Ride and Tie Board Meeting April 27, 2023 9 pm EST/6 pm PST

1. Call to order - 6pm/9pm

2. Roll call - Lani Newcomb, Carrie Baris, Bob Heltibridle, Alison Zeytoonian, Sara Boelt, Rhonda Venable, Steve Anderson, Greg Fellers, Steve Shaw, Chris Amaral

3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (March 9, 2023) - Motion to approve: Bob, Second: Rhonda. Minutes approved.

4. Committees:

a. Godfrey Sullivan Committee: Steve Shaw - No updates.

b. Nominating Committee: Lani - Melissa, Barb, Carrie - nominated and running for elections.

c. Vet Scholarship Committee: Greg, Chris, and Lani have selected one winner and one runner up.

d. R&T/AERC Committee: Steve Shaw - last year for partnership with AERC, future potential of allowing Ride and Tie to be a discipline within AERC as opposed to being separate. AERC president Nick Cohutt always includes us in ride briefings.

e. Treasurer’s Report: Steve Anderson sent updated report.

f. Horse Awards: Steve/Bob - No updates currently.

g. Publications: Bob - Some issues with newsletter being sent out and cost, but Janice and Courtney are dealing with that. Steve Anderson is applying for USPS nonprofit mailing status.

h. Technology: Janice is continuing to look for options for our database.

5. Ongoing Business

a. Approval of proposed 2023 Budget - Motion to approve: Lani, Second: Steve Anderson. Motion passed.

b. Steve Shaw is working on the plan to approach lifetime members for fundraising.

c. Youth Year End Awards: Still trying to figure out a way to track without doing it manually. Bob has been keeping track. Discussion of what awards will be, and how many juniors there are.

d. Webinars with AERC for 2023: Work in progress, Alison created presentation for equathon but no date yet.

e. 2023 World Championship: Finalizing entry forms, adding short course on Friday, and fun run on Sunday.

f.Sponsors: Need to generate more sponsorships.

g. Membership fees for 2024 In trying to generate more revenue, it might be time to up our membership fees. Will help pay for printing/postage/etc. Proposed fees - Individual $35, Family $50, One day $15, Fall Special $45 if joining/renewing on/after Oct 1 for remainder of current year through Dec 31 of following year, To be discussed in the future.

6. New Business

a. Becky Pearman Photography: Proposal to pay $300 for digital rights for the year for every photo she takes of ride and tie. In order to offer this to the West Coast, we would need a photographer with the same exposure. Motion to approve: Greg, Second: Chris. Motion passed.

b. Sue Smyth (not present) suggested 2024 championship in Georgetown.

Next meeting June 15, 2023 9 PM EST/6PM PST