

Ride and Tie Board Meeting July 28, 2016

Members present: Janice Heltibridle, Gunilla Pratt, Lani Newcomb, Mary Tiscornia, Chris Amaral, Steve Anderson, Ben Volk, Susan Smyth, Liz Perkin, Steve Shaw (just for a couple minutes)

Members absent: Greg Fellers, Kirsten Seyferth

Meeting called to order by Gunilla at 6:38 pm

Discussion of 2016 Championship

- Fewer teams than last year, but lots of new people—need to keep them
- Made lots of money on the raffle: ~\$850
- Keep short course as a way to get people to come to the championship
- Length of course: not necessarily length of course, but the difficulty. Ideally, winning team should finish in ~ 4 hrs, so last teams are able to finish under 10 hrs—make this a recommendation for the race manager
- Gunilla would like to have an Am/Am category, sponsored by her and her husband; Barry Grant has donated money for Pro/Am category
- Pat and Nita Browning award (Pat's Purse): award for winning team with at least one member who has not won the championship before
- Steve Anderson on expenses and income: (need to get this from Gunilla)—overall, did pretty well on not spending much (about \$7000 including buckles)
- Get addresses of those who donated so Gunilla can send out thank-yous, also be added to the newsletter list so they get newsletters

Getting manuals to ride managers and vets

- Add section on how much to spend on food
- Can download them from internet

Ride and Tie Rule 11 re: P&R

- One team member must present horse to be pulsed
- Nothing in rule about team member going through P&R, just about taking horse through the vet
- Team without a crew at an automatic disadvantage—team with crew can leave horse with crew when they take off running while crew can take horse to P&R
- Liz motions that rule 11 should be amended to specify that one teammate takes the horse to P&R in addition to the vet, Chris seconds. Vote was called, motion passed.

Committee to explore affiliations for RaT

- Tabled until Steve Shaw can join for discussion

Future Championship: 2017, Janice Heltibridle

- Getting her team together, Rhonda Venable put the initial flier together
- Need to check about opening base camp earlier
- Using Old Dominion ride trails, based out of Orkney Springs (Bryce Mountain Ski Resort). Rocky, but has areas that teams can move out on.
- Janice will reach out to Valerie Kanavy and others for leasing out good horses to teams that don't want to bring horses & lonely hearts club to pair partners
- Potential for heat and humidity; put out lots of tanks—creates party atmosphere

- Got info from Steve Shaw and putting budget together
- Get GU and Cliff Bar involved; have a raffle with donations
- Create a Ride and Tie store with logo—Susan has Ride and Tie logo loaded with a woman who makes printed items, Chris recommended making up hooded sweatshirts with Championship logo

#### AERC Championship RaT: Lani

- Is a go for 2016
- Friday is always a rest day during AERC championship, LD on Friday is not a championship ride, gives people who have an extra horse, may not have qualified for championship
- Put ride and tie on Friday with LD last year, used same trail as LD, made it as easy as possible for ride manager
- Keeps us associated with AERC, keep connections
- At Antelope Island, UT—not many trees, could have some hand ties a few places
- Told ride management 5-7 teams on Friday, September 9. Gunilla and Mike might go, Mary might go, Jennifer Monioz might go.
- Rhonda Venable will make up a flier
- Susan is willing to be ride secretary, so she will be name on flier
- Cut-off entry date of September 5 before the ride (must be received) so AERC has a start list the day before. Can get the money to Susan separately.

#### Downsizing RaT Trailer

- Get smaller trailer that can be pulled with a car/small SUV?

#### Donations

- Bud Johns would like to appeal to present and past members about estate planning, he wrote a great letter about the importance of the sport to him

#### Insurance for Board Members

- We are not covered if anyone gets injured during a race
- Something to look into, Chris is willing to find out more from an insurance agent he's friends with, given we are based in California, but operate in many other states
- Steve Anderson will look into it to see if our current insurance can create a rider that would provide this coverage
- If we have more outflow of funds than income, we are seen as “financially irresponsible,” so that increases our premiums
- Review info at next board meeting

#### Dave Wisniewski's Ride and Tie Championship video

- Has 7000 views, Susan has gotten a lot of interest from people who saw the video—let's keep it in circulation and push it out again at the beginning of the year, especially when we advertise for next year's championship.
- Let's link to it on website.

Facebook advertising: authorize Liz to spend \$200/mo for one year, then evaluate effectiveness at that point

Steve Anderson has not reimbursed for last year's end of the year awards because award winners have not yet received their awards—Steve needs receipts

- Information is available online for who has the highest points

Respectfully submitted by Liz Perkin July 28, 2016