

## Ride and Tie Board Meeting October 12, 2023 9 pm EST/6 pm PST

1. Call to order - 6:08pm/9:08pm

2. Roll call - Carrie Baris, Rhonda Venable, Courtney Krueger, Bob Heltibridge, Barb Mathews, Sara Boelt, Steve Shaw, Lani Newcomb, Steve Anderson, Greg Fellers, Chris Amaral, Melissa Montgomery

3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (June 15, 2023) - Motion to approve: Lani, Second: Rhonda. Motion passed.

4. Committees:

a. Godfrey Sullivan Committee: Steve Shaw - spoke with Godfrey, John Osterweiss, and Mary Tiscornia - to discuss their longevity with donating to Ride and Tie. Will be sending shirts from the championship

b. Nominating Committee: Lani's only report is about officer positions. Steve Anderson will remain treasurer, Carrie will remain secretary. Chris is willing to be president, and Sara will be vice president. Motion to nominate switch in officers and remaining officers. Motion - Chris Amaral, Second - Steve Shaw. Motion passed.

c. Vet Scholarship Committee: Nothing new to report. Deadline is January 15th. Essays received by committee at the end of January. Usually winners picked by late March. Lani and Chris will continue on review committee.

d. R&T/AERC Committee: Discussion deferred to next meeting, except that Steve Shaw gave \$3,000 to AERC for the agreement. The stipend is still available for ride managers if at least one team attends a Ride and Tie.

e. Treasurer's Report: Report at the end of quarter 3. Of note is that we have made more money on membership dues than expected. Also, the championship was more successful than in previous years.

f. Horse Awards: No updates until the end of the year.

g. Publications: Courtney will continue to work on the newsletter, even though he is stepping off the board. He will also continue to help Carrie with the email blast. Instead of the handbook, he will create a year in review issue of the newsletter, and include results. November issue will be a recap of the World Championship.

5. Ongoing Business

a. World Championships - 65 teams across three days, did better than previous years.

b. Proposal from Susan Smyth for 2024 Championship - Steve Shaw - Sue has talked about having it at the Cool site, but the size of the site may be a problem. Suggestion that if it doesn't work out in Cool, to potentially have it on the East Coast again. There is also another potential California site. According to Greg, Sue is planning on June 2024, though again the size of the venue is an issue.

c. Membership fee increase for 2024 need to vote and publish - Motion to increase one day fee from \$10 to \$15 in January of 2024 - Greg. Second - Rhonda. Motion passed. Motion to increase individual yearly membership from \$25 to \$35, family from \$40 to \$50 as of January 2024 - Chris. Second - Steve Anderson. Motion passed. Motion that if anyone joins in 2023 after October 1st, \$45 will cover the rest of 2023 and 2024 - Lani. Second - Steve Anderson. Motion passed.

d. Year end individual awards based on Ride and Tie mileage for youth - Motion to recognize top five juniors in Ride and Tie mileage - Greg. Second - Bob. Motion passed. Steve Anderson proposes a budget of \$300. Rhonda will discuss options with Sara and then bring up at next meeting.

Meeting concluded at 7:14pm/10:14pm.

Next meeting November 16, 2023 9 PM EST/6PM PST