Ride and Tie Board Meeting June 15, 2023 9 pm EST/6 pm PST

1. Call to order - 9:05pm

2. Roll call - Bob Heltibridle, Courtney Krueger, Carrie Baris, Lani Newcomb, Greg Fellers, Rhonda Venable, Steve Anderson, Sara Boelt, Steve Shaw

3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (April 27, 2023) - Motion to approve: Greg, Second: Rhonda. Motion passed.

4. Committees

a. Godfrey Sullivan Committee: Steve Shaw not present.

b. Nominating Committee: Lani - Voting pushed on email blasts.

c. Vet Scholarship Committee -  Winners have been decided and notified.

d. R&T/AERC Committee - Still waiting to hear back from AERC office about webinars. Possibly contact Nick Cohut about who to connect with since current contact has not been available.

e. Treasurer’s - Steve Anderson - Accounts look good currently.

f. Horse Awards Steve/Bob - Remaining two HOD awards given out at OD.

g. Publications - Bob - no updates.

h. Technology - Bob will be trained by Janice to take over website updates. Still working on new database to connect points and miles to our website. Need to spend money to create a workable program/customized application, since ours is outdated. Possibility to spend endowment funds since the cost is high. Bob will put together a proposition for our next meeting.

5. Ongoing Business

a. World Championships - Distances are set, Sara spoke to Stagg Newman (Endurance ride manager) about distances and trail. Entries will be available online as well as flier by July.

b. Newsletter - Discussion to continue to print or not. We did end up with enough members to print the May newsletter with no additional cost or the need to mail extras out. We had lots of members join prior to Coolest and OD. Send any extra copies to ride managers to pass out and to sponsors. Potential to have a new printer to cut costs. Decision to continue to print the newsletter the way we have been.

6. New Business

a. Documentary on Ride and Tie - Contacted by Stept Studios to make a documentary about Ride and Tie at Worlds this year. Director would like to follow a couple teams through the race and create a story about those teams. Definitely something the board would like to pursue.

b. Horses in the Morning Podcast - Consensus for Courtney to pitch to the podcast an edition that focuses on Ride and Tie, perhaps a monthly episode.

Next meeting August 31, 2023 9 PM EST/6PM PST