



Board Meeting

March 22, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm.

Attendance: Ben Volk, Steve Anderson, George Hall, Greg Fellers, Lani Newcomb, Mary Tiscornia, Susan Smyth. Guest presenter for Leslie Yates fund: Carrie Barrett.

Absent: Rufus Schneider, Ted Ruprecht, Melanie Weir, Sherri Reimers, Steve Shaw.

January minutes approved.

Reports:

President Ben Volk:

I. Advertising

- a. Ad in Trail runner (national publication) – 1 time ad
- b. Ad in Northwest Runner- 3 ads to run every other month. Thus far a few inquiries, and one of the teams at Sunrise Canyon R&T signed up after seeing the ad in NW Runner.
- c. Ad placed in AERC every other month
- d. Ride and Tie event dates placed in Equestrian Connection event calendar (West Coast free publication).

II. Budget approved in January. No additional report.

III. Renewal request mailed out to 2010-2011 members.

There has been minimal response at this time. Need to find out if this was response of mailed or paypal. Steve Anderson will prepare a report for next board meeting.

IV. Website: Members can check the website for race points and miles.

V. Veterinarian Scholarship: \$1000.00 donated by Don Betts for the 2012 Scholarship. Board discussed who is handling this and how to get applicants. Letters will be sent out by Melanie Weir to schools throughout United States.

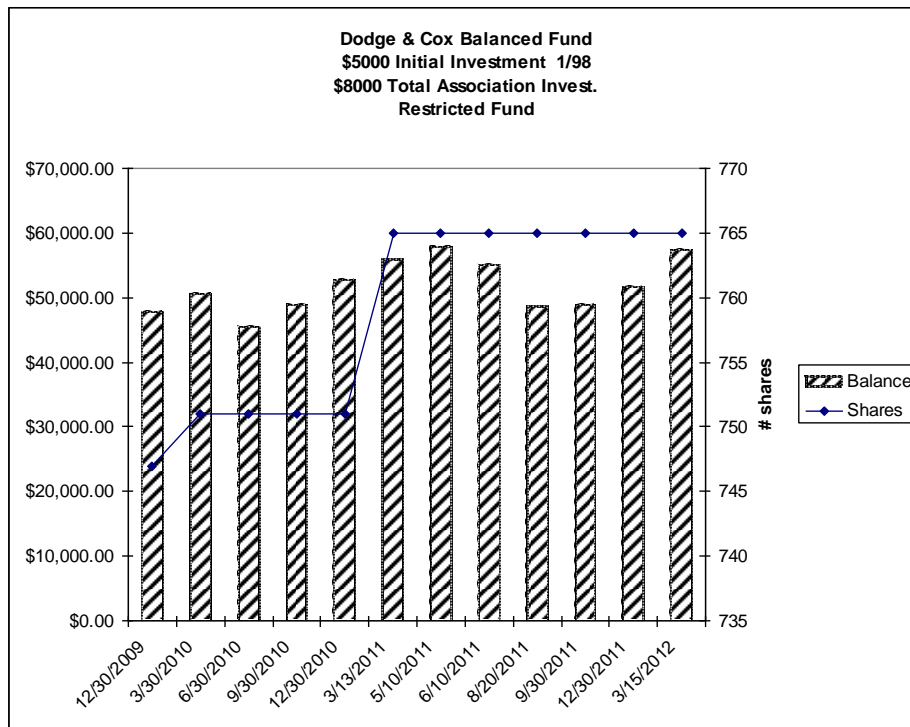
VI. Appointment of Vice President to be vacant until elections.

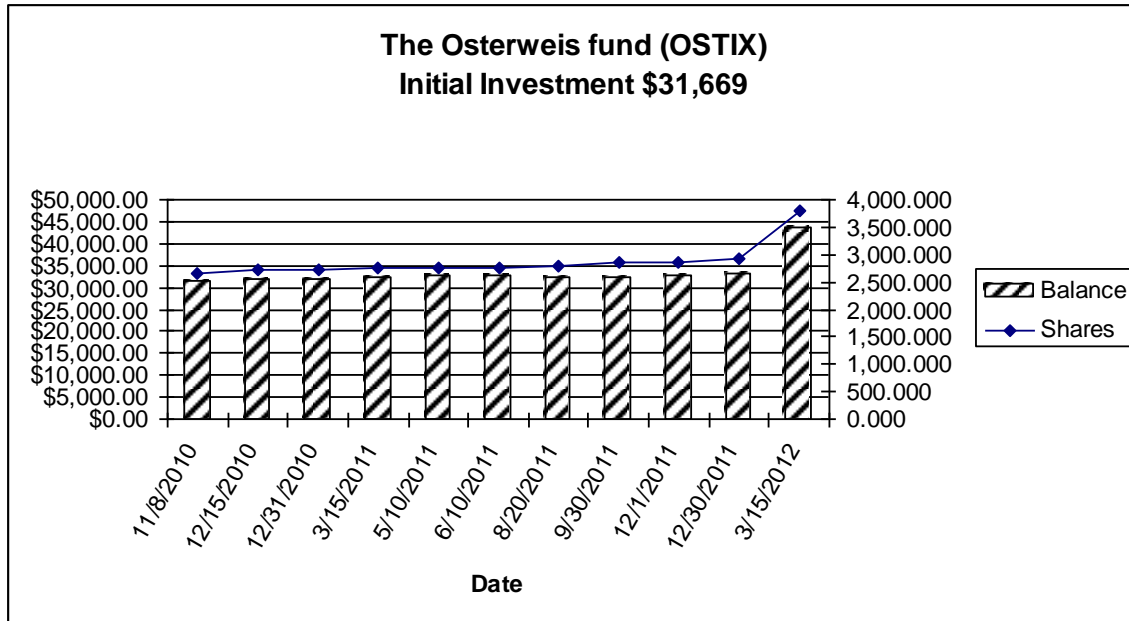
VII. Ride and Tie editor, Annette Parsons is requesting to relinquish position. New editor needed.

Steve Anderson- Treasury Report:

Verbal report. Balances reviewed.

Wells Fargo Account: \$15,291.00





Paypal: \$310.88

The 2011 tax returns (990 and CA) are done. Cost \$350.00

The SI-100 for 2012 was sent in, twice. The first time was Jan. 3rd and when check (\$20) had not cleared of this date, I sent in another. Should the Secretary of State (CA) receive both, they will return one.

The RRF-1 with a copy of the 990EZ with \$25 was sent to the CA Attorney Generals office. In the past the 990 Federal form has not been sent with the RRF-1 form and this has caused problems. The Attorney General's office, Registry of Charitable Trusts is asking for the 2006 tax return and I don't have it. I requested a copy (with \$57) from the IRS and now waiting.

I filed form DMV-14, change of address and put Steve Shaw's address down. This is for the trailer registration which is due every 5 years. The last year was 2007 so it was due this year. Vehicle registration for Ride and Tie Trailer will be sent to Steve Shaw's address.

Head Veterinarian- Greg Fellers

- a. 3 vets for championships. 1 out vet check. Vet for treatments.

Working on developing a ride and tie Vet. Handbook with Karen Camilli giving details to ride managers and veterinarians. Championships Veterinary team is set:

Greg Fellers, Head vet

Rob Lydon, Ride control vet

Cassee Terry, Ride control & treatment vet

Greg & Rob will do the check in on Friday

Cassee will join the team Sat. am before start of race

Course layout and vet check points have been discussed with Jannelle Wilde, Race Director.

Practices equipped to handle possible referrals have been identified

Ride and Tie Handbook

Karen Camilli is helping Ted with the compilation of all the materials.

Jim Steere's early outline on vetting Ride & Tie events along with some treatment guidelines has been combined with a modification of the "Guidelines for Judging AERC Endurance Competitions" into what I have titled the "Handbook for Control Judges and Treatment Veterinarians at Ride and Tie Competitions". This document is meant for veterinarians asked to work a ride and tie who have no or little experience with long distance equine sports, ie. the local small animal vet. It is a fairly detailed handbook, covering everything, especially treatment protocol.

A packet has been mailed off to Karen that also includes my article entitled "Veterinary Guidelines for Ride and Tie Competitions" that experienced endurance vets can use as a guide to the differences they would encounter with ride and tie.

Ted Rubprecht- No Report

Rufus Schneider-No Report

George Hall – Championship location:

- a. 42nd annual Ride and Tie Championships to be held in Prineville, Oregon.
- b. 2013- Possible Big Bear, CA

Susan Smyth- Sponsorships and education:

- a. Continuing to contact sponsors for Ride and Tie. Current sponsors response-Cliff Bar, Zombie Runner, American Trail Gear, Echo Valley Ranch supplies, Platinum, SupraCor.
American Trail Gear is producing Ride and tie ropes.
- b. Horse Expo June 8-10
- c. Have Ride and Tie tri-fold brochures for any race directors or members wishing to distributing them.

Old Business:

- I. Leslie Yates memorial fund: Carrie Barrett attended the meeting to discuss Leslie Yates memorial fund. She discussed goals and vision, current funds, future funds and eligibility criteria. Fund would be tax deductible under the ride and tie 501(c) status. Fund outline provided to members prior to meeting. Carrie would chair fund with Sue Smyth as co-chair. Motion to approve and authorize per discussion and outlined draft by Steve Anderson and second by Mary Tiscornia. Motion passed unanimously.
- II. Future funding for ride and tie: no report
- III. 2012 Championship Prineville, Oregon
 - a. Cost of Championships set at \$150.00 long course and \$100.00 short course.
 - b. Plans to order 40 buckles and additional buckles to be ordered per need. We will attempt to make sure all new first time championship members will receive buckles. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Shirts to be made by Dennis Miller. Plans to order 95. Motion by George Hall and second by Lani Newcomb. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- I. Cancelled races, Hamilton, MT and Bar H Boogie.
- II. Vice President Appointment to be vacant until elections.
- III. Upcoming elections Nominations: George Hall, Lani Newcomb and Steve Anderson. To be voted in next newsletter
- IV. Ben Volk to go to Utah Strawberry fields ride and tie June 24th. Howard Kent is contact.
- V. Warren Hellman award (through the foundation) to be chaired by Mary Tiscornia, John Oterweiss, Pat Browning. Proposal of trophy that best exemplifies the sport. Mary, John and Pat currently looking for ideas. Additional report at next meeting
- VI. Championship course length: Mary discussed that course winning time should be estimated 3 ½ hours for 30-33 mile courses for championships with gradual climbs. Short course should be 19 miles.
- VII. Heidi Claire requesting to have booth at Ameriquine festival of the horse in Fort Worth, Texas June 1-3.
- VIII. New Insurance company: Rojas agency.
- IX. Next meeting is May 31st, at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:12 pm pst.

Motion to adjourn by Sue Smyth