

1. Call to order

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

3. Sequoia Ward - Worlds for 2022. Cuneo Creek versus Redwoods ride. Discussion of logistics comparing both venues. Sequoia will do a little more research in the next several days and get back to us. August date a possibility.

4. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (June 17, 2021) - Lani moved to approve, Courtney seconded it.

5. Open issues/Committee Reports

a. Ad Hoc (Godfrey Sullivan) Committee proposal - We need to finalize the proposal and put it into action. Motion to approve recommendation submitted and move forward to disperse funds - Greg. Second - Steve. Motion passed.

b. Nominating Committee - Voting is underway, votes need to be tallied by the secretary and another member of the board. Voting closes August 15th.

c. Vet Scholarship Committee - Working towards next year.

d. Ad Hoc Committee (AERC/R&T) - Gift certificates to the RaT web store that will be sent to Ride Managers - we decided that the sanctioning officer (Courtney) will handle this and each certificate will be for \$10 per person, use a certain code for each race. Six certificates per race, per day will be given out. Update on ride numbers, participants 2019 vs. now. Most races on the East Coast, new members entering through AERC. General sense is that the membership and participation are both growing. Use AERC convention to bring more people in.

e. Treasurer's Report - Submitted by Steve Anderson. No questions.

f. Horse Awards - We need to know what data we want to look at so that Alison and/or Bob can start working on this. Alison, Bob, and Greg will meet to look at criteria for each award to make sure it is fair for all horses. We have already nominated Justin Schneider and Dakota Venable.

g. Upstate Tek is dissolving in August. Alison has worked with Janice and Bob to try to find someone. Upstate was hosting and managing the site, so we need to find a new person by the end of August.

h. Web Store - Janice is manning the store and asked for any feedback. Suggestion to give ride managers a discount if they are ordering for prizes. Any other items we would like to stock?

6. New Business

a. AERC: We will be a silver sponsor at the convention. March 4 and 5, 2022. **Silver sponsorship at AERC Convention includes:** Listing in National Awards Banquet slide show and at each place setting at National Awards, Listing on website convention page with a link to your website, Listing on insert in each

attendee goody bag, Placement of banner in trade show if provided, Instagram post thanking all sponsors, Facebook post listing all sponsors - Susan is willing to run the booth, Greg can help out.

b. Endurance News Articles - Carrie and Courtney volunteered to write. Suggestion to recycle articles already written, but Carrie and Courtney will work on these.

c. Date/Location/Ride Manager for East Coast Ride and Tie Championships for 2022 - perhaps at AERC National Championships in June at OD on Friday, managed by Janice.

d. Buckles - Steve Anderson will pick up buckles from Debbie

e. 50 Years of Madness - 250 copies - hoping to have it out in August. How do we want to distribute? How many to members, race directors, championship participants, etc - three people from the board to make the determination. Alison, Lani, and Janice will discuss. Opportunities to buy the book as well.

f. Posters - Jim Gault mailed me some old RaT posters and we need to decide what to do with them.

1. One from the 9th Annual, June 17, 1979, Sunriver, Oregon;
2. Two from the 10th Annual, June 15, 1980, Big Bear Lake, CA;
3. Two from the 11th Annual, June 21, 1981, Reno, NV (actually Dog Valley);
4. One from the 12th Annual, June 22, 1982, New Almaden, CA

g. Newsletter Gunilla has proposed that we pay folks for the best RaT picture for each newsletter cover. Gunilla would like to know how to generate more interest in submitting to the newsletter. Suggestion to create deadlines and a schedule for the newsletter.

7. Adjourn - 7:36pm/10:36pm - Next Meeting Thursday, September 16, 2021 9 PM EST/6 PM PST
Board members will be announced the week before this meeting. We need to elect/reelect folks for officer positions.