

9pm EST/6pm PT - March 14, 2019

Members present: Janice Heltibridle, Steve Shaw, Steve Anderson, Gunilla Pratt, Rufus Schneider, Sara Boelt, Mary Tiscornia, Courtney Krueger, Susan Smyth, Chris Amaral, Carrie Baris

Members Absent: Greg Fellers

Invited: Joanne Mitchell

Invited but Absent: Ben Volk

Board Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2019 - Motion to accept minutes: Rufus Schneider, Second: Mary Tiscornia. All approved.

2019 World Championship - Jamestown, TN – August 17, 2019 - Joanne Mitchell - working on the entry form, as well as information to be added to the website. Food options discussed, Thursday night - KFC, Friday night - potluck ( per discussion, potluck will be on Thursday instead of Friday), Saturday night - \$15 per person for banquet. Budget and entry form are still in flux. Friday - 8 mile fun run. Saturday - 35 mile championship race with buckle, Equathon (12/8 miles). Sunday - Equathon (12/8 miles) with buckle and 14 mile ride and tie. Ride is in Central Time (right on line between Eastern and Central - cell phones will keep switching between time zones). T-shirt designed by Courtney. Clarification provided regarding vet fees and vet lodging. Free membership for first time members, but they must fill out and submit membership form with entry form.

Committee Reports:

Technology Committee - Janice reported there are no updates.

Treasurer's Report and Proposed 2019 Budgets - Steve Anderson - report reviewed. Taxes have been completed. The CA state 199 tax return is done but not mailed since "organizations with gross receipts that are normally less than \$50,000 are not required to file. RRF-1 report for annual registration renewal fee sent to Attorney General of California and full copy of 990 Federal tax return has been sent.

Ad Hoc Committee - Godfrey Sullivan swag - Ben ordered hats and some have already been distributed to ride managers. Per Steve Anderson, the total amount for 500 hats plus shipping was- \$6,651. The original amount of Mr. Sullivan's donation was \$10,000. Free membership to first time members is also covered under this donation. . Janice will follow up with Ben regarding ordering bumper stickers.

Ad Hoc Committee - Awards/Buckles for Championships – Deferred to a future date. We have enough buckles for this year's championship.

Jim Steere Memorial Scholarship - Greg Fellers/Chris Amaral/Alina Vale - Looked over the 20 essays submitted and narrowed it down to 5-6 really nice ones. The winner was selected based on appeal and writing. Joanna Proctor submitted the winning essay which will be published in the April newsletter. The R&T Association would like to acknowledge Melinda Faubel Newton for all her dedication and work on reviving this scholarship.

2019 Western Regional Championship - Bandit Springs, OR - July 13, 2019 - Ben Volk - Proposed budget and flier forwarded to board.

2020 50th Anniversary Race (Cuneo Creek/Sequoia Ward - June 21, 2020) - RM would welcome assistance in following areas: Awards – Rufus volunteered; Advertising – Ben

volunteered (hoping to involve Levi's); Sponsors/promoting – Susan volunteered. Janice has spoken to Sequoya about the date and details of the event. Rufus will look into ordering special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Buckles strictly for Ride & Tie. Will have separate buckles for equathon. Discussion floated of using medals with ribbons to commemorate Bud Johns.

Safe Sport Act (S.354 Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017) - both Gunilla and Courtney have contacted lawyers concerning our liability with this legislation. Suggestion made that board members and race managers at a minimum should complete the training with the association paying for ride managers to take training. Neither AERC and SERA have made a decision yet. Ride and Tie may possibly create our own training module for those required to take training.. Courtney and Janice will get Ben Volk's input and contact Becky London to further the discussion.

Other:

AERC Convention - Ride and Tie booth. Susan Smyth organized, set up and ran the booth. Snow issues kept attendance at the convention a little lower than usual, but there was still a lot of interest in R&T. People in several different states (Colorado, Arizona, and Kansas) want to do R&T. Performa Ride is a new vendor that Susan is working with and has arranged for a team to wear their tights to help promote them at the West Coast Regional Championship. Will check into possibly arranging for another set of tights for a team participating in the World Championship.

Specialized Saddle for R&T raffle was displayed at convention and in latest copy of AERC Endurance News. Specialized provided photos and promised to ship saddle to Janice at the conclusion of the convention.

Ride and Tie and Southeast Endurance Riding Association (SERA) partnership - Courtney has spoken to Laurie Underwood. SERA would like to offer a couple of awards to ride and tie at the end of the year, perhaps adding a horse of the year and rookie of the year award. Motion to promote partnership: Courtney, Second: Sara. Motion passed.

Per Chris Amaral, the Ride and Tie trailer needs to be moved. It was broken into though nothing was really stolen. It is currently in Ashland, OR at Debbie Hansen-Bernard's place. Janice will reach out to Gunilla about changing the address on the registration to her address, and to Susan about possibly moving/storing the trailer to either her or her son's place

Adjourned at 10:21pm/7:21pm.

Next Meeting - May 9, 2019 - 6pm Pacific/9pm Eastern.