

Ride and Tie Board Meeting November 11, 2021 9 pm EST/6 pm PST

1. Call to order - 6:01pm

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

3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (September 30, 2021) - Motion: Courtney, Second: Susan. Motion passed.

4. World Championships - Need to choose a date so that Sequoia can start planning - two dates in contention are July 30 and August 13. Motion for August 13: Susan, Second: Sara. Motion passed. Plans to get information out to the public as soon as possible, and feature posters, fliers, etc at the AERC National Convention.

5. Open issues/Committee Reports

a. Godfrey Sullivan Committee - New donation just acquired.

b. Nominating Committee - Need to nominate 120 days beforehand, so will have to discuss in January.

c. Vet Scholarship Committee - Nothing to report.

d. R&T/AERC Committee - Report/recommendation moving forward to 2022 - Had races all 12 months, coming in under budget, so we will rollover and continue with first come/first serve in 2022. Race manager needs to notify the sanctioning officer if no one is entered in the ride and tie so that we do not have to pay insurance.

e. Treasurer's Report - Next meeting will include our end of year annual report. Our bylaws ask for the annual report to be published to our members, so it should be included in the newsletter.

f. Horse Awards - Alison, Greg, and Bob - Discussion of new standards proposed by the committee for both House of Distinction and Horse Hall of Fame. Bob Heltibridle explained how he calculates points for completions and awards. Comments/questions by board members should be sent to Alison.

6. Ongoing Business

a. Equathon Rules - Susan, Courtney, and Bob put these together for us. We need to try to finalize it for our upcoming 2022 year. Need a few clarifications on team vs. iron and points. Iron person will get twice as many points. Board needs to look over the scoring that Bob uses and we need to decide how it all works together. Sara will get the equathon rules out to everyone so the board can look them over again.

b. Ride and Tie Rules - Changes briefly discussed, including the addition of a clear start/finish line. Which part of the horse counts as crossing the finish line? Change to thirty minutes to present the horse to the vet after completion, instead of an hour.

c. Protest Process - Protest time will be moved to seven days instead of at the event. Other changes are outlined in

d. Date/Location/Ride Manager for East Coast Ride and Tie Championships for 2022 - Diane Connelly is the RM for the National Championship for AERC at OD, waiting for confirmation that we can hold the long course championship on Thursday at Orkney Springs, June 9-11.

7. New Business

a. Patches - For anyone who has hit between 500 - 5,000 career miles. Melissa Hoose and Rhonda Venable have been working on this. Suggestion to include chevrons instead of individual patches for each mileage achievement reached. Tabled until January, so that Melissa and Rhonda can research this .

b. Year-End Awards for 2021 - Will need about \$1,500 for year end awards for ride and tie and equathon. Motion to allow Rhonda to spend no more than \$1,500 on year end awards: Courtney, Second: Steve. Motion passed.

Adjourn - 10:03pm. Next Meeting Thursday, January 6, 2022 9 PM EST/6 PM PST