, after that a fee is charged per landowner? Or stay with \$10 per team, up to \$100 total? Ride and tie will subsidize the difference. Different program for endurance supported rides vs. stand alone? Motion to keep the fees the same: Ben, Second: Gunilla. In favor is unanimous.

Buckle Inventory/Order - Moved to next meeting. Rufus proposed having special buckles for the 50th. Will contact Gist regarding possible design and cost to present at next meeting for vote.

2019 Meeting Schedule - Every other month on the second Wednesday, but there are several conflicts. Thursdays suggested instead, agreed upon. Stay with the same time - 6:00 Pacific/9:00 Eastern.

Other Updates - Longtime member Jonathan Jordan passed away September 22nd. Should the board send condolences or just have something in the newsletter? Suggested a memorial race or a plaque. Board approved plaque. Rufus will make arrangements.

Gunilla proposed Bike/Run/Ride as a part of ride and tie. Insurance is an issue - unable to get one company to insure all 3 events. Rufus' event is this weekend, will see how successful this new race is and then decide if something the association wants to pursue.

It is decided to add President Janice Heltibridle to the Osterweis Strategic Income Fund #1039.

Adjourn - 10:25pm.