

## Ride and Tie Board Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2015

Attending: Ben Volk, Chris Amaral, Steve Shaw, Lani Newcomb, Gunilla Pratt, Greg Fellers

Absent: Steve Anderson, Mary Tiscornia, Janice Heltibridle, Susan Smyth, George Hall

Chris Amaral called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM

The meeting minutes from the November 20, 2014 board meeting were approved.

### President's Report:

Chris discussed the 2015 Championship set for June 27<sup>th</sup>. Lily Glen Horse Camp is reserved. Annette Parsons has offered to help with trail clearing and race management. The cost for Equathon was discussed. Chris discussed a possible trail run in conjunction with the Equathon. Championship will be on Saturday and Equathon on Sunday.

### Advertising/Promotions Report:

Ben and Chris discussed the AERC/R&T Memorandum of Understanding status. We are waiting to have a conference call with Rusty Toth to discuss the November AERC Meeting outcome. The discussion seems to be focused around the cost of the 2 pages in AERC News that R&T is requesting.

Ben discussed the planned advertising for 2015: Trail Runner, AEFC News, NW Runner, PNER News, and possibly an East Coast Publication (Trail Blazer Magazine).

### Treasurer's Report:

Submitted as an attachment to agenda. Reports were not discussed.

### Vet Report:

Greg Fellers and Chris Amaral will form a committee for Vet coverage at the Championship and the Equathon.

### Sanctioning Report:

None

### Secretary report:

None

### Membership report:

2014	486 Members as of December 31, 2014 (Down 10%)
2015	257 Members as of January 22, 2015

### Awards/Year End Awards:

Rhonda Venable is looking into some nice awards for year-end points. Suggestions included buckles or jackets. The point is to give more credit and recognition for the folks who compete in numerous R&T events. Rhonda will present a budget for Board approval at next meeting.

#### Fundraising/Endowment

Ben Volk asked for names of former and present R&T legends who might be willing to make a donation to R&T. Suggested names included: Skip Lightfoot, Gunilla Pratt, Tom Laris, Kent McLaren, and the Wadsworth Family. Ben will coordinate with Steve Shaw to contact these folks.

#### Scholarship

Gunilla Pratt forwarded a letter for approval by Chris Amaral. The letter will be send to Veterinary Colleges throughout the US. A \$1,000 scholarship for 2015 was approved by the Board.

#### R&T Handbook/Newsletters

Ben Volk suggested that we stop publishing the R&T Handbook. 95% of the information in the Handbooks is already published on the R&T website. Lani Newcomb thought we should keep it, especially the year-end awards/points. Several wondered about the benefit of the Handbook. Ben Volk made a motion to not publish the 2015 Handbook. The motion was seconded by Gunilla Pratt?? A vote was taken, but it was not clear if a quorum was present. Chris will take an email poll of the members.

Lesleigh Ordway will prepare the next newsletter. Likely in February or March 2015

Next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:30 PM via phone. Meeting was joyously adjourned without protest at 7:33 PM.