

Ride and Tie Board Meeting May 20, 2021 9 pm EST 6 pm PST

1. Call to order

2. Roll call - Sara Boelt, Greg Fellers, Carrie Baris, Lani Newcomb, Courtney Krueger, Susan Smyth

3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (March 11, 2021) - No quorum to approve

4. Open issues/Committee Reports

a. Ad Hoc (Godfrey Sullivan) - Susan Smyth - \$10 membership for just the West Coast since there are not a lot of rides? Or instead of first year free, maybe pay for their second year in order to get more members to return. Or half first year/half second year? Decision to keep it the same as it is for now, then revisit it next year.

b. Nominating Committee - NA - Gunilla not present

c. Vet Scholarship Committee - Greg Fellers - All recipients have been congratulated and sent their checks. Three winners, each received \$1,000. They were all very appreciative. 32 entries total. Many students found the scholarship on a website for vet scholarships. Lani asked if we have access to all the essays or just the winners? Post them on the website and/or newsletter.

d. Ad Hoc Committee (AERC/R&T) - Courtney Krueger - AERC Nationals - Monday, June 14 at noon the day after the 100 mile endurance ride, Charlesey McAllister will be the ride manager.

e. Treasurer's Report - NA - Steve not present

f. Horse Awards - Hall of Fame and Horse of Distinction - Should be prepared at the end of 2021 to give out awards if they meet the qualifications. Awards would be given at the championship in 2022. Greg Fellers will contact Steve Anderson and Bob Heltibridle to discuss.

g. Ride prize for R&Ts held in conjunction with AERC rides - Store on website will be up soon. Competitors given a gift certificate for the store - simple solution - \$10 for each winning team member - Sanctioning officer will manage this.

H. East Coast Championships - We are holding it in conjunction with the Distance Nationals at Big South Fork in Tennessee. Joanne Mitchell ride secretary Sara Boelt ride manager.

5. New business

a. Update Equathon rules to be separate from R&T - Current rules - No ties, etc or exchanges in equathon, except at end of horse loop when switching to runner. Teams are ironperson (same rider/runner) OR different rider/different runner. New rule - Mandatory holds at midrace vet check on 20 miles or longer loops, minimum of 30 minutes. Courtney - move to adapt. Lani - second it. Motion passed.

b. Form a mentor committee - Who is interested in being on this committee? Thoughts on the purpose of the committee? Most communication seems to be on social media.

c. Suggestion to have monthly meetings instead of every other month. Decision to try it in June.

7. Adjourn - Next Meeting Thursday, June 17, 2021 9 PM EST/6 PM PST