

**Ride and Tie Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
June 30, 2006-Santa Ysabel 12-00-1415**

Present

Board Members: Don Betts (President), Rufus Schneider (Vice President), Nita Browning, Dawn Hartsock, Steve Anderson, Ted Ruprecht, Mary Tiscornia
Administration: Lisa Preston-Office Manager
Guests: Annie Betts, Fran Johns

Absent

Lani Newcomb, Don Strong, Sid Sullivan

Mary Tiscornia moved to approve minutes from 6.13.06 Board meeting, Ted Ruprecht seconded. Unanimous verbal vote to approve previous minutes.

Reports

-President's Report-Don Betts

Returning Board Member, Nita Browning welcomed and seated; Lani Newcomb and Don Strong not present.

Dodge Cox didn't forward papers to Sid Sullivan, who was in charge of Association's non-profit status. Per Steve Anderson, a medallion signature may be needed. Don Betts will follow-up with Dodge Cox.

-Treasurer's Report-not done-Sid absent

-Championship report- Rufus Schneider said: Nita Browning will be the Championship Race Director while Rufus is competing; final vet criteria still pending but both vet checks are full checks, no trot-by; still awaiting Tribal approval for land use; a band will play during the buffet dinner. Plenty of horse and human water on trails. No mileage signs will be posted. Four photographers will be out on trails.

Old Business

-**Director's Insurance.** No report-Sid Sullivan absent

-**Future Championships.** Ted Ruprecht gave a report, including maps and photos of Cuneo Creek. No report on Cooley Ranch, as Jim Steere not present.

07 Championship. Dawn Hartsock moved for 6-16-07, seconded by Nita Browning, unanimous, verbal vote. Ted Ruprecht moved for Cuneo Creek, seconded by Mary Tiscornia, unanimous verbal vote. Resolved: 6.16.06 at Cuneo Creek, CA.

Per Ted Ruprecht, Chris Amaral will be Race Director. Cooley Ranch is a back-up site for 2007 as well as under consideration for 2008. Dawn Hartsock said Les Nightingil will help mark the next Championship course.

New Business

Election of Officers. General job descriptions for both posts, Secretary and Treasurer, were discussed but not specifically enumerated. Unanimous verbal votes:

New Secretary: Dawn Hartsock; New Treasurer: Ted Ruprecht

Board Assignments Made by President Don Betts:

- Sanctioning Director: Lani Newcomb
- Championship Coordinator: Rufus Schneider
- Future Race Sites: Nita Browning
- Sponsor Coordinator: Dawn Hartsock. Dawn will also help Lani Newcomb revamp the Race Director's packet. Report on this due next meeting.
- Special Awards: Ted Ruprecht
- Horse Hall of Fame: Mary Tiscornia. In addition to contacting Leah Mirsch and follow-up on Horse Hall of Fame, Mary will also follow-up with Jim Steere to re-evaluate the criteria for Best Conditioned horse award.
- Merchandise: Don Strong
- Statistics and Archives: Steve Anderson

Discussion of General Membership meeting held June 29, 2006 at Race Site

Notes from general meeting, all discussed at this BOD meeting:

Rufus suggested demographics study needed on the sport; Ted Ruprecht reported on the 12 responses received from previous poll to non-returning contestants (too far, injured, no horse); Mary Tiscornia pointed out R&T is essentially a horse sport which is a huge commitment and there are many more outdoor activities available than there were when the sport began; Linda Shaw pointed out meals and shirts are biggest expenses for race directors and directors should be aware and able to design accordingly; Carol Ruprecht suggested late fee for teams not entering promptly; she also said the entry form on the website seems to suggest a \$20 penalty for withdrawing/not passing vet check and it may need to be re-written; Tara Jordan pointed out very low attendance for Kids' Day activities; Steve Anderson suggested an Ironperson Event category might be added; Carol Ruprecht pointed out she can promo internationally if races are near a rental venue; she also suggested championship race held when weather is cooler and not on holiday weekend; Dawn Hartsock said most attendees at the horse expo knew what R&T is; Steve Anderson said website hits doubled post-expo. Dawn Hartsock noted Don Strong advised the Monterey Bay Horse Park will be completed in 2009 and would like to host a future Championship.

Next Meeting scheduled for conference call 9/14/06@1800 PDT

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Preston