

Ride and Tie Board Meeting January 21, 2025 5 pm PST/8 pm EST

1. Call to order - 5:06pm/8:06pm
2. Roll call - Carrie Baris, Bob Heltibridle, Sara Boelt, Chris Amaral, Rhonda Venable, Barb Mathews, Greg Fellers, Lani Newcomb, Steve Shaw, Janice Heltibridle
3. Approval of minutes from November 19, 2024. Motion to accept minutes: Lani. Second: Bob. Motion passed.
4. Nominating Committee – Courtney sent out schedule. Bob, Rhonda, Lani up for reelection. All three are interested in running again. Chris suggests Janice, Sara, and Steve Anderson for the committee. May have others interested in running for the board.
5. Equathon patches for 500 miles – Will begin to include equathon participants in the patch and chevron program.
6. Miles versus points clarification for overall placing for the season. Awards for the year are based on points, but horse and junior awards are based on miles. We are going to stick with the points system we have had since the sport began to keep track.
7. Equine age limit rule change – our rules currently say the horse has to be 5 to compete in any distance. AERC age is 4 to do an LD or less. Motion to change rule that a horse 4 years old can compete in fun run or short course (distance up to 19 miles): Lani. Second: Janice. Motion passed.
8. Scholarship – Lani reporting that we can give a grant or scholarship as a charitable donation, but it must have an application process. Can be given to an individual if they have met the qualifications. Cannot be reported on a 1099. Motion to approve high school scholarship essay contest for our Junior riders in high school in the interest of promoting the sport of ride and tie with a financial award: Lani. Second: Rhonda. Motion passed. We will have a proposal next month to decide monetary amount. Steve Shaw opposes.
9. PNER Convention – Chris will be attending and promoting Ride and Tie.
10. Ride manager cash incentive – for putting on a ride, a manager gets \$200 if there are participants. A brand new event gets \$100 to establish, plus the \$200 if there are participants. In both cases, manager must submit paperwork within two weeks. Motion: Lani. Second: Rhonda. Motion passed.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – 5pm/8pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:35pm/9:35pm