

9pm EST/6pm PT

Members Present: Rufus Schneider, Gunilla Pratt, Janice Heltibridle, Courtney Krueger, Carrie Baris, Sara Boelt, Susan Smyth, Greg Fellers, Steve Anderson

Invitees Present: Ben Volk, Joanne Mitchell

Members Absent: Steve Shaw, Chris Amaral, Mary Tiscornia

Invitees Absent: Lani Newcomb

Board Minutes from 11.14 - Motion to approve minutes: Courtney Krueger, Second: Greg Fellers, minutes are approved

2019 World Championship - Jamestown, TN – August 17, 2019 - Joanne Mitchell - fliers done by Janice Heltibridle, registration form and budget are being worked on. There will be a long and short course, as well as 15 and 7 mile equathon. Specialized saddle has been acquired for the raffle. More updates will be available for the March 14th meeting.

#### Committee Reports

- a. Technology Committee - Trish is working the website, many updates have been made. Courtney is updating ride manager information. Trish will work on the website through 2019, but we need to get someone new to take over. We will advertise in the newsletter for anyone who is interested. Liz Perkin is willing to help out as well.
- b. Treasurer's Report - Review of report sent earlier by Steve Anderson. Janice Heltibridle is being added to all the accounts in order to have access, so that it is not just in one person's name. Steve and Janice will do an audit of the finances.
- c. Ad Hoc Committee – Godfrey Sullivan swag - Ordering 500 hats. Every participant will get one when they sign up for ride and tie. Next step is to order bumper stickers.
- d. Ad Hoc Committee – Awards/Buckles for Championships - Lani Newcomb is the contact for this and she is not in attendance.
- e. Jim Steere Memorial Scholarship (Greg Fellers) - Currently have eight submissions, and at least three more inquiries, with 40+ total inquiries about both the scholarship and the sport. Deadline for submissions is January 15, 2019. Hoping to expand even more next year. Judging committee is ready to read the essays.

2019 Western Regional Championship – Bandit Springs, OR - July 13, 2019 (Ben Volk) Is the same location as the 2005 Championship. Long course on Saturday, equathon on Sunday and perhaps a short course ride and tie.

2020 - 50th Anniversary Race (Cuneo Creek/Sequoia Ward – June 21, 2020 - date not confirmed yet) - Janice has been trying to contact over email, text, and phone call with no response. It was suggested that Chris Amaral help reach out to her. Discussion of including Levi's to help promote the race. Update on the book is still being worked on to be out in time for the 50th anniversary. Liz Perkin will act as editor before the work goes to Annette Parsons. Motion to fund the book up to \$10,000: Ben Volk, Second: Rufus Schneider, motion passed. Question raised as to how many copies of the original book were purchased. Janice followed up with Annette and was informed that 200 of the 2010 version were printed at around \$10 each and given out as finish awards (two per team), with those left over sold at cost and/or given to race directors for regional and local races.

Buckle Order - perpetual buckles (68 – current inventory enough for this year). Pricing would be –based on quantity: 50 or more:\$76 each; , 21-50: \$78 each; 1-20: \$80 each. Tabled until a later date.

Trailer (inventory/downsize to smaller trailer?) - Discussion that trailer size isn't an issue, just that everyone is usually towing horses and can't tow it. Decision to hold onto the current trailer which is in Oregon. Not to be discussed for another year.

Advertise/Announcement in newsletter(s) – Webmaster, CPA (to do taxes), etc. - Gunilla needs any blurbs by March 10th.

Landowner complaint regarding Old Dominion potentially crossing property without permission in conjunction with their fall endurance ride and ride and tie Janice and Bob Heltibridle have responded via email and letter and have not heard back. They also researched the property lines via the address provided, and the event did not cross those lines in 2018 though it may have in previous years. Bob Heltibridle talked with the landowner via phone on January 14th to try to rectify the situation. He was informed that the landowner's daughter-in-law is living on the property and has several small children and a dog, and does not want anyone crossing the property. Bob assured her that the organization would respect her wishes and not use her property for their rides. Neither he nor others in the organization are aware of, or condone the actions of whoever is continuing to trespass on her property.

AERC Convention - Booth costs \$410 and set up is Thursday, with tear down on Saturday or Sunday, March 8-9. Discussion of who will be there at the booth and put together information and handouts. Greg Fellers will be there and can help, and potentially Gunilla Pratt can attend as well. Janice will reach out to Susan to see if she is willing to organize the booth and staffing it. Ben made a motion to have a booth, Greg seconded. Motion passed.

Sara Boelt made a motion to give Dave and Rhonda Venable \$500 for the year end awards. Second: Greg Fellers. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 10:15 EST/ 7:15 PT

Next meeting – March 7, 2019 6:00 PM Pacific/9:00 PM Eastern