

Ride and Tie Board Meeting September 24, 2024 9 pm EST/6 pm PST

1. Call to order - 6:05pm/9:05pm
2. Roll call - Carrie Baris, Bob Heltibridle, Barb Mathews, Sara Boelt, Steve Shaw, Lani Newcomb, Chris Amaral, Steve Anderson, Mary Tiscornia.
3. Approval of minutes from August 27, 2024. Motion to accept minutes: Lani. Second: Bob. Motion passed.
4. Website Updates: Bob, Janice, and Rhonda have been working on it. Removing Pro/Am categories. Updating ride manager checklist. Proposal for juniors – 16 and under starting January 1<sup>st</sup> – discounted rate for non-family member junior - \$15, one day event - \$5. Motion to accept these new junior rates as a trial for three years: Steve Shaw. Second: Lani. Motion passed.
5. Legacy Buckles: We are out of legacy buckles, so will need buckles for 2025. East Coast will design our own legacy buckles – Carrie and Sara will look into this for the future.
6. Courtney and Sara met with SEERA president Shannon Thomason. Courtney will go to the SEERA Convention in January to present on Ride and Tie, asking to pay his expenses of about \$250. He also plans to create a special edition newsletter. Motion to approve both the special edition and Courtney's stipend: Steve Shaw. Second: Sarah. Motion passed.
7. 2025 Championship will be at Iron Mountain Jubilee in August – Barb will manage the ride, Carrie will be secretary. West Coast Championship – Pacific Crest, Ashland, Oregon in June, pending final approval.
8. Year end youth awards: Last year we did top 10, Bob made them keychains with their name on them and hydration packs. For 2024, duffel bag with their name and top 10.
9. High School Scholarships for 2025: Essay contest for junior riders, with monetary award. Will be discussed at the next meeting. Winning essays will be published in newsletter.
10. Ride Manager financial support – will add message in ride manager manual so that managers know they can reach out to the Association for financial support.
11. Prize money at Championships – will discuss at next meeting.
12. Melissa Montgomery – has attended three board meetings since she became a member. Chris and Steve Shaw will have a discussion with her, but intention is to replace her with an active member.

Next Meeting: October 22<sup>nd</sup> 5pm/8pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25pm/10:25pm