

Ride and Tie Board Meeting March 21, 2024 9 pm EST/6 pm PST

1. Call to order - 6:06pm/9:06pm

2. Roll call - Carrie Baris, Rhonda Venable, Bob Heltibridle, Barb Mathews, Steve Shaw, Lani Newcomb, Chris Amaral, Greg Fellers, Steve Anderson.

3. Approval of minutes from February 7, 2023. Motion to accept minutes: Bob. Second: Rhonda. Motion passed.

4. Budget/Championship Budget - Sent by Steve A updated today. Steve A reports we should look into changing our non-profit tax status from California to another state, due to cost and complications of filing in California. Further research will be done. Championship budget looks good, without much loss. Motion to approve 2024 Championship Budget as is currently: Steve S. Second: Greg. Motion passed. Motion to adopt 2024 proposed budget: Greg. Second: Steve S. Motion passed.

5. AERC Proposal Committee - Barb, Melissa, Rhonda. Tasked with coming up with ideas to promote the sport. Rhonda emailed a list of ideas the committee came up with. Suggestions included contacting ride managers on the West Coast, including stipends to new ride managers, clinics, fliers with information about the sport, and a few other ideas that include promotion of the sport. All ideas are within current budget, committee will create action items from the proposed list. Discussion of how AERC can support us in the future. Chris will try to coordinate a meeting between AERC and Ride and Tie board.

6. Nominating Committee - Election timeline for 2024: Lani, Steve Anderson, and Barb. All three board members up for election are interested in staying - Chris, Steve A, Sara.

7. Website Access Proposal - Access should not be monitored by one person. Three levels of access: Editor, Author, Contributor. Higher skill set should be available to those willing to learn through training.

8. Steve A suggested at next meeting we discuss vendors for buckles for next year.

Meeting concluded: 7:18pm/10:18pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 23rd 6pm/9pm