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Board Meeting

May 19, 2011

Attendance: Melanie Weir, Ben Volk, Steve Anderson, Sue Smyth, Don Strong, Lani Newcomb, Rufus Schneider, George Hall, Ted Ruprecht, Mary Tiscornia, Greg Fellers, Steve Shaw

Meeting called to order at 18:35 PDT

I. Approval of March minutes

a. Motion to approve made by Ben Volk; second by Lani Newcomb

II. Reports:

President – Melanie Weir

Membership

77 new members to date

155 members of 328 (47%) have renewed so far this year

Endurance Ride Manager Education

I located and printed out multiple documents that might be appropriate for endurance ride managers if they are updated and re-written some. These included the Race Director Manual, clinic agenda/outline documents, Dr. Fellers' article, etc. Ted is reviewing the documents and making recommendations on what will be useful to ride managers, and how we might present it.

Championship Committee

Course is finalized – draft maps are completed. Maps will be posted to the web in a couple weeks

Only 5 entries so far – please get your entries in! – First 10 entries will have stall reserved.

Elections

Voting being done online this year. Sue will receive a report.

Voting cards are also available in the newsletter. These are being mailed to Sue. Don't forget to vote!

Veterinary Scholarship

Letters mailed out and sent via e-mail – 28 in all. But they were sent very late to probably have any impact this year. Also began sending a letter to individual vets via e-mail.

Achievement and Special Awards

Ted asked for someone to take this over this year, and these were handled with Dennis Miller.

Vice President – Ben Volk

- Ira Hickman and I have been holding practice R&T every Sunday in Kennewick. We're having trouble getting folks to show up. May need to offer cash to get runners on a horse.
- Received the invoice for the May 2011 AERC Article and forwarded to Steve A. for Payment. Also received a late notice on the March invoice so Steve will check into that. Received feedback from Steve Shaw that he was disappointed with the Ads. We'll have to discuss changes for the next ads.
- Planning on riding Mt. Adams R&T on May 21, 2011. See you all there! I've heard it's a beautiful course.
- Got Rachel Toor and Dick Root teamed up for the Mt. Adams R&T. Dick is an experienced veterinarian and has vetted for many endurance and R&T events. Rachel is a trail running extraordinaire who will probably kick my butt.
- Talked to Shelly Yorgenson about a possible R&T in Idaho Falls, ID. She has a friend who wants to put on a ride. If we have a mentor in that area that would be helpful. Shelly and her riding partner Trevor Larson (a dentist) won their very first Ride and Tie at the Sunrise Canyon Short Course in 2010 riding my horse Tia. Discussed people in Idaho to contact for assistance.
- Blurb in Runners World about ride & tie

Secretary's Report (Sponsorships): Sue Smyth

- Western States horse expo. June 10-12. Need volunteers. All paper work up to date and completed. Will display flyers, posters and run 1995 Championship video. Steve Andersen still working on Insurance.
- Sponsorship: Supracor donating pad and two wash mittens valued at \$330.00. Triple crown donating coupons for feed to the value of \$300.00.
- Report from Quicksilver: 7 teams with a few new members.
- Report from: Cache Creek 14 teams with a few new members.

Treasurer: Steve Anderson

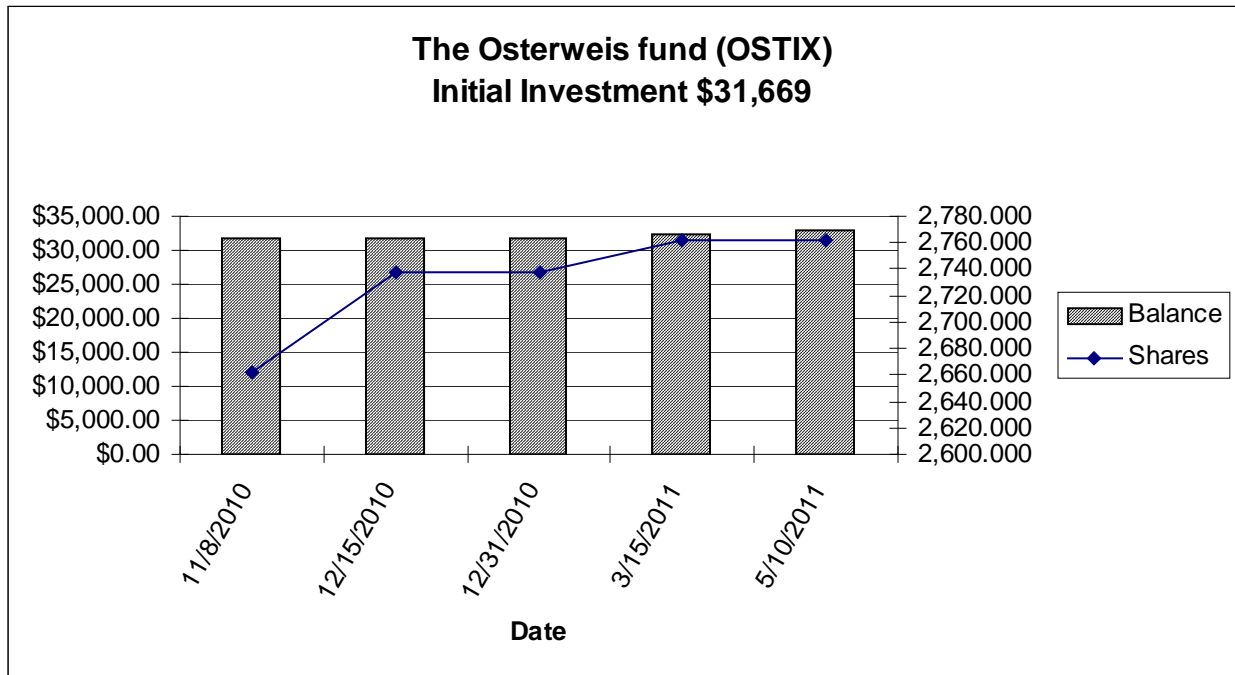
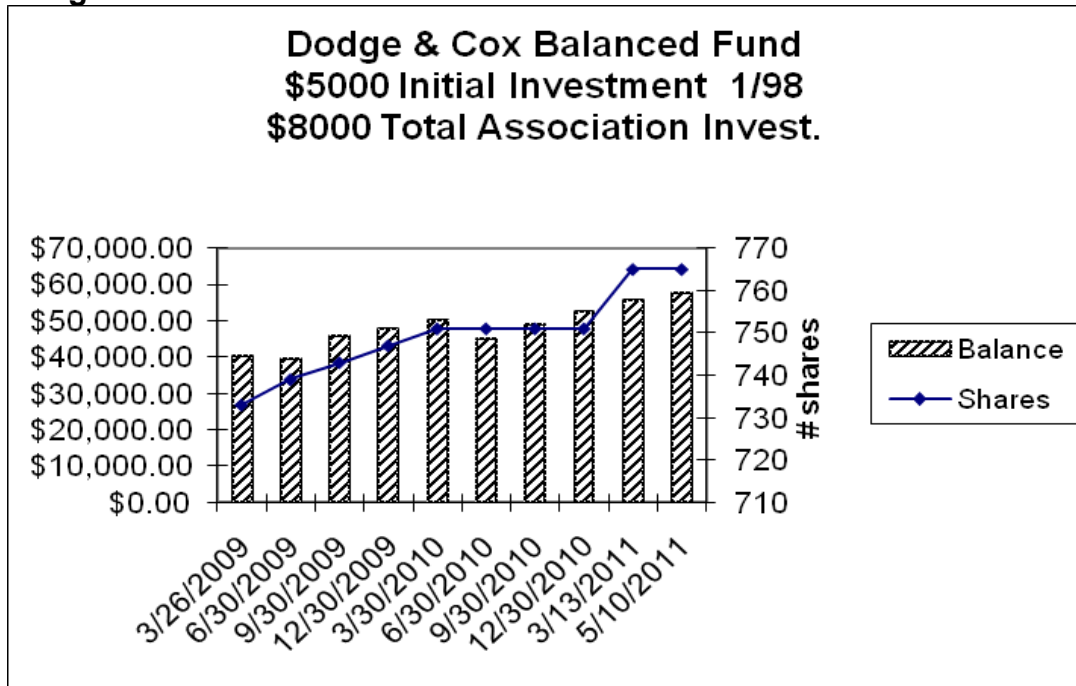
Wells Fargo Balance: \$33,537

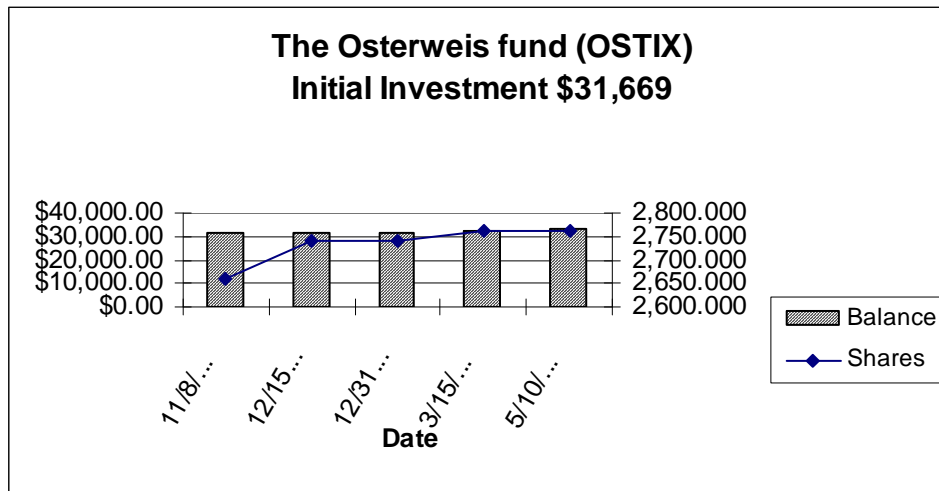
Dodge & Cox Balance: \$57,799

The Osterweis Fund: \$32,831

PayPal Balance: \$26

Dodge Cox





Statistics: Steve Anderson

Competitors to date: 42

Race results missing from:

- April 2: Highland Farm, Batesburg, SC
- April 3: Chesapeake Spring, Fair Hill, MD
- April 9: No Frills, Star Tannery, VA
- April 16: Quicksilver, San Jose, CA
- April 16: Foxcatcher, Fair Hill, MD
- May 7: Cache Creek, Williams, CA
- May 14-15: Biltmore, Asheville, NC

IRS requested update on non-profit status, charter and early declaration.

Sanctioning Director: Lani Newcomb, DVM

- 10 races completed, 21 races remaining and 32 event days for a total of 42 events!

Championship Awards – Rufus Schneider

- I am working on championship prizes and trying to come up with some new stuff -- it seems like they are getting kind of stale, so I will try to come up with some new ideas. Would appreciate input and suggestions.
- I have been in contact with FRS, a natural energy drink and nutritional chews company, and they are sending me product this weekend to use as we see fit.

Future Race Sites – George Hall.

- Discussed Bandit Springs location for 2012 (located in Central Oregon, 28 miles from Prineville). Possible date 3rd week in July – the week following the endurance ride, probably the 21st. Race Director Janelle Wilde is available and is quite interested!
- Discussed Big Bear site for 2013

Horse Hall of Fame – Mary Tiscornia

Has the award for Jim's horse. Blanket is ordered

Ted Ruprecht

Organizing documents to use to educate AERC ride managers and ride & tie race directors on putting on a ride & tie. Plans to have draft ready by June. Developing 2 formats: stand alone ride & ties and those held with an endurance ride.

Head Veterinarian – Greg Fellers

- Championship veterinary team is in place (Dick Root, Jay Mero). Currently reviewing logistics, maps, etc. to prepare.
- Discussed EHV-1 current update. Discussed scope of spread, primarily contained to cutting horses associated with Ogden, Utah event. 8-12 days incubation period, 13 positive cases in CA to date. Approximately a 50% mortality rate. Proactive behaviors are to halt events for 1-2 weeks and use caution with risk to exposure.
- Believes there is low risk that could effect Championship date. Possible alternative date in July considered.

III. Old Business:

- a. Report from Committee for Future Ride & Tie Association Funding– Melanie Weir
 - No activity
- b. Sponsor Spotlight/On-line Education Program – Sue Smyth, Don Strong
 - No activity
- c. Allocation of Resources: Growth vs. Championship – Melanie Weir
 - No activity

IV. New Business

- a. Horse of Distinction Award
 - Findefar
- b. 2012 Championship Site Selection: Bandit Springs, Oregon
- c. Discuss of paper membership vs. electronic only. Lani Newcomb gave history and results of other group who experienced decline in membership when electronic only. Motion made by Lani Newcomb to reinstate paper renewals with SAE to be mailed out in January 2012. Motion second by Don Strong and vote unanimous. A second motion was to include 1 or 2 year renewals. Motion by Sue Smyth and second by D. Strong.

Meeting adjourned at 19:50 PDT

Next meeting June 16, 2011 @ 11:00am PDT