

## Ride and Tie Board Meeting September 30, 2021 9 pm EST/6 pm PST

1. Call to order and welcome to all board members that were reelected - Janice, Steve, Sara.
2. Roll call - Alison Zeytoonian, Carrie Baris, Courtney Krueger, Steve Anderson, Janice Heltibridle, Sara Boelt, Susan Smyth, Greg Fellers, Lani Newcomb, Gunilla Pratt, Steve Shaw.
3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (July 29, 2021) - Motion to approve minutes: Greg Fellers, Second: Janice Heltibridle. Motion passed.
4. World Championships: Two potential locations, Orick and Cuneo Creek. Ask Sequoyah to look into Orick and a date in August. Motion to move forward with the Orick location, August date, and modify the buckles: Susan, Second: Gunilla. Motion passed.
5. Open issues/Committee Reports
  - a. Ad Hoc (Godfrey Sullivan) Committee - no updates, except continuing to keep Godfrey Sullivan in the loop.
  - b. Nominating Committee - no updates.
  - c. Vet Scholarship Committee - Greg - approve \$3,000 again for next year. Next year: first, second, and third place. Motion to approve \$3,000 for next year: Janice, Second: Gunilla. Motion passed.
  - d. Ad Hoc Committee (AERC/R&T) - The 2022 season has rides on the calendar. We now have a fillable form for ride managers to apply. Authorize a certain amount per quarter, so that rides later in the year can apply equally. AERC agreement raised our insurance premium - Steve Anderson. Comment that ride managers need to notify us if they do not have participants ahead of time so that we can cancel insurance. Committee is Courtney, Sara, Janice, Lani, Steve Shaw. Discussion of how to get the word out better about new ride and tie races at AERC events. Committee will report at our next meeting.
  - e. Treasurer's Report - Discussion of ads in Endurance News, approved at a previous board meeting. Discussion concerning the cost of ads versus what we get out of the ad.
  - f. Horse Awards - Alison, Greg, and Bob - will be getting together parameters for each award and presenting it to the board by the next meeting. A ranking system will be created based on types of races completed and volume of races completed. Horse of Distinction will be based on qualifying statistics. Horse Hall of Fame - Horse of Distinction plus a nomination.
6. New Business
  - a. Equathon Rules - We need to create a page of equathon rules and clarify iron versus team as two different divisions. Form a committee to create those rules. Motion for Susan to provide a list of her rules for the next board meeting: Courtney, Second: Greg. Motion passed.
  - b. Protest Process - Because of the situation at the EC Championship, we need to revamp our protest process. Current Rule: "Any protest must be filed in writing with the Race Director within two hours of the completion of the race. Prior to the start of the awards ceremony, the Race

Director shall decide on the protest. An appeal of his decisions must be filed in writing within seven days to the President of the Ride and Tie Association, whose final decision cannot be appealed.” Motion for four officers to work on protest process: Courtney, Second: Greg. Motion passed.

b. Endurance News Articles - Courtney submitted an article and photo but it has not been published yet. We committed to write two articles for Endurance News.

c. Date/Location/Ride Manager for East Coast Ride and Tie Championships for 2022 - If held in conjunction with the AERC Nationals at the OD ride in Virginia, then it can be only a one day ride, because we can't compete on days when AERC is competing (except for 100 mile ride and tie on Saturday). Janice to manage June 2022. Championship could also be the following weekend at OD, which would not interfere with AERC, but we may not be allowed to use the land and course more than prearranged dates already decided.

e. *50 Years of Madness* - 250 copies Steve Shaw and Sara have all the copies. Steve is working on lifetime members, etc. Sara distributed and sold a few at ECRC. Janice has some to stock the website store. Are there any places to send other copies? - Let Sara know.

f. Board officers - Lani nominated Sara for president, Gunilla for VP, Steve for treasurer, Carrie for secretary. Second: Greg. Motion passed.

7. Adjourn - 10:36pm - Next Meeting Thursday, November 11, 2021 9 PM EST/6 PM PST.

Treasurers Report for 9/30/2021

	Balance 1/1/21	End Balance 9/29/21
The Osterweis Fund	\$63,188.00	\$59,347.00
Dodge & Cox endowment Fund	\$139,158.00	\$152,990.00

Withdraws for 2021:

The Osterweis Fund \$7,000.00

Dodge & Cox Fund \$8,000.00

The reason the funds have not dropped in relation to the withdraw rate is because they are still earning interest, dividends, capital gains.

Race Insurance: \$6,079.00 to date. Compared to 2019: \$3,554.00 (last full good year). This approximates to a 71% increase in our insurance costs. This cost increase was not recognized when we agreed to add in more AERC joined races along with the stipends to race managers. Now if we can find out from the Race Manager ahead of time if any Ride & Tiers are going to attend or not, we can contact our Insurance Agent to cancel the coverage and get a refund. For next year if we continue the proposed \$7,500 payout to AERC, we should take into consideration our increased race insurance costs.

To date we have paid out \$3,000 for race stipends.

Costs for 250 books, 50 Years of Madness: \$6,303.50

Paying for ads with various organizations: \$1,870.00. While we're on this topic, I always want a second board member to OK this expense, preferably the person in charge of requesting the ads in the first place. Even though the decision to purchase the ads was 10 months ago, I don't commit to memory this stuff.

For some good news: Our telephone board meeting cost has go to zero, thanks to the free ZOOM meetings.

Steve Anderson