

Ride and Tie Board Meeting March 11, 2021

1. Call to order - 9:02pm

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

3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (January 14, 2021) - Motion to approve minutes - Susan, Second - Greg. Motion passed.

4. Presentation from Emmett Ross on including Ride and Tie in an event he is planning for 2022 - central part of the country, Texas - proposal to have Ride and Tie National Championship in the inbetween day (100 endurance championship the first day, 75 mile endurance championship the third day). Large event - tents, food service, sponsors. Potential date - end of spring, or around Thanksgiving. Budget or entry fees have not been decided yet. Long course and short course options. Discussion tabled for now.

5. Open issues:

A. Website store: in the process of being set up with new inventory.

B. World Championships: Discussion of moving to later in the summer to try to give time to open up options. Would this be affected by fire season? Sequoyah checked a private ranch to use and still doesn't have confirmation. Cuneo Creek is not available yet either. Susan and Rufus discussed how dates can be held, without actually being open yet. Courtney pointed out that if we do the 50th this year in California, it will be smaller since people will not be able to plan travel ahead of time. Discussion centered on since there aren't a lot of rides planned, people from the west coast will want to get out. Rufus will speak to Sequoyah about locations. In general, the West Coast is having issues scheduling events because of shutdowns.

C. East Coast Championships: If worlds are rescheduled to 2022, do we want to wait on ECC - Sara's first choice venue isn't available, but there is a backup location.

6. New business

A. Ride and Tie Clinics: Jeanne Abbott would like to do a clinic in Florida, asked if we could provide insurance support. Cost would be \$45 a day. Motion to pay for insurance through association - Rufus, Second - Greg. Motion passed.

B. Ride prizes: For rides held in conjunction with AERC, we agreed to provide prizes. We have lots of goods for swag, but not a lot of prizes. Questions: Do we want to ask Bob Heltibridle to create something for prizes? Something for 1-3 places? Something a little bigger/nicer for 1st place? Then 2-3 place be the same? Susan suggested gift certificates from our sponsors. Include ride and tie on any endurance ride swag, for example: t shirts. Going to do some research and review this.

C. Steve Shaw: suggestion to make membership practically free - \$10 membership fee - newsletter, contact, for two years. This will allow more access for members and help to retain members. Use of Godfrey Sullivan money to do this? Turn Ride and Tie into a private non

profit? Board would elect itself as opposed to being elected by all members. Greg asked Steve to put it in writing for an official proposal.

D. Three open slots, four new people running - Gunilla is working on the newsletter and posting on the internet.

E. Greg reported 32 entries in the vet scholarship. Greg, Chris, Lani are the reviewing committee and are working on narrowing down the finalists. Hoping to announce the winner within the month.

7. Adjourn - 10:20pm - Next Meeting Thursday, May 13, 2021 (or sooner concerning the championship).