

Ride and Tie Board Meeting November 18, 2025 5pm PST/8 pm EST

1. Call to order - 5:05pm/8:05pm

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

3. Approval of minutes from October 21, 2025. Motion to accept minutes: Janice. Second: Lani. Motion passed.

4. Proposal for 2027 Championship from Jamie Martines and Lauren Bilsky – The park in PA has never had an endurance ride, but has had a man versus horse event. There are 30 miles of mature trails. Camping is set in a field next to the park. Already sanctioned through AERC for June 2026. Lauren has also hosted a ride and tie and equathon at Crooked Creek with a CTR. Race would be supported by trail running and mountain biking community.

5. Treasurer Updates – Steve Anderson – Announced annual grant received, and expenses since last month. Invoices from insurance are getting more detailed.

5. Championship at OD – Janice sent a flier for approval. Dates are June 11-13. Equathon will be Saturday. Short course will be Thursday. Long course will be Friday. Working on advertisements for Endurance News, the Ride and Tie Association will pay for the ads. Janice is donating prize money for the race.

6. Veterinary Representative Board Member – Greg Fellers would like to step down as head veterinarian, but would like to remain an emeritus member of the board. Nick Kohut has been asked to take over, and Chris Amaral will officially ask him before our next meeting.

7. Scholarship Updates – One essay already submitted. Two middle school students reached out to see if they could be included. Told it is only for high schoolers now, but in the future we may expand it after this year as a test.

8. Will discuss board member voting at January meeting.

Next meeting: – Tuesday, January 20th 5pm/8pm

Meeting Adjourned: 5:52pm/8:52pm