

May 23, 2013 at 6:30pm PDT

Attendance: B. Volk, S. Anderson, S Smyth, L Newcomb, R. Schneider, M Tiscornia, G Fellers.

Absent: S Shaw, G Hall, M. Weir, T. Ruprecht

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm PST

March Minutes approved by L Newcomb/2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Anderson

### **Reports:**

#### **President – Ben Volk**

#### 2013 Championship Items:

- 1) Annette Parson prepared the Flyer for the Championship. (Done)
- 2) George Hall, Mary Tiscornia and Ben Volk met with Forrest Tancer and Lari Shea to iron out all the details for the Championship (In progress) .
- 3) Melanie Weir is updating the website with information about the site as it becomes available.
- 4) Trail clearing parties will be scheduled (Forrest).
- 5) Forrest is working on shirt design based on 2004 Design – Volk ended up taking care of this. Dennis Miller needs all sponsors for shirts by July 15, 2013.
- 6) Set Board meeting for Thursday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m. before the BBQ.
- 7) Looking for someone to take the R&T Trailer from Prineville, OR to Fort Bragg, CA – Hiring commercial hauler. Will be paying round-trip mileage to an AERC member who is coming to the R&T Championship.
- 8) Lari Shea has leased 7 horses.
- 9) Sonny Kumoka Munioz has agreed to be photographer for \$150. Will provide DVD's to participants for \$20.
- 10) Forrest is working on a Budget for the Championships. (Still working on this)
- 11) Need volunteer to prepare pre-championship and post-championship press release. Volk went ahead and did a pre-Championship press release.
- 12) Pat and Anita Browning agreed to fund Pat's Purse for \$500 for 2013.
- 13) 2014 Championship – It looks like Georgetown –Gold Country Riders are possible interested for the 2014 Championship. Sue Smyth to confirm location and race director prior to July 25, 2013 Board Meeting.

**Board Nominations** – The Nomination Committee (Rufus Schneider and Ben Volk) have not met and the ballots are posted on the website. The election will be announced in the July newsletter and have been announced via email and Facebook.

Folks considered for nomination are Chris Amaral and Gunilla Pratt. Kirsten Seyferth decided not to run. Board Members up for re-election are Steve Anderson, Rufus Schnieder, and Ted Ruprecht. Steve Anderson agreed to run for the Board again. We have 3 people running to fill 3 positions on the Board.

We'll plan on having the ballots in the July Newsletter (and on-line voting) so the election results can be announced at the Championship.

**Fundraising:** Steve Shaw has offered to match any new donations to the R&T Association. We need help finding potential donors. Please let me know if there are any donors that I can contact. This year we are hoping/planning to continue to see large donations from Godfrey Sullivan - \$5,000 (received June 21, 2013), Hellman Foundation - \$5,000, Jewish Community Fund (Osterweiss) - \$5,000, Pat and Anita Browning donated \$500 for Pat's Purse.

**Newsletter:**

Lesleigh Ordway is working on the May Newsletter. Dal Burns passed away June 5<sup>th</sup>. Annette Parsons is still handling all of the printing and shipping.

**Website** – Melanie Weir

**Vice President** - Open

No Report

**Secretary** - Susan Smyth

Horse Expo June 7-9, 2013. Ride and tie to be featured in the Trail Symposium. Presentation to be given daily. Continuing to seek sponsors for Prizes/raffles/goody bag donations . Logos due by July 15<sup>th</sup> .

**Treasure Report:** Steve Anderson

See Reports.

**Veterinarian Report:** Greg Fellers- Rob Lydon will be working with me at the Championships and we will share a treatment vet with the endurance ride. Endurance vet may step over if needed. Discussion to continue Veterinarian Student Scholarship for \$1,000. Decision to continue Approved by S. Anderson and second by L. Newcomb.

**Sanctioning Director:** Lani Newcomb, DVM- No report

**Championship Awards-**Rufus Schneider- Buckles. Use new design. Order for 25 teams. Rest will be shipped.

Next meeting July 25, 2013 6:30 p.m. PST

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. PST