

Ride and Tie Board Meeting Nov. 3, 2016

Members present: Gunilla Pratt, Janice Heltibridle, Liz Perkin, Steve Anderson, Chris Amaral, Lani Newcomb, Kirsten Seyferth, Susan Smyth, Ben Volk, Greg Fellers

Members absent: Mary Tiscornia, Steve Shaw

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm PST by Gunilla Pratt

Attached: Treasurer's Report

Gunilla Pratt moves to approve the minutes from the last meeting (July 28, 2016), Lani Newcomb seconds, approved as read.

Western Regional Championship Site (2017)

- Tribby's Oregon Outback Ranch (1 hr from Sunriver)
- nice footing, some corrals for rent, RV hook-ups, showers
- Dates: July 1-2 or July 7-8. Preference for July 1
- Some question about when ride camp could open
- Need quotes for RM

Someone to take over membership: Susan Smyth is willing to do this

Someone to take over vet scholarship

- Really need someone to check where to send letters to vet colleges
- Susan Smyth: Melinda Fauble might be willing to do this, maybe recruit some people outside the board to do some of these extra tasks
- Should the scholarship be dropped? Lots of work, might not be worth it for vet students who pay large amounts of tuition—maybe re-focus towards putting on more clinics/doing outreach
- Chris Amaral motioned to suspend scholarship, Gunilla Pratt seconded, motion passed

Waive \$10/team sanctioning fee

- After running the numbers, looks like it's probably worth it to keep—does add up
- Sending in the fee is recognition that they did get sanctioned and that they are insured

Website re-design costs

- Trish has not currently been charging us; we've been saving a lot of money
- Move to Word Press theme, allowing us to make lots of content changes ourselves
- Few up-front charges, Trish will likely need David's help as well. Maximum \$1500 should get us a fresh, working website
- Gunilla likes Word Press and thinks quote is reasonable; Greg agrees
- Some discussion about the online store—need a quote in writing
- Ben moves to authorize Kirsten to move forward and spend up to \$1500 on website; Lani seconded, motion passed

Dealing with minutes

- Get the minutes on line as soon as they are approved

- Once they are approved, Kirsten gets them to post to website; after new website is created, the secretary can post them directly to the website themselves

Add board member's terms to website

- Need list of which board member's terms end
- Any member of Ride and Tie can nominate themselves to run for Board
- Have to be a Board member to hold an office on the Board

Sanctioning Packet

- Drug testing included in state of CA—responsibility of ride manager to take care of this. Need to include a hyperlink on the website in sanctioning
- Need financial summary blank form included in packet. Ben has pdf copy to send to Kirsten; checking to see if Melanie Weir has the original, editable form available
- Include instructions for filling out/submitting race results—Gunilla will send information to Janice about this
- If someone knows they're going to put on a race, please get info to Lani ASAP so that information can get out and advertised.

Race schedule that can be downloaded and put together in trifold format for advertising purposes. Annette Parsons is able to put this together, but we need the race schedule before we can put this together.

Create color-coded map of when and where events take place—this will happen on new website.

Listing/reference for approved vets for Ride and Tie

- Could this also be included in sanctioning packet
- Might need to discuss with vets before putting their names online
- Don't really have a list—tends to be word of mouth. On the East Coast, Lani is a good contact to recommend good vets.

New Vet Card

- Using different vet card on East Coast, including all the AERC requirements (gut sounds in quadrants, body condition)
- Greg recommends adopting it and including it in sanctioning packet. Lani likes it too.
- Lani puts sanctioning packet together, or could be sent to Kirsten to put into packet
- Smaller events held with endurance rides could use whatever vet cards they use at the ride

Best Condition Judging Sheet

- There is a BC sheet in the sanctioning packet
- Suggesting balancing out points for vital signs vs impulsion
- Want space to include CRI to metabolic factors
- Greg is happy to work on this and send it on to Kirsten—maybe bring new version back to Board and vote on it
- Send around in email so we can vote on it digitally as soon as possible. Can also do the same with the vet card.

Membership List

- Email or call person doing membership

- Doesn't usually include mailing address, sometimes no email. Need some way to contact participants
- Bring back membership books? Send out save the date postcard to advertise Regional and World Championship using appropriate member lists

End of Year Awards—no changes made

Forever Buckles: is there a way for Top Ten to be recognized on the buckles? People who win them can get them taken to the jeweler to get engraved.

Lots of interest in East Coast Championship. Trying to get horses together for people coming from the west coast.

Sponsorship

- Is there a standard sponsorship form? You get X if you give \$100
- Gunilla has a pdf form
- Maybe add this to the website so any race organizer/member interested in obtaining sponsorships can do so

Next meeting scheduled for 12 January at 6:30 pm PST

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm PDT

Treasurer's Report

November 3rd Board Meeting (accounts as of 10/24/2016)

Wells Fargo Checking:	\$7,351.88
Dodge & Cox Endowment fund:	\$93,097.53
The Osterweis fund:	\$41,756.97

Back in 1997, Ellen Rinde from California set the Ride & Tie record of 400 race miles in one year. This record stood for 17 years. That record has been broken by Dave & Rhonda

Venable in 2014 with 18 races totaling 476 miles. A new record.

Congratulations to the following for Championship completions:

Melissa Montgomery	5
Rufus Schneider	15
Clowns Courage (Shaw)	5
Jerry (Pratt)	5