

Ride and Tie Board Meeting April 7, 2022 9 pm EST/6 pm PST

1. Call to order – 9:05pm

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

3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (February 17, 2022) – Motion to approve the minutes from last meeting – Lani, Second – Steve Anderson. Motion passed.

4. World Championships – Sequoya Ward - Caterer has been secured as well as third vet. Park Ranger asking for insurance. Courtney reports that the policy renews April 12th and will be sent to Sequoya at that time. Still looking for photographer. Equathon – Sequoya wants it on Friday and the board agreed to have it be that day. Discussion of distance, Susan had suggested 30 mile distance, but will probably go with a shorter distance. Janice can update the website to reflect changes. We still need an entry form to post online with updated prices. Discussion of pricing equathon races the same despite what distance they are competing in, though the long course gets a buckle. Janice and Sequoya will meet separately to discuss what needs to be updated for the website. Potential to add an elevator option to the ride and tie. Silent auction idea – Sequoya will not be in charge, but if someone else wants to organize it, that would work. Saddle raffle tickets available through ride and tie store. No camping cost for participants, but there will be charges for extra meals (\$20). Participants eat free. No late fee for entries. Tshirts are still being worked on.

5. Open issues/Committee Reports

a. Godfrey Sullivan Committee – Steve Shaw – Suggestion to put new board members on this committee to get new ideas after the election.

b. Nominating Committee – Three members nominated Bob Heltibridle, Rhonda Venable, Lani Newcomb. Concern because there are not members from the West Coast being nominated. Close voting at end of June, announce winners at the championship.

c. Vet Scholarship Committee – Greg and Lani – still working on reading and judging the essays. Then will announce a winner.

d. R&T/AERC Committee – Sara suggested that the committee meet separately and talk to AERC, then present findings to the board.

e. Treasurer's Report – Steve Anderson went over changes.

f. Horse Awards – To be presented at championships on each coast, then mailed to those not present.

6. Ongoing Business

a. AERC Convention – Greg was at the convention, commented that Gunilla and Rufus need credit for showing up and setting up. Susan set up packets. Many stopped by to discuss, lots of interest in the booth. Steve said we spent an estimated \$1,000 on the event, and wants to discuss whether or not it is worth it in the future.

b. Compensation for stand alone rides – Susan was going to write a proposal, but has not submitted it to Sara yet.

7. New Business

a. Website – Janice has started putting short term announcements on the top of the homepage. Suggestion to link YouTube and Facebook pages to website. Steve Anderson has old videos that he will send out to get onto YouTube as well.

b. Store – If anyone has any suggestions, send them to Janice.

c. Career Mileage Patches – Thanks to Janice for getting them all mailed out. Individuals will be responsible for validating mileage at the end of the year by a certain date. If they haven't done it by that date, then it will stand as is. Janice will put together a list of returned patches so we can try to track these people down and get them delivered. Motion to approve new policy – Courtney. Second – Greg. Motion passed.

8. Adjourn – 10:35pm – Next Meeting Thursday, May 26, 2022 9 PM EST/6 PM PST

