

## Board Meeting February 17, 2022 9 pm EST/6 pm PST

1. Call to order - 6:05pm/9:05pm

2. Roll call - Carrie Baris, Courtney Krueger, Alison Zeytoonian, Steve Anderson, Steve Shaw, Sara Boelt, Susan Smyth, Janice Heltibridle, Greg Fellers

3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (January 6, 2022) - Janice made a couple of corrections. Courtney made a motion to approve, Janice second. Motion passed.

4. World Championships: Sequoya joined the meeting since she is the race director for the championship. Sequoya spoke about permits, one more ranger to contact with race course (but no problem with permit), and has worked on insurance with Courtney and Steve. Approved dates July 30/31. RaT on Saturday/Equathon on Sunday in Cuneo Creek. Toilets are lined up, working on caterer still. Sequoya asked about ham radio operators, and whether or not they are paid. Janice responded that their expenses are usually paid for, but services are volunteered. Discussion of entry fees, the cost of things has increased, so should cost increase? Sequoya said it was \$175 at the last World Championship at Cuneo Creek for the long course, and \$125 for the equathon championship. Steve asked what the budget will be, and Greg said we have a budget worksheet that can be used to plan. Steve Shaw suggested that he, Janice, Steve Anderson, and Sequoya meet to discuss budget and cost in order to be ready for the next meeting. Steve Anderson said he has the previous years' budgets and can find those and submit them to help. Discussion of including a band for the event that it is distracting and draws things out too much. Greg suggested one or two musicians that participate more as a background sound, Susan suggested playing music on the speaker. Steve Anderson is working with Rufus to create tshirts. Sequoya asked if Greg was planning to be the head vet this year, and he said yes. How many other vets are needed? Greg suggested two vets could handle up to 35 teams, but would want a third if there are more teams. Discussion of bibs and vet cards. Needs input on course length. Start is about a mile out of camp in order to start on a wider road instead of single track. What about a staggered start? Two loops instead of three? Discussion will be held off until we know how many entries there will be. Easier if all vet checks are in camp, but Greg said he can make an away vet check work if need be. Susan said cost doesn't necessarily matter, it is more advertising and promoting that will get people to come.

Saddle Raffle: If someone wins and is not present, are we shipping to the winner? Greg said he thinks we have to, or it will limit the amount of people who would get raffle tickets. We would pay for shipping. Janice suggested putting raffle tickets in the store online.

Silent Auction: Not sure yet if we will be doing this, to be revisited at a later date.

5. Open issues/Committee Reports

a. Godfrey Sullivan Committee: Steve Shaw said nothing needs to change now. Ride and Tie

b. Nominating Committee: Gunilla, Lani, and Susan are up for reelection, Gunilla not planning to run again. Susan is not sure if she is running again. March 15th is the date to nominate by. We have had two people nominated already.

c. Vet Scholarship Committee: Review committee will be Lani, Chris, and Greg. Six weeks to review entries.

d. R&T/AERC Committee: AERC has banned Charles Bramel for ten years, and he cannot also come to a Ride and Tie event associated with an AERC event, but a stand alone event is at the ride manager's discretion.

e. Treasurer's Report: Steve Anderson submitted the report and went over the particulars. Going to modify buckles to fit the event, \$10 per buckle to do that. Endowment fund is doing well.

f. Horse Awards: Alison, Greg, and Bob - Updated criteria. Approval needed. Cutoff of 30 points, would put 15 horses in Horse of Distinction. Have not been given in over a decade. Need to decide awards and budget for that. Horse Hall of Fame - no horses yet have qualified, but a couple are close. Motion to accept House of Distinction parameters and horses that qualify: Janice, Second: Steve Anderson. Motion passed. What award to give? Will be posted on the website - photo and paragraph about the horse. Award itself will be proposed at the next meeting.

## 6. Ongoing Business

a. AERC convention: Steve Shaw is going. Susan has lined up six volunteers. Bringing copies of 50 Years of Madness and bringing lots of materials to pass out.

b. Compensation for stand alone rides: Rufus asked if we have compensation for stand alone rides since we are putting so much into our AERC affiliated rides. I know we have offered \$300 for new rides to be approved by Steve A and Steve S. Thoughts on increasing this for stand alones? Susan will write a proposal for next meeting.

7. Adjourn: 7:35pm/10:35pm. Next Meeting Thursday, March 31, 2022 9 PM EST/6 PM PST