

Ride and Tie Board Meeting February 26, 2025 5 pm PST/8 pm EST

1. Call to order - 5:06pm/8:06pm

2. Roll call - Carrie Baris, Bob Heltibridge, Rhonda Venable, Janice Heltibridge, Chris Amaral, Steve Anderson, Barb Mathews, Lani Newcomb, Steve Shaw, Greg Fellers. Absent: Sara Boelt, Mary Tiscornia

3. Approval of minutes from January 21, 2025. Motion to accept minutes (with addition of Steve Shaw's opposition to the youth scholarship): Bob. Second: Lani. Motion passed.

4. 2025 Budget review in comparison to 2024. Steve Shaw analyzed the budget line by line. Steve Anderson is working on our taxes for 2024. Steve Anderson will make corrections and we will vote to approve the budget at the next meeting. Payment to Becky Pearman of \$500 for use of her 2025 photos for promotion (including championship) will be included in 2025 budget.

5. Scholarships proposal – Review AERC Jr & Young Rider Scholarship Application as a reference. Our scholarship will be for any student a Senior in high school or below who has competed in at least one ride and tie or equathon. Will begin in 2026 and publicize in email blast and newsletter. Will include line for extra donations for scholarship fund when members sign up.

6. Nominating Committee feedback – no updates until March.

7. Request for reimbursement for PNER convention table for Chris Amaral - \$250.

8. Newsletter Schedule – Approved Courtney's newsletter schedule, but agreed not to do a handbook.

9. Ads in Endurance News – Janice will design ads for Endurance News. Motion for Janice to produce four black and white quarter page ads for Endurance News at a cost of \$195 each: Lani. Second: Rhonda. Motion passed.

10. Decision to donate free entry good for 2025 World Championship Ride & Tie (Cripple Creek, VA/August 22-24, 2025) for raffle at AERC Convention.

11. Championship Update – Working on budget, will have two different buckles made specific to both ride and tie and equathon. No West Coast championship location yet.

Next meeting: – Wednesday, March 26th 5pm/8pm

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