

Ride and Tie Board Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2016

Meeting called to order at 18:38 PST

Members present: Chris Amaral, Steve Shaw, Steve Anderson, Mary Tiscornia, Janice Heltibridle, Ben Volk, Kirsten Seyferth, Lani Newcomb, Liz Perkin (joined late: Gunilla Pratt, Susan Smyth)

Chris apologized for leaving some members off the email notification for the last board meeting, summarized what had been discussed, specifically:

- The approved motion that the Godfrey Sullivan donation would be used to pay for the 2016 membership and Championship entry fees (East or World) for people new to the sport. New online memberships will still pay this year's membership fee, but will have the 2017 membership fee waived.
- The Leslie Yates fund will be used to support entries for the Challenge Ranch at the 2016 World Championship
- Susan Smyth is getting raffle items and goodie bags together for the Championship

Vet Report: Greg Fellers offers his help to the World and East Coast Championship (submitted by Chris, as Greg is out of the country).

The form that Liz Perkin created to solicit potential locations for the World Championship will be added to the Ride and Tie website as a banner, and will be posted on Facebook. This form is to give members a chance to state a preference or lobby for a location, but the final decision in the race location will rest with the Board.

Mary Tiscornia brought up a valuable aside that we should dedicate our resources to developing the sport in areas of the country where there are people who have horses, as Ride and Tie is an inherently horse-centric sport. Probably don't want to focus on areas where people have show-jumpers, but rather areas with active trail riding communities. This discussion was tabled, but it was agreed that we should thoroughly examine it later, perhaps in a dedicated board meeting.

World Championship update (Gunilla Pratt):

- The course is figured out; Rufus is currently drawing up a map that will hopefully be available soon. There will be three loops: 15, 8, and 12 miles, with the same out vet check between them.
- Gunilla has volunteers and vets, but is still looking for donations for the raffle—everyone should try to help.
- There is an on-going drought in CA, so water should be used carefully, but human and horse water is available in camp, and plenty of water is available on the trails in pre-existing troughs and creeks.
- Gunilla hasn't found any ham radio operators to station along the far points of the course, but she will station volunteers there to check numbers and cell reception exists throughout the course.

- Steve Shaw volunteered to cater the Saturday evening banquet himself (and with his team).

Board membership:

- Chris Amaral, Kirsten Seyferth, and Gunilla Pratt are all up for re-election this year.
- A postcard/mailed will be sent out to current members to notify them of the election. If they want to nominate themselves, they can send an email to Liz Perkin to do so.

Meeting adjourned: 19:35 PST

Respectfully submitted by Liz Perkin