

Board Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2012, at 11:00 am PDT

Meeting called to order at 1:55pm PDT

Attendance: Ben Volk, Steve Anderson, Sue Smyth, Rufus Schneider, George Hall, Mary Tiscornia, Greg Fellers, Guest Peggy Smyth.

Absent: Steve Shaw, Sherrie Reimers, Lani Newcomb, Ted Ruprecht, Melanie Weir

President – **Ben Volk**
Vice-President – **Open** – Promotions
Treasurer – **Steve Anderson** – Statistics
Secretary – **Sue Smyth** – Sponsorship
Sanctioning Director – **Lani Newcomb**
Championship Awards – **Rufus Schneider**
Future Race Sites – **George Hall**
Achievement and Special Awards – **Ted Ruprecht**
Horse Hall of Fame – **Mary Tiscornia**
Head Veterinarian – **Greg Fellers**
Website – **Melanie Weir**
Sherrie Reimers
Steve Shaw

I) Approve May 31, 2012 Board Minutes: Steve Anderson; second by Greg Fellers

II) Reports –

- **Newsletter** : Peggy Smyth spoke on behalf of Dal Burns who will take over Newsletter with the assistance of Annette Parsons. Dal has editorial background and is computer savvy. Peggy Smyth will assist with Dal. Dal has done a ride and tie and hopes to do the championships next year. Printing will continue with Precision Printing in Grants Pass with Annette Parson assistance.
- **Membership Statistics** (Ben Volk): We have 93 new members to date for 2012. Membership totals by category: Competitor 158, Family 172. Founding 21, Friend 2, Lifetime 80, Media/Sponsor 36, Mentor/complimentary 52, Supporter 3

Discussion regarding criteria for complimentary membership on members (new business next meeting).

- **Fund raising:** Ride and Tie member Godfrey Sullivan has generously donated \$5000.00/year x 5 years. We are continuing to look for additional benefactor or donations for future stability of ride and tie.
- **Leslie Yates fund:** \$1000. Donation made by Yates family
- **Ride and tie director manual** (discussion included Greg Fellers ride and tie manual. The manual will be finalized and made available on the website.
- **Updates on final ride and tie championships preparations for 2012.**
- General meeting agenda: Year- end awards, newsletter, next year potential venue, fundraising calling upon members for support and Leslie Yates memorial mentorship/assistance program.

Treasure Report (Steve Anderson): Discussion Ride and Tie Association financial status. 2012 Budget. Comparison Dodge Cox fund and Osterweiss. (See Attached).

Secretary Report: List of ride and tie sponsors include: American Trail Gear, Specialized, Cliff Bar, Zombie runner, Supracor, LMF, Action rider, Echo Valley ranch supply, Slagle creek winery, Woolridge winery, Cool rider, Trail runner magazine, Fleet feet Fair Oaks, CA., Snow tent RAT, Platinum supplement (horse/human), Equerry probiotic, Buckin balls horse cookies, Manna Pro Horse treats: Douglas feed and Steve Anderson (blanket and easy boot). All sponsors donated in way of prize or fundraising.

Veterinarian Report: (Greg Fellers): Discuss of this year race conditions, veterinarians Ride and tie Veterinarian manual.

- **Veterinarian scholarship** awarded to April Zander, Colorado State University class of 2014. "Stretching is good for you and your equine athletic too". Essay to be published in Ride and tie Newsletter. We had 6 applications this year!

Future Race Sites (George Hall): 2013 possible Big Bear. Location – Big Bear (Kat Swigart), Fort Bragg (Lari Shea), Cooley Ranch Other potential sites: Dru Barner (Georgetown), Bandit Springs, Pacific Crest trail, Ashland. Potential dates discussed, but no decisions made. The consensus was a date of July 20, 2013 was acceptable and preferred over the traditional Father's Day Weekend date (June 15, 2013).

Sanctioning Director (Lani Newcomb) : No report /not present

Hall of Fame-(Mary Tiscornia) No hall of fame horse this year.

Achievement and Special Awards (Ted Ruprecht) Custom made paper weights.

Website (Melanie Weir) Added membership numbers to statistics on website Update on Mail-in Renewals.

Sherrie Reimers-no report/not present

Steve Shaw- no report/not present.

III) Old Business:

- a Report from Committee for Future Ride & Tie Association Funding– Melanie Weir, Steve Shaw, Steve Anderson (Anderson). No report
- b Ride & Tie Veterinarians Manual – Draft (Fellers) Discussed with Director manual. See above.
- c Press Relations – Still need volunteer (Volk) Volunteer needed
- d Warren Hellman Award (or Championship) –(Tiscornia) Discussion of horse art. Criteria discussed but still in progress.)
- e “Ask Letter” for funding – Send out to General Membership (Volk)
- f Ad Campaigns – Endurance News (Weir), NW Runner (Volk), Trail Runner (Volk) – Continue next year? No discussion at this time

IV) New Business

- a Announce Election Results (Smyth) Re-election of Steve Anderson, Lani Newcomb and George Hall
- b Nominate Vice President (Volk): No nomination at this time.
- c New member acknowledgment and packet (Membership card, Ride and tie Sticker
- d. New Tires approved for Ride and Tie Trailer with a spare. Motion by Steve Anderson and second by Mary Tiscornia. Taken to Prineville for tires.
- e. Discussion of Board member participation and attendance at meetings.

Meeting adjourned 4:15 pm PDT

Schedule Next Meeting Sept. 27, 2012 6:30 p.m. PST (Volk)