

Ride & Tie Board Meeting September 10, 2020

1. Call to order

2. Roll call - Carrie Baris, Courtney Krueger, Janice Heltibridle, Gunilla Pratt, Steve Anderson, Rufus Schneider, Susan Smyth, Greg Fellers, Alison Zeytoonian

Absent - Lani Newcomb, Sara Boelt, Mary Tiscornia, Steve Shaw

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting (July 9) - Motion to Approve: Gunilla Pratt, Second: Greg Fellers, Motion Passed

4. Committee Reports

a. Technology Committee - still working with Upstate Tek on Phase II of website update (e.g. updating/replacing custom applications such as membership, race results/statistics, online elections).

b. Vet Scholarship - Melinda is getting a lot more inquiries and has already received one submission. Information has been sent out to individuals, posted on website and on various Facebook pages. Article will be published in October edition of Endurance News and Horse Radio Network has invited Dr. Newton to chat about the scholarship on their HORSES IN THE MORNING podcast on September 18.

c. Treasurer's Report - Steve Anderson - no report

d. Nominating Committee - Gunilla Pratt will include a notice in the next newsletter that nominations are being accepted for individuals interested in running for the board in 2021. .

e. Horse Awards (ON HOLD)

f. Ad Hoc Committee – Godfrey Sullivan donation (ON HOLD)

5. Open Issues

a. AERC/R&T agreement - Only issue that has come up is whether AERC can arrange for short term insurance for unsanctioned ride and ties at AERC rides. Checked with our insurance carrier and forwarded their response to Kathleen Henkel, AERC CEO on September 9.

b. Storage Trailer & Contents - has been sold for \$1,200. Contents are now being stored/inventoried at Rufus' house, Steve Shaw cannot find the pink slip and the registration expired several years ago. Working through these issues to bring the registration up-to-date before the sale can be finalized and the title transferred.

c. Elections of Officers (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary) - Janice is leaving the board, so there needs to be a new president. Nominations: Sara Boelt by Courtney Krueger, Second:

Greg Fellers; Courtney Krueger by Gunilla Pratt - Courtney declined so he can stay as sanctioning officer. Rufus made the motion that the rest of the officers stay the same. Second: Gunilla. Motion passed. Janice will continue to do the handbook and serve on committees with which she is involved.

d. End of Year awards for 2020 - suggestion to blend 2020 and 2021, or only do points on the East Coast this year, or not do points at all. Career totals will still count. Motion: Courtney - to not offer end of year, national points awards. Second: Rufus. Motion passed. End of year awards will resume in 2021.

6. New business

a. Virtual R&T – Coolest - Susan looking for help to set up a website to advertise/run it May just be one or two months or possibly through December 31st. Gunilla volunteered to help.

b. Mentor talk given by Susan at Petaluma, Sonoma Coastal Equestraining Center generated lots of excitement. Clients there had been asking for more information regarding ride and tie generated lots of excitement. R&T membership through December 31, 2021 was offered to participants.

c. Update R&T Duties – Officers, Board Members & Others - tabled to the next meeting. Individuals interested in changing or adding to what they are doing should send Janice an email and she will update the document to send out shortly before the next meeting so it is fresh in everyone's mind.

d. Other - Old ride and tie photos received from Melanie Weir, maybe some could be included in 50 Years of Madness. Janice will share photos with Annette.

7. On Hold

a. Championships

b. 50 Years of Madness – tabled until January 2021

8. Adjourn - 10:08pm

Next meeting – November 12, 2020 6:00 PM Pacific/9:00 PM Eastern