

Board Meeting

May 27, 2010 at 6 PM Pacific Daylight Time

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

Present at meeting: Don Betts, Steve Anderson, Ben Volk, Melanie Weir, Sarah Howard, George Hall, Greg Fellers

Absent: Lani Newcomb, Rufus Schneider, Ted Ruprecht, Don Strong, Jim Steere, Mary Tiscornia, Steve Shaw

Minutes from April 8, 2010 Meeting were motioned for approval by Steve and seconded by Melanie. Approved by all.

Reports

President's Report – Don Betts

Championship expenses so far are about \$26,000. We're expecting to get \$2,000 back. \$1,000 deposit for trails.

We'll have four vets this year.

Some miscellaneous championship expenses in the budget include showers, smoothies. We will have technical shirts this year. Dinner will be salmon. We will have another Specialized saddle auction and Black Forest also donated a saddle. We'll have a large tent for \$1800; cost donated by Leslie Yates. High school students will help clean up manure. Many Dogs will perform Thursday and Saturday. Biothane bridle being donated for first junior team.

We still have some paddocks available for the board if people want them.

Ordered a silver belt buckle for Bud Johns that says "Founder."

Annie will do the July newsletter and Annette Parsons will do September. Hopefully Annette will want to continue the newsletter for awhile. Annette will need volunteers to assist and Melanie will send e-mail to membership.

Vice President's Report – Melanie Weir

Web Site:

Race directors' logins are set-up and they are now able to log-in and download current member lists for their races.

Guidelines for elevator rides will be added.

Promotions – Ben Volk

The local papers are going to run articles about the championship closer to the race

The event is listed in regional running magazines and horse calendars.

East Oregonian is doing an article on a team from the Sunrise Canyon Ride & Tie that will team up for the Championship.

Sanctioning - Lani Newcomb

No report

Rufus Schneider – Championship

No report

Future Race Sites – George Hall

1. Cooley Ranch. Is a possibility. Beautiful site. Has endurance ride week prior to Championship and will go look at it. Some issues: lacks potable water and lots of stream crossings.
2. Dru Barner Equestrian Camp in Georgetown. Nice camping but logistically difficult due to need to cross multiple properties. Not recommended.
3. Euer Valley Ranch. Available the 3rd weekend in June but concern that there will be too much snow that early in the year. Spoke with Laura Christofk and she was not willing to commit to being race director this far out, but might be willing to help. July might be a better month. July is a busy time for the ranch.
4. Malakoff Diggins. George will be meeting Donna Jones to discuss the possibility Wild West.
5. Skillman Campground. Melissa and Robert Ribley did not want to commit to being race directors. They also felt that we would find it a difficult to handle the red tape involved in arranging it at this site.
6. Mt. Diablo Park. Cheryl Domnitch mentioned this and would be willing to be co-director for one here.
7. Santa Margarita Ranch in San Luis Obispo. Too difficult because they want to know exactly who is coming and going.
8. Henry Coe Park. Does not have potable water and not sure about the staging area.
9. Humboldt Redwoods. Has asked Sequoya Ward if she would be a race director. She previously said that she would if Chris Amaral would help.

Achievements/Special Awards – Ted Ruprecht

No report.

Statistics – Steve Anderson

Here are the year-to-date race stats for 2010:

As of 5/6/2010

50 people, 25 horses

1 M/M

5 M/W

10 W/W

Treasurer's Report – Steve Anderson

Balances as of 5/27/2010:

Dodge/Cox	\$50,500
Wells Fargo	\$35,000
PayPal	\$847
Coast Central CU	\$31,642

Steve discussed The Osterweis Strategic Income Fund (OSTIX) and learned that we would not be charged any fees due to the fact that we are a non-profit organization.

Proposal to roll over the Coast Central CU CD to the OSTIX after the championship. See Old Business.

Don Strong – Merchandise

No report

Hall of Fame – Mary Tiscornia

No report

Youth Report – Sara Howard

No report.

Head Veterinarian – Greg Fellers

We are in good shape for Championship. The vets that will assist at the Championship are Mike Foss, Dick Root, and Jennifer Strelkauskas.

Old Business:

1. Report from Committee for Future Ride & Tie Association Funding. Current members Don Betts, Steve Anderson, Don Strong, Rufus Schneider, and Melanie Weir – No report. Next meeting will select a new committee.
2. Agreed to roll over CD to the OSTIX (Osterweis Fund) after Championship.

New Business

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 17, 2010 in Trout Lake, WA at 12 PM Pacific Daylight Time.